

**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, Denny Waltier, and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Hunter T. George was absent and excused. George arrived at 7:15 P.M.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

Jolibois recommended the Communications Committee reconvene to discuss the City website and a possible addition of a public forum message board.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Jolibois invited public comment. There were none.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Water, Sewer, Storm**

Waltier reported that there were two water main breaks recently and commended the Public Works crew for their performance. Waltier provided an update on the list station capital projects and reminded residents that their efforts to remove leaves and debris and keeping storm drains clear will help reduce flooding.

**B. Street, Facilities, Equipment**

Jolibois reported no new updates.

**C. Public Safety, Court**

As George was absent, no report was provided.

**D. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reported no new updates as the Pierce County Regional Council did not hold a meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 210205 through Voucher No. 210262 in the amount of \$123,013.95; approval of Payroll Check No. 12963 through Payroll Check No. 12970 in the amount of \$85,599.16; and approval of Payroll Check No. 12971 in the amount of \$261.58. **Medley Moved to approve the consent calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:10 P.M., Jolibois stated that the Council would take a five-minute recess and reconvene for the public hearings at 7:15 P.M.

**A. Preliminary 2018 Budget Expenditures**

At 8:08 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing and invited public testimony. McDonald briefed the Council on the Preliminary 2018 Budget stating that this is a conservative budget that stays within resources. The following individual provided comment:

- David Viafore, 1120 Paradise Parkway, commented on implementing summer water rates, purchasing police vehicles to meet the Guild contract terms, and freezing the proposed sergeant promotion.

The following Councilmembers provided comment:

- Jolibois commented clarifying that purchasing two police vehicles would meet the terms of the Guild contract and stated the police officers forfeited a small percentage of their wage increases for the inclusion of the take home vehicle policy. Jolibois stated that the cost/benefit analysis of the seven-year versus ten-year Equipment Rental and Replacement schedule should also include the compounding effect of the forfeited wages and looks forward to the analysis results.
- Reynolds and Waltier commented supporting putting a hold on the proposed sergeant promotion until a demonstration of scheduling based on current resources is achieved.
- George and Medley commented supporting meeting the terms of the Guild contract. Medley and Waltier recommended the City explore purchasing used police vehicles if that was an option for cost savings.
- Wittner commented his opposition to purchasing used cars to meet the terms of the Guild contract.

At 8:24 P.M., Jolibois closed the public hearing.

**B. Amendments to FMC Section 22.58, including short-term rental establishments, home occupations, outdoor storage of vehicles and Chapter 22.98 Definitions**

At 7:15 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing and invited public testimony. Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker stated that this is the continuation of the October 10, 2017 Public Hearing to accept more public comments on the proposed Fircrest Municipal Code Sections 22.58, including short-term rental establishments, home occupations, outdoor storage of vehicles, and Chapter 22.98 Definitions. Stahlnecker submitted five written public comments to the Council. The following individuals provided comment:

- Penny Drost, 944 Alameda Avenue, recommended the City consider implementing a community listening infrastructure with trained, volunteer mediators to facilitate handling non-actionable concerns and complaints.
- The following individuals provided comment stating their opposition to the draft language regarding the recreational vehicle parking and outdoor storage:
  - Ray Clark, 624 Alta Vista Place
  - Judy Clark, 624 Alta Vista Place
  - Rendy Walton, 302 Eldorado Avenue
  - Corbin Walters, 1223 Contra Costa Avenue
  - Lamar Lovelace, 1525 Weathervane Court

Jolibois invited Council comments; the following Councilmembers provided comment:

- Medley commented on behalf of the proponents of the proposed amendments regarding the recreational vehicle parking and outdoor storage and clarified what the proposed language includes and does not include.
- Reynolds, Wittner, George, and Waltier commented on their opposition to the proposed amendments regarding the recreational vehicle parking and outdoor storage, and recommended separating short-term rental establishments, home occupations,

outdoor storage of vehicles into three separate items so that Council can efficiently handle the uncontested items and further address the recreational vehicle parking and outdoor storage proposed amendment.

- Surina proposed the Public Works site as an alternative for outdoor vehicle storage for residents with limitations with the proper legal documentation in place.

At 7:58 P.M., Jolibois closed the public hearing. Stahlnecker provided information on what the current code includes and the Planning Commission recommended changes to the code as well as alternatives. After a brief discussion on what the proposed language of the outdoor storage of vehicles amendment, Stahlnecker stated that the proposed amendments to the short-term rental establishments and home occupations will be included in the November 14, 2017 Council agenda for Council consideration for approval, and that the outdoor storage of vehicles item will be on the November 20, 2017 Council study session for further discussion. City Attorney Smith confirmed that the Council can move forward with taking action on the separated items since they have been subject to the public hearings.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Presentation: Pierce Transit Update**

Pierce Transit Board Commissioner Nancy Henderson updated the Council on Pierce Transit. Henderson briefed the Council on the Pierce County service area, boarding statistics, operating revenues, restored routes and services, and major initiatives. There was a brief question and answer session, which included input from Alexandra Mather from Pierce Transit, regarding the value of transit and restored trolley service. The following individuals provided comment:

- Eric Bergson, 350 Del Monte Avenue
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive

#### **B. Liquor License Renewal – Sammy’s Pizza**

McDonald recommended approval to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Sammy’s Pizza at 1039 Regents Boulevard. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **Waltier Moved to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Sammy’s Pizza; seconded by Medley. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

#### **C. Liquor License Renewal – Rollin 253**

McDonald recommended approval to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Rollin 253 at 2101 Mildred Street W. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **Medley Moved to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Rollin 253; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

#### **D. Interagency Agreement with WA Traffic Safety Commission**

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the Interagency Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, which would allow the Fircrest Police Department to assist in various patrols. Cheesman stated if approved, the City would receive a grant totaling \$9,800 to participate, which would be allocated towards the officers’ overtime and benefits. Jolibois invited public comment; Judy Clark, 624 Alta Vista Place, inquired

whether these patrols would take away from regular routines; Cheesman responded that this grant money would pay for the officers' overtime and benefits and that these extra patrols would be done within the city limits at no cost of the City. **Reynolds Moved to adopt Resolution No. 1496, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, allowing the Fircrest Police Department to assist in multi-jurisdictional DUI, distracted driving, and seatbelt patrols; seconded by Medley. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**E. Amending City Council Rules of Procedures – Consent Calendar**

McDonald briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to amend the Fircrest City Council Rules of Procedures and make revisions to the Consent Calendar under Rule 20, which would add routine matters under the Consent Calendar. McDonald stated that he did not expect action on this item at that time and that this would be an opportunity for Council to review and provide feedback. There was a brief discussion on whether the proposed language to include professional services not in excess of ten thousand dollars should be included. McDonald stated staff would review other options and bring back for Council consideration at a future meeting.

**F. City Manager Employment Agreement**

McDonald briefed the Council on the City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of Fircrest and Scott Pingel. McDonald stated that Pingel has accepted the City's offer of employment and should Council approve the employment agreement, Pingel would start on December 4, 2017. Jolibois invited Councilmember comment; George provided a brief background on Pingel and stated this is a great opportunity for both Pingel and the City. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **Reynolds Moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the City Manager Employment Agreement by and between the City of Fircrest and Scott Pingel; seconded by Medley. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

- McDonald provided an update to the Community Center and Pool RFQ, stating that the addition of a financial analyst to the team may be limiting to the number of responses. McDonald stated he anticipates bringing a proposal to amend the RFQ back to Council to encourage more responses as well as an engagement letter for bond underwriter services.
- McDonald requested that the October 30, 2017 budget study session be canceled; **George Moved to cancel the October 30, 2017 special meeting; seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- McDonald stated that with the purchase of the two 2018 police vehicles, the City will be in compliance with the Guild contract, and requested approval from the Council to place the order to purchase the vehicles now as they can take several months to be delivered. Jolibois requested a consensus allowing the City Manager to order two police vehicles for a 2018 delivery date; a consensus was achieved.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Cheesman reported that the Police Department conducted lockdown drills at the schools and did an inventory of lights citywide and is coordinating with Public Works to repair the six non-LED lights that were out. Cheesman stated there will be extra patrols on

Halloween night, Officer Gollinger's six month probationary period will end soon, and the Department's new hire Officer will start November 1, 2017. Cheesman reported on the copper wire theft at Whittier and will investigate on placing cameras at that location.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

The Council thanked the public for their attendance and Prothman Company for their recruitment efforts. Additional comments included:

- George commented on the public process.
- Wittner encouraged residents to attend the Haunted Trails event.

Bonnie Blair, 521 Monterey Lane, commented on Council's use of abbreviations.

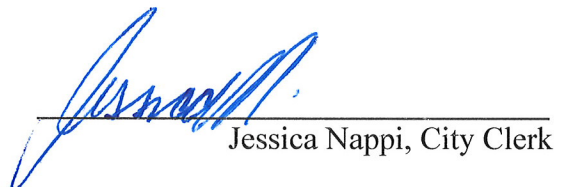
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

George Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M, seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk