

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
7:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDALL 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

A. Presentation: Tacoma Fire Department

Michael Fitzgerald, Tacoma Fire Department Assistant to the Chief, Budget and Finance, presented the 2017 Quarter 2 performance and emergency response update. Fitzgerald's presentation included year-over-year/year-to-date emergency incidents and department performance for Fire, EMS, and Other (primarily includes automatic alarms, investigate only calls, search/rescue) in the City of Fircrest as well as initiatives the department is pursuing. In response to Council inquiry, Fitzgerald will provide local statistics on the opioid epidemic effects to the City Manager.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jolibois invited public comment. The following individuals provided comments:

- Yolonda Brooks, 6448 S 19th Street, commented on her experience running for council.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Surina reported that the Parks & Recreation department has been preparing for the upcoming 'Fun Day's event and stated that the Parks Advisory Committee will be holding a public meeting on August 9, 2017 to present the 2017 Community Center and Pool Survey.

B. Environment, Planning, Building

Medley reported no updates.

C. Finance, IT

Reynolds reported that staff anticipates bringing the mid-year budget report and budget amendment to the August 22, 2017 Council meeting.

D. Administration

Wittner reported that Johnston has accepted a city manager position in Covington, Kentucky and his last day will be August 11, 2017.

The Council commended Johnston on his work with the City for the past 10 weeks and the leadership he has brought.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 209793 through Voucher No. 209870 in the amount of \$359,953.16; approval of Payroll Check No. 12793 through Payroll Check No. 12796 in the amount of \$6,193.12; approval of Payroll Check No. 12797 through Payroll Check No. 12802 in the amount of \$84,560.88;

approval of Payroll Check No. 12803 through Payroll Check No. 12838 in the amount of \$107,024.17; approval of the July 17, 2017 special meeting minutes; and approval of the July 25, 2017 regular meeting minutes. **Reynolds Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to confirm the City Manager’s appointment of John A. Miller as Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term, which expires December 31, 2021

Johnston briefed the Council on the motion to reappoint John A. Miller as Fircrest Municipal Court Judge. Jolibois invited public comment; Council commended Miller. **Waltier Moved to confirm the City Manager’s appointment of John A. Miller as Fircrest Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term; seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Resolution No. 1489 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust for the AWC Employer Master Plan Participation Agreement

Johnston briefed the Council on the resolution that would authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust for an AWC Employer Master Participation Agreement. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **Medley Moved to approve Resolution 1489 as written; seconded by George. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Johnston thanked the Council, citizens, and staff for allowing him to serve as the City’s interim city manager.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police: Chief Cheesman thanked Johnston for his service and stated that Officer Gollinger has been accepted into the academy. Cheesman briefed the Council on a Crime Stoppers case, recent car-breakins, and how citizen tip led to an arrest and recovery of stolen property.
- Parks and Recreation: Director Grover briefed the Council on receiving a quote for the tennis court repair, the upcoming August 9, 2017 public meeting, and ‘Fun Day’s events.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

The Council commended Judge Miller, recognized Johnston for his service and level of professionalism, applauded Yolonda Brooks for her efforts, and thanked Cheesman for his efforts in organizing the ‘National Night Out’ event.


EXECUTIVE SESSION


Jolibois stated Council would convene into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. after a five minute recess, not to exceed thirty minutes, for a discussion with Johnston and the City Attorney on the qualifications of an applicant for public employment [RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)] with possible action upon reconvening.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:05 P.M. **Medley MOVED to approve Bill McDonald as Interim City Manager; seconded by Reynolds.** George provided a briefing on Bill McDonald, stating he is a retired former city manager as well as the recruiter for Prothman Company assigned to recruit a permanent city manager for Fircrest, and is anticipated to work for the City on a part-time basis two days a week. Reynolds stated that although she supports promoting from within, there was no interest at the staff level, and is excited to support this motion and work with a well-experienced city manager. Jolibois invited public comment; Yolonda Brooks of 6448 S 19th Street inquired if the other former candidates had been considered for the interim city manager position. Jolibois stated they were available but not interested, and George added there was a sense of urgency to fill the interim position given the short notice and meet signature authority. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M, seconded by Medley. The Motion Carried Unanimously.


Matthew Jolibois, Mayor


Jessica Nappi, City Clerk