

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
7:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Matthew Jolibois called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

State Representative Christine Kilduff provided a 2015-2016 Legislative Update and highlighted accomplishments from the term. Kilduff concluded by stating she would be available to meet on any and all issues that are of significance to Council either prior to or during the legislative session.

National Night Out Proclamation

Jolibois stated Council was being asked to approve the National Night Out Proclamation.

MOTION

Moved by Jolibois, seconded by George, to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming August 2, 2016 as "National Night Out" in the City of Fircrest.

Reynolds read the proclamation. Cheesman stated that support of this program and cooperation with other cities and counties shows solidarity of citizens standing against crime. Cheesman introduced and thanked National Night Out committee members.

VOTE:

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

Proclamation – Chief for a Day

Jolibois stated Council was being asked to approve the Chief for a Day Proclamation.

MOTION

Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming Amy Blair as Chief for a Day on July 26, 2016.

Medley read the proclamation. Cheesman stated that Amy Blair will be a special guest at National Night Out, will attend a Kiwanis meeting with him on August 11th, will attend with him the Chief for a Day event on August 18th, they will do foot patrols together and will go out on a dinner date. Cheesman noted the event is sponsored by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and Fircrest was one of 38 agencies selected statewide to participate. Cheesman thanked Liberty Towing, the Fircrest Police Guild, the Fircrest Kiwanis, and the National Night Out Committee for their financial support. Cheesman stated that Amy Blair's sister was killed by a drunk driver and that Amy's mission

in life is to honor her sister, by being a support system for her friends and helping people with disabilities and that her spirit and love of life defines her.

Amy Blair spoke about her desire to have harsher punishments for drunk drivers.

Councilmembers thanked Cheesman for his ongoing efforts in the community.

Amy Blair was presented with a gift for her upcoming birthday.

VOTE:

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

Liquor License Application - Listening Juice Corporation (Sammy's Pizza Fircrest)

Jolibois stated that Council is being asked to approve a motion to register no objections to the liquor license application for Listening Juice Corporation (Sammy's Pizza Fircrest)

MOTION

Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to register no objections to the liquor license application for Listening Juice Corporation (Sammy's Pizza Fircrest).

Wittner reported doing some work for the pizza owner approximately five years ago and was compensated with a \$50.00 gift certificate to Sammy's Pizza.

City Attorney Smith stated that Wittner doesn't have an ongoing conflict and can participate fully.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE:

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

Consensus to direct the City Manager to pursue a letter of understanding with Tacoma Community College for the proposed stoplight on South 19th Street

Jolibois stated that he asked that this item be placed on tonight's agenda to get a definitive answer from Council to Tacoma Community College.

MOTION

Moved by Jolibois, seconded by Wittner, to direct the City Manager to pursue a letter of understanding with Tacoma Community College (TCC) for the purpose of a stoplight on South 19th Street and Columbia.

Discussion continued as follows:

- It is unclear what language is expected to be included in the Letter of Understanding
- There are unanswered questions in the TCC materials
- A request for a traffic study/traffic plan has gone unanswered
- A request that the traffic pattern is to enter at South 19th Street and to exit onto South 12th Street has gone unstudied and unanswered
- After teaching a class at TCC and seeing first-hand the problems created by the pylons, the installation of a traffic light would be a good idea
- Numerous inquiries have been made as to why the traffic pattern can't use 12th Street for exiting
- Statistics regarding the numbers of vehicles heading east to west on South 19th versus traffic on 12th Street has gone unanswered
- Use the grant funding to add an additional lane so that vehicles can turn left onto South 19th Street
- Council is being asked to make a decision without enough data
- There haven't been traffic studies about the realignment and impacts created from the creation of an intersection
- South 19th Street should be used as an entrance only and students should be required to exit onto either Mildred or South 12th Streets
- Residents and business owners in the area that have a vested interest are in favor of the stoplight
- When TCC was asked what they have done looking inward to solve their own problem and address their own safety issues the answer was essentially nothing

Jolibois requested a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Surina, Wittner and Jolibois. Noes: Reynolds, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion fails.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Communications Committee

George reported that the City received bids from two reputable companies – SiteCrafting and CivicPlus after advertising for website services. He noted that staff will schedule a demonstration by both companies and members of the Communications Committee will be invited to sit in. George asked that Councilmembers come to the August 9th with their top two budget priorities and that Council, as a whole, ranks the desired priorities. Jolibois recommended that the two budget priorities are provided to City Manager Rosenblatt for inclusion in the Friday packet prior to the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Manager read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 207942 through Voucher No. 208028 in the amount of \$356,164.11; approval of Payroll Check No. 12257 through Payroll Check No. 12284 in the amount of \$6,237.88; approval of the July 12, 2016 Regular City Council meeting; and approval of the July 18, 2016 Special City Council meeting.

MOTION

Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to approve the Consent Calendar as read. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance granting a ten-year nonexclusive franchise to Click! Network to provide cable services

Rosenblatt stated the ordinance for a ten-year franchise was on for final reading and recommended that it is approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1578

Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Ordinance No. 1578 granting a ten-year franchise to the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, Click! Network, to provide cable television services.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Whittier Field Use Agreement with Tacoma Public Schools for exclusive use of a portion of Whittier Field

Rosenblatt stated that Tacoma Public Schools would like to use a portion of Whittier Field during their school day between the hours of 11:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and recommended approval of the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 1431

Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Resolution No. 1431 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Whittier Fields Use Agreement between the City of Fircrest and Tacoma Public Schools.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

Resolution authorizing the City manager to execute Amendment #4 to the Agreement with Bannon, Carlson and Kessel Inc., for insurance broker services

Rosenblatt stated that Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Bannon, Carlson & Kessel, Inc., for insurance broker services, as required by the insurance carrier.

RESOLUTION NO. 1432

Moved by Medley, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Resolution No. 1432 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #4 to the agreement with Bannon, Carlson & Kessel, Inc., for insurance broker services.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for fireworks for 2016 Fun Days

Rosenblatt stated that Alpha Pyrotechnics' staff is experienced and has previously provided services to Fircrest and recommended approval of the agreement.

RESOLUTION 1433

Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adopt Resolution No. 1433, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for a fireworks display on August 13, 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with vendors and entertainers for 2016 Fun Days

Rosenblatt stated the resolution would provide control of expenditures and provide flexibility for performers at the 2016 Fun Days event. He noted there are agreements with each of the performers, and new acts are added as budget and sponsorship circumstances permit.

RESOLUTION NO. 1434

Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adopt Resolution No. 1434, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with vendors and entertainers for 2016 Fun Days not to exceed \$10,200.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. **Noes:** None. **Motion carried.**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for fireworks for National Night Out 2016

Cheesman stated that donations have been received to cover the cost of having Alpha Pyrotechnics put on a fireworks display at the National Night Out event. He indicated that they have been in contact with many citizens that have volunteered and helped raise money to ensure that the program can be supported each year during the National Night Out event in remembrance of Rob Freeman. Cheesman stated that this year they will be taking time to remember long time employee Tom Marzano.

RESOLUTION NO. 1435

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to adopt Resolution No. 1435, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for a fireworks display on August 2, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$5,200.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. **Noes:** None. **Motion carried.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenblatt reported that the agenda, along with the agenda summaries, ordinances and resolutions, are going to be posted on the City's website on the Monday before the regular Tuesday meeting. He further reported that South Sound 911 would submit an agreement for review and negotiation following a discussion he had with them for IT backup. Rosenblatt concluded with an update on progress of WeDig Fircrest's community garden idea and inquired if Council is comfortable with the direction they are heading. Discussion continued with concerns and questions about their desire to locate at Whittier and it was suggested that WeDig Fircrest contact Donna Basil, Whittier principal, who expressed interest in locating the garden at the south side of the new Wainwright campus

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Public Works Director Wakefield stated approval has been received from the Department of Health for the design report for the chlorination disinfection and also that quotes for equipment have been received and materials have been ordered. Wakefield reported that the goal is to have the system installed by the end of August. He reported that KPG, the on-call transportation engineers, approached with a grant opportunity for the 2016 Innovative Safety Program. He stated that KPG is preparing and will be submitting this grant application for traffic signal improvements at the intersections of Alameda and Emerson and Alameda and Regents this week, as it is due July 31. Wakefield stated if the grant is funded and the work completed by August, there is no match to the grant.

Cheesman stated he was hoping to see Councilmembers at National Night Out and concluded by stating he appreciated Council's indulgence with the Chief for a Day Proclamation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medley called attention to the letter that was received a few weeks ago from a man that was unhappy with the height of the new Wainwright building. He reported that he followed up with him and his concern is that the maximum height of the trees are going to be 20 feet, the building is approximately 60 feet tall, and he wanted to know if the school district could be asked to replace the trees with ones that will grow taller.

George stated that that planning for Fun Days is going well with a lot of good entertainment lined up. He reported on interest from a sponsor for a beer garden at Fun Days but it is too late this year to get the license from the State. George indicated that a non-profit is required to sponsor the license needed for this kind of event and they will try again next year.

Wittner noted he will be unable to attend this year's National Night Out event but attended last year and had a great time and will be sure to be present at next year's event. He reported on attending the walkthrough of Wainwright, noting it will be an impressive building and good school, but there is still a lot of work left to do. Wittner noted he was in some Tacoma parks this past weekend and was shocked at the number of people that were smoking and vaping and thanked Reynolds for bringing the ordinance forward and to the members of Council that voted to ban smoking and vaping in the parks in Fircrest.

Reynolds reported on attending the Wainwright tour and stated it was exciting to see. She stated she attended Movie in the Park but was surprised at how late it was when it was over and it still had such a great turnout. Reynolds reported that State Representative Laurie Jenkins called and voiced support for the smoking and vaping ban that was recently adopted. Reynolds concluded by addressing the accusation made a few weeks ago about her attendance at the Planning Commission meeting and the response that staff received from the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC).

Surina thanked Gray Lumber's Mac Gray for their donation of the materials to be used to replace four backstops. Surina reported on walking around the area of Leach Creek to see where it worked its way around the neighborhoods and spoke with a resident environmentalist that resides in that area. Surina suggested that a call is placed to the owner of the Central Co-op natural foods grocery store in Tacoma that recently closed to see if they would be interested in coming to Fircrest. Surina reported on meeting with individuals from the Northwest Room to try and get some Fircrest inventions and inventors included there. Surina asked if anything can be done with the location of the island in the area of Regents and 67th or if an adjustment could be made to the timing of the stoplight, as the cars get really backed up in that area. Surina inquired if the old looking and rusty basketball hoop at Whittier Park and the Bocce Ball court could be spruced up. Surina concluded by stating it was great to see the work that was done by the Rotary Club in Masko Park and noted that Jolibois was a big part of the project and worked the entire time and thanked him for the benches that were provided.

Jolibois reported on attending a meeting a few years ago with the board of the Tacoma Central Co-op store to recruit them to come to Fircrest. At that time they felt that the vacant store was too big for their initial need. Jolibois noted that 12-15 people showed up from the Rotary Club to work in Masko Park and accomplished a great deal of work in the hours they were there. He stated they are planning on doing work in Masko Park on a quarterly basis for the next five years. Jolibois asked for a copy of the City's quarterly financial report in this Friday's packet.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:54 P.M., Jolibois stated that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session to discuss Item 14A –Potential Litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.



Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk