

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hunter T. George called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, and Denny Waltier were present. Councilmember Jason Medley was absent and excused.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE**

Interim City Manager McDonald introduced the agenda item to the Council on the comparison of a 7-year life of five police vehicles versus a 10-year life of an eight police vehicle fleet that allows for one spare vehicle. Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the data assumptions and relevant information used by staff to determine the values associated with the Equipment Rental and Replacement (ERR) replacement contribution net effect of going from a 7-year life with five vehicles to a 10-year life with eight vehicles, the salary difference for the term of the contract, the capital outlay due to the increase of the fleet, and the overall cost to the City. After reviewing the impacts of both an increase in size of fleet and a 10-year schedule, Corcoran stated that the 2018 Budget remains with a 7-year life schedule until Council makes a formal policy change to the schedule, and recommended an ERR Council study session to cover all City vehicles in the first quarter of 2018.

After a brief discussion on the methodology and assessment of the Police Guild contract salary savings, McDonald stated the information provided represents what the costs and values are to increasing the size of the police vehicle fleet, moving to a ten year replacement schedule, and what the police bargaining unit gave up in foregone earnings. Waltier inquired if the calculations include surplus sales and Corcoran replied that the surplus sales are not significant but are put back against the ERR contributions for the upcoming years. George commented on the 7-year versus 10-year impact to the annual budget over the course of ten years. Wittner expressed concern stating that what the Police Guild forfeited during bargaining is undervalued and it has a potential for misleading the public. Surina commended the Police Department for their conservative spending and being under budget as well as their fundraising efforts over the past years.

**TAKE HOME VEHICLE UPDATE**

McDonald provided an update on the police take home vehicles. McDonald stated that the City is still presented with the problem of being able to have an eight vehicle fleet per the take home policy as the two 2018 vehicles that were recently approved will not be delivered until as early as February 2018. McDonald stated that presently the City needs one take home car to be in compliance with the Police Guild contract, and that he and Police Chief Cheesman have developed an option with City of DuPont to borrow a police vehicle that is currently not being used between now and when the 2018 vehicles are delivered. McDonald stated that this vehicle is an unmarked car and has a partition cage. McDonald indicated that the City of Fircrest would have to purchase and equip this vehicle with a radio, which, once the 2018 police vehicles are delivered, can be installed in one of the 2018 vehicles. McDonald stated that this would show a good faith effort to be in compliance with the Police Guild contract.

### **2017 DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES**

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the 2017 Development Code updates, which include proposed amendments relating to zoning and subdivision regulations contained in various chapters of Title 22 Land Development as directed by Comprehensive Plan Goal LU12. Stahlnecker indicated staff initiated these amendments in order to refine permit process, ensure consistency with Comprehensive Plan, address changing conditions, implement legal advice, and clarify and improve code administration. Stahlnecker stated this study session would provide the Council an opportunity to ask questions before the scheduled November 28, 2017 public hearing, and that these amendments would be legislative in action most likely scheduled for the December 12, 2017 meeting.

There was a brief question and answer session on Commercial Mixed Use permitted uses and drive through facilities, which included input from Principal Planner Jeff Boers on the proposed residential zone articulation amendment.

### **AMENDMENTS TO F.M.C. 22.58.024 OUTDOOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES**

George brought attention to the submitted written public comment by Penny Drost, 944 Alameda Avenue, for the record relating to the proposed changes to Chapter 22.58 FMC regarding the storage of recreational vehicles on one's property. After seeking input from the Council and staff on postponing this item to 2018 when the new Council convenes, George obtained a consensus to postpone this item to 2018.

### **COPY MACHINE LEASE VERSUS PURCHASE**

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the copier machine lease versus purchase as the lease with Copiers Northwest is set to expire in December 2017. Corcoran provided the price difference between the lease versus purchase options and outlined items to consider if the Council opted to purchase the copier machines. Corcoran indicated that even though there is a cost savings of \$6,191.77 to purchase versus leasing over a five-year lease term, the fund balance would decrease by \$27,636 under the purchase option. Corcoran stated that the maintenance cost would be the same for both options except maintenance service would not be available on purchased machines after five years. Corcoran stated that the 2018 Budget includes the lease option. After deliberating the advantages and disadvantages of these options, there was a consensus to lease the copier machines.

### **PROCESS FOR FILLING A COUNCIL VACANCY**

City Attorney Smith briefed the Council on the procedures for filling in a Council vacancy. Smith stated that the Council Rules of Procedures adhere to RCW 42.12.070, which state that the members of the governing body shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacant position within 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. Smith indicated this vacancy has created a unique window of time where the vacancy occurred one week after the elections, and indicated the City has two options: do nothing and let that position fill itself by operation of law based on the election that recently occurred or the Council could appoint to fill Position #1 at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Smith stated that should the Council appoint someone at the next regularly scheduled meeting, that person would serve until Position #1 is filled by operation of law once the elections are certified and in effect in 2018. The Council discussed maintaining the status quo as well as potential scenarios where it would be advantageous to have

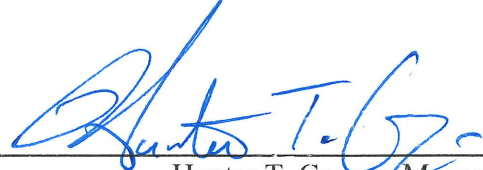
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a full Council for the remainder of the calendar year. Surina asked Position #1 Councilmember-Elect, David Viafore, his preference; Viafore stated that the Council should appoint a qualified person within 90 days per the aforementioned RCW and that he has been the person elected for that position and believes the citizens should be served. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to add an agenda item to the November 28, 2017 regular Council meeting to fill the Council vacancy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk