

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

**OCTOBER 10, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Matthew Jolibois called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Denny Waltier was excused. Councilmember Hunter T. George was absent. George arrived at 6:42 P.M.

**2017 Preliminary Budget**

Finance Director Corcoran provided the Facilities plans for each of the four buildings that were mentioned at the last meeting and copies of the current and proposed fee schedules.

Corcoran provided an overview of the 2017 Preliminary Budget.

**GENERAL FUND**

Corcoran highlighted increases, decreases and additions to the following budgets:

- Police
- Emergency Management
- Police Investigation Fund
- Recreation
- Participant Recreation
- Community Events
- Swimming Pool
- Parks
- Fee Schedule

Discussion ensued as follows:

- What are the amounts that the police department has to pay back for the generator (a portion included in the Interfund ERR Replacement is for the generator, but it does not include the interest that was borrowed, so the interest amount is not being repaid back. The transfer going back into the Interfund ERR Replacement includes an increase for the payment back of the money that was borrowed from the generator in ERR to purchase the new vehicle)
- What is the payback period for the generator (will provide)
- Why the large increase in Police personnel benefits (mainly due to the increases in the AWC medical/dental/retirement/L&I rates and is not proportionate to salary increases)
- How are Parks and Recreation separated (Recreation is the recreation programs run out of the Community Center, including the senior and youth programs and day-to-day operations of the Community Center where Parks is more the facilities)
- Is there money budgeted to fix the pool leak (the leak is proposed to be fixed within the next few weeks for approximately \$2,000)

- Consider including money in the Parks budgets for capital projects
- Once the Community Center and Swimming Pool Committee is up and running, one option could be to expedite replacing the pool
- Consider postponing water and sewer capital projects and instead use that money to put towards the pool (water and sewer are separate funds and that money can't be used to fund a General Fund project; additionally why put money into the pool and Community Center if they are going to be demolished and completely remodeled. A great deal of information was provided with completion of the Feasibility Study and Council needs to decide which direction to go)
- Consider using money from REET to fund capital Parks projects
- Consider purchasing an effective and efficient lawn mower to mow in the Parks
- What are the plans to fix the baseball field at Whittier Park (the goal is to have it fixed in line with the other baseball fields prior to the start of baseball season)
- Programs that don't pay for themselves should be cancelled, as it isn't government's responsibility to recreate people
- Recreation is a quality of life issue and a decision that communities make to subsidize programs (new programs, however, need be self-sufficient)
- Why is the storm drain tax being proposed (when the storm drain fund was created, the utility tax was probably overlooked, as water and sewer include the utility tax)
- The Storm ending fund balance is healthy (there isn't extra money in any of the utility funds Ending Fund balances when considering the costs of projects or emergency projects that may come up)
- Concerns were expressed about the proposed rate increases and suggestions made that there is community outreach

Corcoran concluded by stating the budget is now Council's, and changes can be made to it with the consensus of Council. Corcoran indicated that there were two additional study sessions scheduled – October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>. She noted that a public hearing was scheduled tomorrow night on the Revenue Sources and the Preliminary Budget, and the Salary Ordinance would be presented as well.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by George, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.**



Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk