

**CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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

Responding to Jolibois' inquiry, Rosenblatt noted that information about the recently adopted no smoking and no vaping in the Parks ordinance will be placed on the City's website. Jolibois requested that because the street beautification project is moving forward on Mildred that various options for the Fircrest side of Mildred Street are explored.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Water, Sewer, Storm

Wittner provided an update on the water disinfection/chlorination system and reported there is a delay in getting some of the equipment. He noted that Public Works Director Wakefield requested an extension to the Bilateral Compliance Agreement (BCA) deadline from the Washington State Department of Health.

Public Safety, Court

Medley reported the decision a few months ago to advertise for establishment of an eligibility list for police officer lateral was timely, due to the recent resignation/retirement by a Fircrest police officer. Rosenblatt provided an overview on the process to hire a lateral police officer from the eligibility list that was recently established.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Manager read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 208101 through Voucher No. 208163 in the amount of \$143,751.01; approval of Payroll Check No. 12326 through Payroll Check No. 12355 in the amount of \$110,924.39; and approval of the August 9, 2016 Regular City Council meeting.

MOTION

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion rejecting all bids for the Emerson Sidewalk Project

Public Works Director Wakefield stated it is being recommended to Council that all bids received at the bid opening for the Emerson Sidewalk Project are rejected. He stated that five bids were received, all bids were responsive, and the low bid was \$698,189. Wakefield reported the engineer's estimate for this project was

\$622,591 and the original budgeted grant amount was \$608,000. Wakefield stated the primary reason to reject the bids is a belief that the project could be rebid in January or February of 2017 and there could be a potentially better bidding climate as far as availability of contractors and bidding at a time when they might not be as busy. Wakefield noted they recently submitted an application for a grant for the next phase of sidewalks on Emerson between Alameda and 67th, and if that grant is successful, both sections of the projects could possibly be combined and bid together to create a larger project and a better economy of scale. Wakefield noted that Council could still proceed and reward the bid. Wakefield reported that TIB has an additional \$50,000 contingency amount that Fircrest could apply for and could be used if this project was rewarded, leaving approximately \$39,000 to fund the project from local funds. Wakefield noted that Terry Wright, engineer from KPG who completed the design of the project, was present to respond to questions and noted that Wright supports the recommendation to reject all bids and delay bidding until next year. Wright provided background on how KPG prepares estimates and commented it is difficult to keep up with rising prices and labor shortages that affect the costs. Wakefield noted the original TIB grant amount of \$575,252 is available for the project next year and doesn't sunset as long as the City is making progress towards completion.

MOTION

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to reject all bids for the Emerson Sidewalk Project.

Staff addressed Council questions and concerns.

Jolibois invited public comment.

Christine Sortais, 4517 61st Avenue West, University Place, WA, commented about the condition of the areas on Emerson Street that she walks on and expressed hope that one day sidewalks will be constructed.

VOTE

Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, Waltier and Medley. Noes: George. Motion carried.

Ordinance granting a ten-year nonexclusive franchise to Comcast to provide cable services

City Manager Rosenblatt stated this is the first reading of a ten-year franchise ordinance with Comcast Cable Television and noted the final reading will be on September 13, 2016. Rosenblatt stated the proposed franchise would provide for a second vendor to provide cable services in Fircrest and competition will help improve service and will keep costs reasonable for the residents. He reported that Comcast will pay Fircrest a franchise fee and will provide some complimentary cable television service to Fircrest's municipal buildings.

Staff addressed Council questions.

Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code Section 6.08.140 to amend special events spring and fall cleanups

Rosenblatt stated the ordinance, if adopted, would provide for modification of the dates and hours for annual spring and fall clean-up and limits to drop-off amounts and number of vehicles to be determined by the City Manager and Westside Disposal. Rosenblatt reported that Westside Disposal desires to do the spring and fall cleanups on two Saturdays in a row instead of a Friday/Saturday. Rosenblatt reported

that Westside Disposal will inform the residents in their newsletter of the time and date changes and limits to drop-off amounts and number of vehicles.

ORDINANCE NO. 1579

Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Ordinance No. 1579, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1524 and FMC 6.08.140 relating to special events.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

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

Resolution amending the agreement with Westside Disposal, Inc. relating to special events spring and fall cleanups

Rosenblatt stated the Resolution is in partner with the recently adopted Ordinance and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Westside Disposal. He reported the times and dates for spring and fall cleanups have been specified in the agreement as well as limits to drop-off amounts and a more efficient method is to provide the City and Westside Disposal coordination to make modifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 1436

Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt Resolution No. 1436, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Westside Disposal to amend special events regarding spring and fall cleanups.

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 Fields Use Agreement between the City of Fircrest and Tacoma Public Schools

Rosenblatt stated that Council adopted Resolution 1431 on July 26, 2016. Since that time, Tacoma Schools' staff requested that the agreement specifies that the park areas will not be open to the public, which is why this is before Council once again. He noted this resolution would provide Tacoma Public Schools exclusive use of the west portion of the Whittier Field between the hours of 11:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the period September 6, 2016 through January 13, 2017. Rosenblatt concluded by noting that Resolution No. 1431 would be rescinded with adoption of Resolution No. 1437.

RESOLUTION NO. 1437

Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Resolution No. 1437, 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, Wittner, Reynolds, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes. None. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Fircrest Community Center and Municipal Pool Feasibility Study

Rosenblatt presented the Fircrest Community Center and Municipal Pool Feasibility Study, noting that A|R|C Architects made changes and additions that were requested at previous meetings. Rosenblatt noted the document could be used as a working and guiding tool while moving forward and gathering citizen input. Rosenblatt reported the pool would be tested soon but that needs to occur following the end of the pool season, as the pool needs to be drained before the testing can occur. Rosenblatt concluded by reporting that A|R|C will be assisting with possible questions for a community survey.

Discussion continued as follows:

- It would be useful to have a cost breakdown of what it would cost a typical homeowner if the City went out for a \$1,000,000 bond
- The costs for the seismic study were outside of the contract with A|R|C Architects
- Create a steering committee to start hashing out the issues, and also include some members of Council, as the process shouldn't be driven by Council but should be driven by stakeholders
- The citizens steering committee should include representation from the swim team, basketball team, soccer team, sports leagues and users of the gym
- Place this item on a study session agenda and include a discussion if money needs to be placed in next year's budget for possible repairs to the pool
- Incentivize the survey with prizes for turning in the survey
- Consider funding sources other than going out for a bond, i.e., grants, the legislature, private foundations
- Evaluate what needs to be done, i.e., pool upgrades or a full replacement
- The steering committee should be open to any resident that wants to be on the committee and be part of the conversation

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenblatt reported that Derby Days has been canceled due to conflicts with the organizer.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Wakefield reported on receiving information from the supplier of equipment for the chlorination disinfection system that some pump and panel equipment has been delayed. He stated he asked the Department of Health for an extension to September 16th instead of August 31st to have disinfection added to the system. Wakefield noted he hadn't received a response yet but felt there wouldn't be a problem with the extension as long as there is ongoing progress on the system.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Reynolds reported on attending the Chief for a Day event that was held at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. She noted that Fircrest's Chief for a Day, Amy Blair, was sworn in as "Chief" that was followed by a day of fun, food and demonstrations by law enforcement agencies.

Wittner indicated he and his family attended Fun Days and had a great time, noting the fireworks were spectacular. Finance Director Corcoran responded to Wittner's inquiry about the timing of the vendor presentation for the City's new website.

George stated that Fircrest Fun Days was 'fun'. He reported the Fun Days Committee would be meeting on August 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss this year's event and to start planning for next year's Fun Days. George complimented staff for their efforts with Fun Days and concluded by noting they received lots of compliments for this year's Fun Days event.

Waltier expressed excitement that Sammy's Pizza is coming to Fircrest.

Jolibois thanked George and members of the Fun Days Committee for the efforts and for such a successful Fircrest Fun Days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 P.M. Jolibois reported that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:50 P.M., to discuss Item 14A – Labor Negotiations. Jolibois noted the City Manager was invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.



Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk