

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

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

Wittner Moved to appoint Denny Waltier as Mayor Pro Tempore for the September 26, 2017 regular City Council meeting; seconded by Medley. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Community Center and Pool RFQ: Update

Interim City Manager McDonald briefed the Council on the Community Center and Pool estimated project timeline, which included information on the RFQ process, planning and design, financing, and implementation. McDonald indicated that staff is prepared to advertise the RFQ. After a brief discussion about funding strategies in addition to general obligation (GO) municipal bonds, McDonald confirmed that the project timeline will be posted on the City website.

B. Pool Repair: Update

McDonald briefed the Council on the scope of work for the evaluation of the leak and the overall safety aspect of the community pool prepared by one of the City's on-call engineer, KPG. McDonald stated that the cost to do this work is \$12,995 and the deliverable will include an action plan to repair the existing pool as well as recommendations to the City as to what (if any) fixes are available for the leaking water and a recommendation as to whether or not the pool is safe for use by the community for the next two to three years until the City can construct a new community pool.

C. Community Gardens at Fox Property: Update

McDonald briefed the Council on how the City could proceed with a community gardens concept on City property. McDonald and City Attorney Smith stated that a license would be optimal as it gives the permission of the City to an entity to use City property for a specific purpose and is revocable. McDonald and City Attorney Smith stated that the license should be entered with an entity with legal standing who can enter into an agreement. City Attorney Smith indicated that that rules of the contract will outline the policies, guidelines, and responsibilities for the operation of the community garden. City Attorney Smith stated that payments cannot go to a third party to use public land and must be paid directly to the City. McDonald noted that if the location of a community garden was on private property, it would be less of an issue. McDonald and City Attorney Smith requested Council to provide guidance on how to proceed with this concept and there was a general consensus from Council to bring this item back at a future time when more councilmembers were in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Waltier invited public comment. The following individuals provided comments:

- Chuck Bisping, 506 Electron Way, commented on his opposition to the community garden concept at the Fox property, inquired what the purpose of that property, and stated he was never contacted by the community garden group. Waltier stated that the Fox property was purchased as part of the Fircrest Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan with the intent to expand the Tot Lot if/when the City has the funds.
- Evan Lee, 514 Ramsdell Street, inquired on the status of the water main replacement on Ramsdell Water main improvements along Ramsdell Street. Public Works Director Wakefield stated that his project has been designed and the project will be bid the first of next year so that better bids could be received and construction will be early spring of next year.
- Ken McLean, 610 Contra Costa Avenue, commented on the community garden concept at the Fox property and the potential to attract additional rodents, and recommended a parking lot for the Tot Lot to address safety concerns and alleviate on-street parking.
- Kerry Holmgren, 608 Contra Costa Avenue, commented on his opposition to the community garden concept at the Fox property and the potential to attract additional rodents, vagrants, and to turn into an eyesore, and recommended a useful product like a gazebo or parking lot for the Tot Lot to address safety concerns and alleviate on-street parking. Medley inquired if he was contacted by a community garden group and Mr. Holmgren commented no.
- Megan Sipes, 610 Electron Way, commented on her opposition to the community garden concept at the Fox property and recommended a gazebo or parking lot for the Tot Lot and agrees with Mr. McLean and Mr. Holmgren that a community garden is not the appropriate use for that property. Medley inquired if she was contacted by a community garden group and Ms. Sipes commented no. Mr. Bisping commented no as well.
- David Viafore, 1120 Paradise Parkway, asked the Council to consider seeking bond counsel in advance to determine what is needed in order to recuperate expenses as well as looking into councilmanic bonds as well as other funding and leveraging options. McDonald stated that this evaluation will be included in the financial strategy with a financial consultant on the project team.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Water, Sewer, Storm

Waltier reported that he met with Public Works Director Wakefield and commented that there are no major projects in the works and that everything is routine.

B. Street, Facilities, Equipment

As Mayor Jolibois was absent, no report was provided.

C. Public Safety, Court

As George was absent, no report was provided.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Wittner reported no new updates.

E. Pierce County Regional Council

Waltier reported that as the alternate member on the Pierce County Regional Council and although he did not attend the September 21, 2017 meeting, there were no action items on the meeting agenda and that staff was aware of the Growth Management Act discussion items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Waltier requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 210035 through Voucher No. 210035 in the amount of \$10,528.42; approval of Voucher No. 210036 through Voucher No. 210135 in the amount of \$142,337.98; and approval of Payroll Check No. 12911 through Payroll Check No. 12936 in the amount of \$97,024.37. **Medley 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

There was no new business.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- McDonald reported that as part of the update to the city manager recruitment efforts, the public is invited to meet the four candidates at a meet & greet reception scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on October 4, 2017 at the Fircrest City Hall. McDonald also stated that the interviews for the candidates is scheduled for October 5, 2017. McDonald reported on a complaint received via the City's Facebook regarding the 12th Man Flag on a City light pole and stated that putting flags and banners on public property can present a legal risk for the City. City Attorney Smith stated that although it is not a significant issue, the City has received a complaint and one option could be to remove the flag from City property. After some discussion on this item, there was not a consensus to remove the flag.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Parks and Recreation Director Grover thanked the Council for their support for the KPG scope of work to assess the pool leak, and stated that the bid to resurface the tennis court will be advertised as soon as possible. Grover indicated that staff removed many broken and heavily used toys from the Tot Lot that were left over by users and is working with residents to find a compromise on non-City toys on the City property while removing risk.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

The Council thanked the public for their attendance. Additional comments included:

- Surina commented on the recent Frederick Olmstead Committee meeting and how the City could educate its citizens of its heritage and culture. Surina expressed his condolences to Mary Sears.
- Wittner commented on the community garden concept and thanked those who provided their public comments on the subject matter. Wittner stated that he was disheartened that some were not communicated by the community garden representatives and would like more information from the group addressing this. Wittner encouraged everyone to attend the October 4th Meet and Greet public reception of the city manager candidates.
- Medley thanked former Mayor Viafore for attending the meeting and his public input on the financing options for the community center and pool. Medley stated that the Council was informed by the community garden representatives that neighbors of the Fox property were contacted and were in support of the community garden concept at the Fox property, and stated that that person who told the Council this information was also running for City Council.
- Waltier thanked those who submitted their public comment and commented on public opposition received in the past regarding the community garden proposal at Whittier and Fircrest Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Medley Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M, seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried Unanimously.



Matthew Jolibois
Mayor



Jessica Nappi
City Clerk