

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
7:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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 and Jason Medley were present. Councilmembers Denny Waltier and Hunter T. George were excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Presentation by South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition

Members from the South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition gave a presentation and asked for financial support for the future 120-bed psychiatric hospital planned to be built in Tacoma in partnership with MultiCare Health System and CHI Franciscan Health. Coalition members stated that the hospital will be constructed on the Allenmore campus in Tacoma, replacing an older building. Tim Thompson, of Thompson Consulting Group that coordinates the coalition's activities and will implement government funding, reiterated the mental health crises currently faced in Pierce County and South King County.

Councilmembers commented and Jolibois requested that this item is placed on the June 19th study session for discussion followed by action at the June 27th regular meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Maureen Duckworth, 1058 Monterey Lane, commented about the continued interest for a Community Garden in Fircrest.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS

Street, Facilities & Equipment

Jolibois stated that he met with Senior Maintenance Supervisor Mims to discuss ideas he had for landscaping around City Hall.

Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported on recent activities of the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 209389 through Voucher No. 209389 in the amount of \$350.00; approval of Voucher No. 209390 through Voucher No. 209457 in the amount of \$488,253.16; approval of Payroll Check No. 12646 through Payroll Check No. 12652 in the amount of \$94,442.70; approval of the

May 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes; and approval of the May 15, 2017 special meeting minutes.

MOTION

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

PUBLIC HEARING

To receive comments on the 2018 – 2023 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Public Works Director Wakefield stated this is a public hearing on the draft Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. He stated that adoption of a Six-Year transportation Improvement Plan will ensure compliance with the requirements relative to an annual, public participatory transportation improvement planning process as dictated by State statute. Wakefield indicated that this Plan will become a guidance document throughout the budgetary planning process and will also serve as the adopted priority array of projects to be completed in the future. Wakefield reported that each year, all cities, towns and other jurisdictions are required to review and update their respective transportation improvements plans and this requirement provides the framework for jurisdictional coordination of planning documents as well as the ability to compile individual plans into regional plans for the purpose of determining State, regional and local transportation needs. Wakefield concluded by stating that it is also important to note that the adoption of the Program does not irreversibly commit the City of Fircrest to construct the projects, and a project may be canceled at any time during the course of study or design. He further indicated that the Program may at any time be revised by a majority of the City Council, but only after a public hearing.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22 related to the sign code

Planning and Building Stahlnecker presented a power point presentation and outlined some of the goals and benefits of the proposed amendments to the sign code. She further provided code amendments to address concerns expressed during the public hearing. Principal Planner Boers outlined some of the knowledge he gained from a Harvard University class that reinforced the belief that good signage provides economic benefits to a community.

ORDINANCE NO. 1598

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Ordinance No. 1598 amending Fircrest Municipal Code Chapter 22.26 Sign Regulations, amending FMC Chapter 22.98 Definitions, repealing FMC 22.64.041.

Staff responded to Council concerns about the required separation between sandwich board signs and the formula used to determine the size of a window sign.

MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 1598

Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to table Ordinance No. 1598 amending Fircrest Municipal Code Chapter 22.26 Sign Regulations, amending FMC Chapter 22.98 Definitions, and repealing FMC 22.64.041 to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution designating voting delegate for the annual business meeting at the 2017 AWC Annual Conference

RESOLUTION NO. 1482

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Resolution No. 1482 designating Mayor Jolibois as voting delegate from the City of Fircrest for the annual business meeting at the 2017 AWC Annual Conference.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion authorizing the Interim City Manager as signer for the Columbia Bank Accounts effective May 27, 2017

Finance Director Corcoran stated that Council is being asked to adopt a motion authorizing Interim City Manager David W. Johnston as the signer for the Columbia Bank accounts due to the separation of service of City Manager Rick Rosenblatt on May 26, 2017.

MOTION

Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to authorize Interim City Manager David W. Johnston as the signer, and remove Rick Rosenblatt as the signer, for the Columbia Bank Accounts effective May 27, 2017.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Stahlnecker stated that the website is up and running and everything seems to be going smoothly. She concluded by commenting that she continues to hear positive comments about the website and its ease of use and thanked Council for providing the funding to make this happen..

Corcoran reported that the state reports were complete and ready for review by one or more Councilmembers. Finance Liaison Reynolds stated she would be available to review them this week.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Surina thanked everyone for attending and appreciated all the efforts from Planning with the sign code.

Reynolds reported on receiving positive feedback regarding the new website.

Wittner thanked everyone for coming. He further requested that the Community Garden information that was provided by WeDig Fircrest is included in the Friday packet.

Medley thanked Stahlnecker for her efforts with amendments to the sign code.


Jolibois thanked City Manager Rosenblatt for his years of service to the City of Fircrest.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.



Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk