

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
7:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDALL 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, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

City Clerk Keely administered the Oath of Office to Interim City Manager David W. Johnston.

Confirmation of Appointment of Planning Commissioner Cameron McGinnis

Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Cameron McGinnis to the City of Fircrest Planning Commission effective June 16, 2017 through June 15, 2023. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS

Parks & Recreation

Surina highlighted a discussion he had with Parks and Recreation Director Grover regarding Parks and Recreation needs that could be included in the 2018 budget. Surina commented about an upcoming June 29th Tot Lot dedication of the play structure that was constructed as part of the RCO Grant. Surina concluded with an update of the work being done on the survey by the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee members, noting that it will be completed within one or two weeks and presented to Council followed by a presentation to the public at a public meeting.

Administration

Wittner reported on a discussion he had with Interim City Manager Johnston, noting that he is impressed with the work being done so far and stated he appreciates all the transitional hard work.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 209458 through Voucher No. 209458 in the amount of \$49.76; approval of Voucher No. 209459 through Voucher No. 209560 in the amount of \$537,144.89; approval of Payroll Check No. 12660 through Payroll Check No. 12663 in the amount of \$6,513.03; approval of Payroll Check No. 12653 through Payroll Check No. 12659 in the amount of \$156,312.02; approval of Payroll Check No. 12664 through Payroll Check No. 12669 in the amount of \$85,527.54; approval of Payroll Check No. 12670 through Payroll Check No. 12691 in the amount of \$104,018.22; approval of the May 22, 2017 special meeting minutes; and approval of the May 23, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

Medley requested that Voucher Nos. 13952 and 13953 in the amounts of \$552.13 and \$1,023.94 are pulled.

MOTION

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

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to pay Voucher No. 13952 in the amount of \$552.13 and Voucher No. 13953 in the amount of \$1,023.94.

An historical discussion took place on the two 2009 Crown Victoria police vehicles and when they were placed in service. Following discussion, Council asked that City Clerk Keely, in the absence of ex-City Manager Rick Rosenblatt, respond to Council inquiries about the two 2009 police vehicles.

Jolibois invited public comment.

David Viafore, 1120 Paradise Parkway, commented about the 2009 vehicles.

VOTE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to take from the table the original motion relating to Ordinance 1598 amending Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22 related to the sign code. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Building Stahlnecker stated the ordinance was tabled at the May 23rd meeting and direction given by Council for staff to bring back amendments. She noted the ordinance, as presented, includes the amendments to reflect the desires of Council as follows:

- Adding language to *22.26.008 Nonconforming signs* to differentiate between signage for individual businesses or tenants and signage for multi-tenant centers
- Adding language to exempt monument signs and wall signs legally established after February 5, 2003
- Replacing language in *22.26.024(b) Window Signs - Area* to clarify and set a maximum of 4 square feet or 10 percent of the window area, whichever is greater. It includes language which allows the 10 percent to apply to window units (a grouping of windows separated by a *substantial* architecture element). It also excludes some businesses in the CMU if located 150' from a street and providing commercial services (versus retail).

- Existing window signage would be included under the nonconforming signs section.
- Change the spacing between portable signs [22.26.018(g)(4) *Portable Signs*] from 50' to 40'. This would allow 6 portable (A-frame, sandwich board signs). Attachment 2 gives a visual of 40' separation and 30' separation. 30' would allow 7 signs, but may appear more cluttered.
- Portable signs (versus temporary signs) would require a permit application.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Discussion continued regarding removing the permit requirement for portable signs.

Moved by George, seconded by Medley, to amend the motion on the floor to include the amendments to Ordinance 1598 as presented as well as adding a new section removing the requirement for a sign permit for portable signs. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1598

Moved by George, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt Ordinance No. 1598 as amended.

Jolibois invited public comment.

David Viafore, 604 Regents Boulevard, commented about the proposed changes.

Stahlnecker explained reasons behind the proposed amendments noting that the changes from the Planning Commission recommendation to the nonconforming signs section were to (1) clarify the difference between individual tenant or business signage requirements and multi-tenant center signage requirements and (2) limit when a sign needs to be brought into compliance based on change of ownership to those signs established prior to the 2003 sign code update.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution adopting the 2018 – 2023 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Public Works Director Wakefield stated a public hearing was held on May 23, 2017 and the Six-year Transportation Improvements Plan was ready for adoption. Wakefield reported the Federal Highway Administration funding sources for Map 21 had been updated. Wakefield stated this Program is not only intended to list projects for funding, but to establish City Council approval to submit grant applications on those projects contained in the Program. It should be noted that for a project to obtain state or federal funding, it must be included in the City's Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvements Program. Wakefield concluded by recommending adoption of the Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 1483

Moved by Medley, seconded George, approving the City of Fircrest Six-Year Transportation Improvements Program for the period of 2018 – 2023.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center

Cheesman stated that Council is being asked to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to direct the Police Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center. He noted that the officers currently provide victims of domestic violence with information packets explaining how they can access needed services and how to go about obtaining protection orders. Often times, officers do not have the time to go over the information in the packets resulting in victims disregarding the information officers provide them. This partnership will ensure that our victims receive outreach from a trained community-based domestic violence advocate who can help our victims navigate through a difficult course. Cheesman concluded by stating that in creating this relationship they will better provide victims of domestic violence access to services which will ultimately increase their safety and the safety of their children and introduced the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Director Craig Roberts.

Roberts thanked Council for their consideration of the Memorandum of Understanding, noting that they currently provide these services to the sheriff's department for unincorporated Pierce County, and the cities of University Place, Bonney Lake and Milton.

RESOLUTION NO. 1484

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Resolution No. 1484 authorizing the City Manager to direct the Fircrest Police Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center for victim outreach services.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

VOTE

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

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Interim City Manager David Johnston thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve as Interim City Manager and commented that he has enjoyed working with such a dedicated staff. He reported that on the Monday study session agenda is a discussion regarding the process to fill the City Manager position permanently. Johnston stated that the status quo budget process has begun internally and suggested that Council start thinking about goals that are desired to be included in the budget and then staff would design the supporting programs and services to meet those goals and price them out. Johnston encouraged that the liaison program is utilized to initiate conversations about budget ideas. Johnston concluded by noting that in driving around the City of Fircrest it is amazing how much people care about and take care of their properties.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Stahlnecker provided statistics after comparing use of the old website with the new one, noting that for the period May 19, 2016 through June 7, 2016 there were approximately 71 visits per day and for the same period this year, there was an average of 241 per day.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers welcomed David Johnston to the City of Fircrest and thanked everyone for coming.

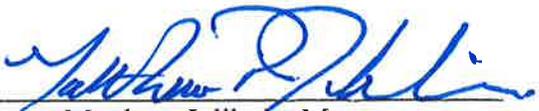
Waltier recognized former Mayor and Councilmember David Viafore to chambers.

George gave kudos to staff for their efforts with the City's new website and thanked the Communications Committee for their work on it as well. George asked that the City's website includes information about where residents can get a library card.

Surina commented that the traffic is flowing much better at the Mildred and Regents intersection and thanked Wakefield for his efforts to implement that. Surina concluded by commenting that he and Interim City Manager Johnston toured Masko Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Waltier, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.


Matthew Jolibois, Mayor


Lisa Keely, City Clerk