

**CITY OF FIRCREST**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017** **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 Pro Tempore Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner and Jason Medley were present. Mayor Matthew Jolibois and Councilmember Denny Waltier were excused.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

George announced the following additions to the agenda: Item 7C - Consent Calendar: Setting a public hearing on February 14, 2017 at 7:15 P.M. to receive comments on amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22.99 – Frequently Flooded Areas and Item 14A – Executive Session: Labor Negotiations. No objections were noted.

Police Chief Cheesman introduced Victor Celis, the newly hired police officer, and highlighted his qualifications and experiences. Councilmembers welcomed Officer Celis to the City of Fircrest.

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

Neil Holden, Westside Disposal Services, 2815 Rochester, University Place, noted they have provided waste service pickup for over 75 years.

Eric Bergson, 350 Del Monte, expressed disappointment that Tacoma Power was going to raise rates that would continue funding of the Click! Network.

Councilmembers expressed displeasure of the proposed rate increase.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Wittner, seconded by Medley, to authorize the City Manager to submit a letter to Tacoma Public Utilities expressing displeasure for the surcharge for Click! Network.**

Discussion continued on instead preparing a Resolution for Council consideration at the next meeting.

Wittner requested permission to withdraw the motion. George stated unless there is objection, the motion is withdrawn. No objections were noted.

There was consensus that a Resolution is brought forward for Council adoption.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **To receive comments on amendments to the 2017 – 2022 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.**

At 7:20 P.M. George opened the public hearing and outlined the format.

Public Works Director Wakefield stated the City was recently was awarded a grant for the 2016 Innovative Safety Program for Traffic Signal Safety Improvements. He reported that adoption of this amendment will put the project on the Six-Year transportation Improvement Plan and will ensure compliance with the requirements relative to the grant application and subsequent agreement for funding the traffic signal project. Wakefield noted that without this amendment and inclusion in the Six-Year TIP, the agreement to accept this grant would not take place.

George invited public comment. None was provided.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

At 7:24 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

## **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Public Safety and Court**

George stated he and Cheesman met to discuss the following:

- Hiring of the new police officer, noting that a thorough job was done prior to making the selection
- Holding the Tacoma School District accountable regarding conditions of occupancy for the Wainwright school, i.e., signage and pedestrian lights
- Investigating the possibility of tapping into the surveillance cameras at Wainwright for offsite viewing at the police department
- Maintaining as-builts and floor plans of Wainwright at the police department to assist in the event of an emergency
- Changeover of the reporting system to add accountability and efficiency to internal reporting
- An interest from the new Court Administrator in going paperless and for both departments to work together
- The “Shoot, Don’t Shoot” Law Enforcement Training Simulator that will be on site on February 14<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>

Cheesman provided an update to progress made regarding the signage requirements with the Tacoma School District.

Staff responded to a Council inquiry about a project within the Transportation Improvement Program.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 208812 through Voucher No. 208875 in the amount of \$138,142.50; approval of Payroll Check No. 12528 through Payroll Check No. 12535 in the amount of \$100,059.31; approval of the January 10, 2017 Regular City Council meeting; approval of the January 17, 2017 Special meeting; and setting a public hearing on February 14, 2017 at 7:15 P.M. to receive comments on amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22.99 – Frequently Flooded Areas.

**MOTION**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance amending FMC 6.08.130 relating to the schedule of rates and charges for solid waste collection**

Rosenbladt stated that a public hearing was conducted on January 10, 2017 to accept public comment on the proposed rates. He concluded by indicating that the ordinance is before Council to establish the adjusted solid waste rates.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1595**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Surina, to adopt Ordinance No. 1595 amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1557 and FMC 6.08.130 relating to the schedule of rates and charges for solid waste collection.**

George invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Greenleaf Landscaping Inc., for maintaining certain landscaped areas within Fircrest in 2017**

Rosenbladt stated that Council is being requested to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Greenleaf Landscaping Inc., for turf and landscape maintenance services for 2017. He noted that the 2016 bid agreement provides for an extension of the agreement and reported that Greenleaf has done a good job and recommended approval of the agreement. Rosenbladt concluded by stating that the amount is budgeted in both Beautification and Facilities for contracted work and recommended approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1470**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Resolution No. 1470 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Greenleaf Landscaping Inc., from March 27, 2017 to November 17, 2017 for the purpose of maintaining certain landscaped areas within Fircrest, in the amount of \$39,467.88, including sales tax.**

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

George invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution amending the 2017 – 2022 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program**

Wakefield stated the resolution, if approved, would amend the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and add the 2016 Innovative Safety Program for Traffic Signal Safety Improvements project to the Six-Year TIP, Wakefield concluded by noting that this will allow acceptance of the grant for that project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1471**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to adopt Resolution No. 1471 approving the City of Fircrest's Amended Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2017 – 2022.**

George invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Rosenblatt thanked Council for supporting the agenda modifications that added an item to tonight's Consent Calendar and also for conducting a public hearing tonight on the same night that the resolution was presented for approval. Rosenblatt called attention to a travel and training request that had been distributed for Reynolds to attend the AWC conference. He noted that per Council's rules, Council would need to approve the request, as it is more than \$150.00.

**MOTION**

**Moved by George, seconded by Medley, to approve the Expense Reimbursement Request for Reynolds to attend the AWC Conference.**

George invited public comment. None was provided.

## **VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Rosenblatt referred to the budgeted but frozen grant writer position and inquired if there was interest to bring the item forward at a study session. There was Council consensus that this item is placed on the February study session agenda.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Cheesman stated that traffic has improved at Whittier since Wainwright opened and distributed flyers regarding tomorrow night's grand opening of Wainwright Intermediate School.

Wakefield stated the bid opening for the Emerson Street Sidewalk Project is scheduled for Thursday, there were ten major contractors on the plan holder list, and they were hopeful that there would be some favorable bids.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Surina reported on receiving positive comments about Chief Cheesman and inquiries about how to get hired in Fircrest.

Reynolds inquired if Councilmembers were interested in a group photo as was discussed in today's Communications Committee. Reynolds suggested that Fircrest applies for the AWC Municipal Excellence Award in 2018 and offered to work with someone to get Fircrest showcased at the AWC Annual Conference.

Wittner reminded everyone of the grand opening of Wainwright scheduled for tomorrow. Wittner provided additional incentive for members to attend, adding that he would be speaking in his capacity as a Fircrest Councilmember and as a father of three children in Tacoma Public Schools.

George provided an update to items discussed today at the Communications Committee: (1) the organizational structure and content of the City's new website, (2) a spring launch of the site, (3) the need for photos, both current and historical, and (4) progress and popularity with the City's Facebook page. George concluded by supporting the communications efforts being made by the City.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

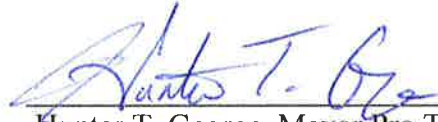
At 8:05 P.M., George reported that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:30 P.M., to discuss Item 14A – Labor Negotiations. George noted that the City Manager was invited to attend and Special Legal Counsel via telephone.


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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Wittner, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor Pro Tempore

  
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Lisa Keely, City Clerk