

**CITY OF FIRCREST**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6:00 P.M.** **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL 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, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier, and Jason Medley were present.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**PRELIMINARY 2018 BUDGET – 2<sup>nd</sup> BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Interim City Manager McDonald presented the highlights of the Enterprise Funds (Street, Stormdrain, Water, and Sewer) and Capital Project Funds. Finance Director Corcoran provided an overview of the impacts to the Enterprise Funds, which included:

- Stormdrain, Water, and Sewer rate increases adopted by ordinance
- Changes in personnel, wages, and salaries
- Creation of Capital Funds for Stormdrain, Water, and Sewer
- Transfers

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the budget goals and variances as it related to the following Enterprise funds: Street, Stormdrain, Water, and Sewer. In addition, the operating revenues and expenditures and impact to the fund balance as well as the capital revenues, capital expenditures, and net effect on ending fund balance were included for each of the fund briefings.

There was some discussion regarding the Street expenditures and the operating cost effect on the fund balance; Corcoran explained that operating revenues are remaining flat while expenditures are increasing. McDonald added that the Street Fund is underfunded and strategic measures to reduce drawing down balances and increase revenues should be reviewed. There was further discussion on the background and need of the some projects including street beautification and bay insulation, and the costs and benefits associated with the LED conversion light program. Regarding uncompleted 2017 projects like the Water Main Replacement on Ramsdell Street that are in the 2017 budget but are uncompleted by end of year, Corcoran stated that funds for these projects will be rolled over into the 2018 budget.

Regarding the Water Fund, there was a brief discussion on the high tank painting project and potential city promotion opportunities due to its high visibility. Wakefield stated this project will be vetted out with Council and is subject to the City of Tacoma's sign regulations. There was a brief discussion on whether seasonal water rates were incorporated into the Preliminary 2018 Budget and McDonald responded that the Preliminary 2018 Budget did not include adjusted seasonal rates as the information previously given was for Council consideration.

McDonald indicated that the next budget work session scheduled for October 16, 2017 would cover other significant items and encouraged councilmembers to submit questions ahead of the meeting so that staff could prepare thoughtful responses. McDonald stated that the October 10,

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2017 Council meeting includes two public hearings on the Preliminary 2018 Budget. There was a brief discussion on the adopted ordinances as it related to scheduled utility increases. McDonald stated staff would provide additional information on the utility tax revenues at the next scheduled budget session on October 16, 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:55 P.M., Jolibois reported that the Council would convene into Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of City Manager applicants for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), not to exceed the hour of 8:00 P.M.

The Council reconvened into session at 7:46 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk