

**CITY OF FIRCREST**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 P.M.** **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDALL 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, Brett Wittner, Hunter T. George and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Denny Waltier was excused.

Jolibois asked if there were any objections to moving to New Business Item 10A. None were noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Contract with Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC to provide telephone line service**

Finance Director Corcoran stated the City has been contracting with CenturyLink West since 2013. The proposed contract is the same other than a \$50 decrease in the per-line/per-month amount. The contract is for a 36-month period and is automatically renewed unless terminated by either party.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1454**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt Resolution No. 1454 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with QWEST Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC to provide telephone line service to our telephone system as well as to our alarms, faxes and announcement lines.**

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**AYES:**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code 5.20.040 to levy a Storm Water Utility tax**

City Manager Rosenblatt stated this would be a new tax on the storm water utility. He noted that in keeping with Council's request, adoption of this ordinance imposes a 3% tax on the total gross income in 2017 and an additional 3% tax in 2018 on the Storm Water Utility.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1586**

**Moved by Wittner, seconded by Surina, to adopt Ordinance No. 1586 amending Fircrest Municipal Code 5.20.040 to levy a Storm Water Utility Tax.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Ayes: Surina, Wittner, Reynolds, Jolibois and George. Noes: Medley. Motion carried.**

**Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code 20.16.030 to adjust rates and adding a storm drain credit for low income seniors and low income disabled persons**

Rosenblatt stated the ordinance, if adopted, would adjust the rates for the storm drain utility and would add the low income seniors and low income disabled persons discount.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1587**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Ordinance No. 1587 amending Ordinance 1462 Section 1 and FMC 20.16.030, and adding FMC 20.17 for a Storm Drain Credit for low income seniors and low income disabled persons.**

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code 20.12 and 20.13 to adjust rates for sewer service charges**

Rosenblatt stated that the adjustment will help sustain the sewer utility and provide for capital revenue to repair and replace existing worn and outdated infrastructure, i.e., the Condition 4 sewers and the two lift stations.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1588**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Ordinance No. 1588 amending FMC Title 20 relating to sewer service charges.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code 21.04 and 21.06 to adjust rates for water service charges**

Rosenblatt stated that the adjustment will help sustain the water utility and provide for capital revenue to repair and replace existing worn and outdated infrastructure.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1589**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adopt Ordinance No. 1589 amending FMC Title 21 relating to water service charges.**

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Jolibois invited public comment.

The following individual provided comment: Karen Reynolds, 1576 Woodside Court.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2017**

Finance Director Corcoran stated that on September 13, 2016 the Preliminary Budget was presented to Council and Council sessions were held on September 26, October 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016. Corcoran reported that a Public Hearing for revenue sources was held on October 11, 2016 and resolutions and ordinances relating to the Regular and EMS Tax Levy, Ad Valorem and Budget Certification were adopted on October 11, 2016. Corcoran indicated that Public Hearings to receive comments on the 2017 Budget were held on October 11 and 25, 2016. She noted that the total of the 2017 Budget, including estimated revenues, expenditures and fund balances is \$25,532,744. Corcoran provided an overview on changes that had been made and noted that the General Fund operating to expenditures is balanced, with \$2,945 of revenue over expenditures. Corcoran stated that \$67,500 of ending fund balance is used for capital but \$30,000 of that for the Spring Street garage is on hold until brought back for further discussion. Corcoran reported that there isn't a fund for capital improvements but the ending fund balance is set aside for capital. Corcoran stated that some fees for recreation and swimming have been increased and noted that all recreation and swimming fees will be reviewed in 2017. Corcoran concluded by stating that the budget is balanced, not with the use of ending fund balances, but because operating expenditures are covered by operating revenues.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1590**

**Moved by George, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Ordinance No. 1590, an ordinance of the City of Fircrest, Washington, adopting the annual budget of the City of Fircrest for the fiscal year 2017.**

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

There was Council consensus to freeze the amount budgeted to fund the grant writer position until further information can be brought back that would expose the process and provide a plan for the position.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois and George. Noes: Medley. Motion carried.**

## **PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

Jolibois reported on the meeting held with Ali Modarres, the University of Washington Director & Professor of Urban Studies, as well as attendees Surina, Rosenblatt, Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker and resident Sally York. He stated the goal is to line up Mr. Modarres and his graduate students with projects for their theses and Jolibois outlined some of his ideas. George reported on Dr. Modarres’ Council with Mayors body that encourages cities to work closer together on major projects and to stop drawing lines at the county borders. George noted that the South Sound Together Board is funding the project and stated the Council with Mayors would operate differently than the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) in that it doesn’t have spending authority. He concluded by stating the idea is to get everyone together thinking as one about economic development and how to work together instead of competing against each other on certain things.

## **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Parks and Recreation**

Surina reported on a meeting he attended with staff and representatives from the Tacoma School District regarding initiation of a reciprocal agreement for use of the facilities at Wainwright Elementary.

Reynolds highlighted a copy of the draft survey that had been provided to Council from the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee and outlined the committee’s discussion on who should receive the survey. Surina outlined committee member Sally York’s experience with surveys and the positive results she has obtained.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 208454 through Voucher No. 208504 in the amount of \$77,186.83 (void Check No. 208109); approval of Payroll Check No. 12448 through Payroll Check No. 12454 in the amount of \$90,115.66; approval of Payroll Check No. 12455 through Payroll Check No. 12458 in the amount of \$7,152.91; approval of Payroll Check No. 12459 through Payroll Check No. 12464 in the amount of \$78,925.57; approval of the October 24, 2016 Special meeting; and approval of the October 25, 2016 Regular meeting.

## **MOTION**

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

## **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Rosenblatt reported the City of Tacoma is continuing to work on the holding basin silt issue.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmembers thanked audience members for attending.

Reynolds suggested initiating a program to recognize employees when they reach milestones.

Jolibois stated the north area of Fircrest Park is really wet and suggested that a plan is developed to deal with drainage issues.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:47 P.M., Jolibois reported that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:12 P.M., to discuss Item 14A – Labor Negotiations and Item 14B – City Manager performance evaluation. Jolibois stated the City Manager was invited to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Wittner, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

  
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Matthew Jolibois, Mayor

  
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Lisa Keely, City Clerk