

**CITY OF FIRCREST
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 12, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

The special meeting began at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Matthew Jolibois and Councilmembers Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier, and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Blake Surina was excused.

Police Public Safety Community Meeting

Councilmember Medley made opening remarks and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the Police and for residents to ask questions regarding public safety

Police Chief Chessman reviewed the staffing levels of the Police Department. He discussed the impacts to active patrolling and other law enforcement duties caused by vacation and sick leave usage, mandatory training hours, investigation time, and other demands on an officer's time.

He reported on the history of emphasis patrol funding. He also reported on traffic and speeding in Fircrest.

Cheesman then reviewed the contract with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department which included use of K9, SWAT, and other investigative functions.

Next Cheesman reviewed past criminal activities and reports of incidents. He also discussed preventive measures, patrolling by districts, foot patrols and crime statistics in Fircrest and surrounding communities.

Police Officer Dave Seeley spoke regarding crime prevention as well as setting up a block watch and a speed watch system that is available to the residents to check the speed of passing vehicles in their neighborhood. Seeley also discussed the use of an engraving tool to mark possessions for identification of stolen items.

Cheesman concluded with questions and answers from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.



Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk