

**CITY OF FIRCREST**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 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 regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Brett Wittner was absent. Councilmembers Hunter T. George and Denny Waltier were excused. Wittner arrived at 6:02 P.M.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Dysautonomia Awareness Month**

Jolibois stated Council was being asked to approve the Dysautonomia Awareness Month Proclamation. Reynolds read the proclamation.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Surina, to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming October to be Dysautonomia Awareness Month in the City of Fircrest. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

Jolibois noted that the resolution supporting the naming of the Remembrance Corridor would be next on the agenda.

**Resolution supporting the naming of the Remembrance Corridor**

State Representatives Kristine Kilduff and Dick Muri gave a brief presentation on the naming of the Remembrance Corridor and provided historical information on the ongoing efforts to preserve the 66 surviving trees along this corridor on I-5. Muri reported that recently, a 92 year old constituent requested assistance in fulfilling Pierce County Resolution R89-164. This 1989 resolution was part of a significant historical preservation effort undertaken by county leaders to preserve surviving trees on I-5 that were planted in 1928 to honor and commemorate our fallen World War I Veterans, organizations, and women who contributed to the war effort. Kilduff noted that part of the resolution was never completed. Muri stated that he has been working with constituents and WSDOT to complete this memorialization. Muri concluded by noting there will be a presentation to the Washington Transportation Commission followed by a ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall to finish the process.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1439**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, supporting the naming of the Remembrance Corridor, the placement of an historical marker, and the ongoing efforts to preserve the surviving trees.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS**

**Water, Sewer, Storm**

Wittner stated that the City has begun chlorinating the system, it is moving along smoothly, and there have been few complaints.

**Street, Facilities & Equipment**

Reynolds commented about a recent medical study regarding LED lights and reported that there are no concerns regarding the intensity of the LED lights being installed in Fircrest.

**Public Safety, Court**

Medley reported that Chief Cheesman was invited to the White House to attend a presentation by the Department of Justice.

**Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reported that included in this month's agenda was a power point presentation by the Department of Health regarding psychological illnesses. Reynolds noted that cities might be asked in the future to support the funding of mental health initiatives.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 208235 through Voucher No. 208324 in the amount of \$172,534.91; approval of Payroll Check No. 12396 through Payroll Check No. 12420 in the amount of \$108,086.53; approval of the September 13, 2016 Regular City Council meeting; and approval of the September 19, 2016 Special City Council meeting.

**MOTION**

**Moved by George, seconded by Medley, to approve the consent calendar as read. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Amendments to Title 22 regarding Marijuana Regulations**

At 7:16 P.M. Jolibois opened the public hearing.

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker noted that tonight is a public hearing only and is an opportunity for all attending members of the public to speak if they so desire. Stahlnecker provided historical information that commenced in 2012 when the voters of Washington approved Initiative 502, followed by the Attorney General Opinion in 2014 that maintained that local governments retain the right to regulate marijuana uses within their jurisdictions, and stated that in April of 2015 the Legislature enacted

the Cannabis Patient Protection Act that established regulations for the previously unregulated medical marijuana system, including creation of marijuana cooperatives. She noted that on June 20, 2016, Council held a study session and on August 9, 2016 the Council voted favorably to request that the Planning Commission conduct a public hearing on marijuana regulations (reduction to the buffers, evaluating which zoning districts would be most appropriate, and consideration of setbacks from residential areas). Stahlnecker stated that on July 11, 2016 the Planning Commission held a discussion about marijuana and on August 16, 2016, conducted a public hearing. Stahlnecker reported that proposed amendments presented to the Planning Commission on August 16<sup>th</sup> allowed marijuana in the Commercial Mixed Use District with the inclusion of performance standards. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution prohibiting marijuana in all zoning district and on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution 16-05. Stahlnecker provided written comments for tonight's hearing that had been received. Stahlnecker concluded by noting that Captain Rehfield, representative from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, was in the audience to respond to inquiries.

Jolibois invited public comment.

The following individuals provided comment: Catharine Jeter, 514 Contra Costa; Joe Gilligan, 409 Contra Costa; Linda Olsen; Karen Reynolds, 1576 Woodside Court; Owen Lee, 612 Alameda Avenue; Benjamin, commenting for 612 Alameda Avenue; Phaedra Miller, 1225 Del Monte Avenue; Alice Sharp, 948 Altadena Court; Sarah Sherman, 1205 Del Monte; Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte; Lynn Brehm, 144 Harvard; Leonard Smith, 1570 Weathervane Drive; and Corbin Edwards, 1576 Woodside Court.

Reynolds addressed questions she heard from the public. Jolibois reported on why he had asked that this issue is brought forward for discussion and said more research should be done.

Stahlnecker addressed some of the questions and corrected a statement made earlier about revenue received on a per capita basis, noting that that the revenue is based on the amount of revenue that a store receives. Stahlnecker reported that the City of University Place estimated that a single store could potentially generate \$40,000 to \$60,000 of revenue to the City. Stahlnecker stated that staff could continue researching the potential revenue and crime statistics related to marijuana stores if that was the direction of Council.

At 8:00 P.M. Jolibois closed the public hearing.

### Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

At 8:01 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing.

Stahlnecker noted that tonight is a public hearing only and is an opportunity for all attending members of the public to speak if they so desire. She stated the proposal is to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan by updating the Water, Sewer, Storm, Streets and Parks and Recreation Capital Facilities Elements. Stahlnecker stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 16, 2016 and adopted a resolution recommending adoption of the proposed amendments. Stahlnecker stated the six-year plans don't commit the City to construct the projects or fund them, but makes the City eligible for available grants. Stahlnecker concluded by stating that adoption of the amendments keeps the City in compliance with the Growth Management Act, the Puget Sound Regional Council Vision 2040 and the multi-county planning policies as well.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

At 8:03 P.M. Jolibois closed the public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Professional services agreement with SiteLines Park and Playground Products Inc.**

Parks and Recreation Director Grover stated that Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with SiteLines Park and Playground Products Inc. to provide professional services to install playground equipment for the Gene Goodwin Memorial Tot Lot. Grover stated that the City of Fircrest applied for and received a matching grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. He indicated that this grant will enable the City to replace the red and tan worn out play structure with a new structure that offers the latest elements in recreational play and safety. Grover stated that through the RFP process, seven designs were received and SiteLines was selected after staff review and community input.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1440**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt Resolution No. 1440 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with SiteLines Park and Playground Products Inc. to provide professional services for the supply and installation of play equipment for the Gene Goodwin Memorial Tot Lot.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Councilmembers confirmed for Rosenblatt that they would like to see if Spring Lake Café could supply food at the upcoming study session.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Public Works Director Wakefield reported on being approached by a telecommunications company that wishes to install a monopole antenna at the Fircrest high tank site located in the City of Tacoma. He indicated that permit approvals would be handled by Tacoma, but Fircrest would be leasing a small space on the property to the company. Following discussion, there was consensus that Wakefield proceed with negotiation of a lease agreement. Jolibois suggested that due to the conspicuousness of the location that consideration be given to design and color of the pole to be consistent with Fircrest's green fir tree color. Wakefield stated those items would most likely be controlled by the City of Tacoma but the program is early in the process.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmembers thanked audience members for their attendance.


Surina recognized the passing of Cheryl Marshall. Surina exhibited an actual Major Bowes Amateur Hour board game from 1934.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:16 P.M., Jolibois reported that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:40 P.M., to discuss Item 14A – Labor Negotiations. Jolibois stated the City Manager was invited to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.**



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Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



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Lisa Keely, City Clerk