

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

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Blake Surina, Denny Waltier, and Jason Medley were present.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

None was provided.

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

George invited public comment. None were provided.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS**

George asked Councilmembers if there were any objections to skipping the Liaison Reports; none were provided. Reynolds reported that the Council should consider appointing councilmembers as the Fircrest representative and the alternate to the Pierce County Regional Council in January 2018.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 210471 through Voucher No. 210559 in the amount of \$334,526.09; approval of Payroll Check No. 13026 through Payroll Check No. 13032 in the amount of \$93,694.51; approval of the December 12, 2017 regular Council meeting minutes; and setting a public hearing on January 9, 2018 to receive comments on a proposed solid waste rate adjustment. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No public hearing was scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution: Humane Society/Animal Sheltering Services**

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the proposed agreement with the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County for furnishing and maintaining a suitable shelter for the handling of stray, impounded, and unwanted companion animals turned over to the Humane Society by Fircrest residents. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1514, authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement between The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County and the City of Fircrest for animal sheltering services for 2018; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore requested more information about whether the City was made whole from the insurance settlement. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**B. Resolution: Department of Assigned Counsel Contract**

Court Administrator Perry briefed the Council on the proposed agreement for Public Defense Services with Pierce County through the Department of Assigned Counsel. **Medley MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1515, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Public Defense Services with Pierce County for indigent legal defense services; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Wittner inquired about the \$2,000 increase from the 2017 contract. Perry indicated that the increase is due to the City providing Department of Assigned Counsel to be present with the defendants at arraignment, which was not provided for before. George invited public comment; none was provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**C. Resolutions of Appreciation**

- George briefed the Council on the proposed resolution of appreciation expressing appreciation for outstanding public service to Matthew Jolibois as Councilmember and Mayor. At the request of George, the resolution was read in its entirety into the record by the City Clerk. **Medley MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1516, expressing appreciation for outstanding public service to Matthew Jolibois as Councilmember and Mayor; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds inquired if the City had done a resolution of appreciation before for a Councilmember who resigned prior to the end of their term. There was a brief discussion commenting on the purpose of the resolution, recognizing and honoring the years of service regardless of the departure circumstances. George invited public comment; none was provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- George briefed the Council on the proposed resolution of appreciation expressing appreciation for outstanding public service to Jason Medley as Councilmember. At the request of George, the resolution was read in its entirety into the record by the City Clerk. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1517, expressing appreciation for outstanding public service to Jason Medley as Councilmember; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore, Waltier, Surina, Reynolds, George, and Wittner stated Medley represented the community well, was thought provoking and a pleasure working with, and commented on his consistency and passion. Medley thanked Council for their words of appreciation. George invited public comment; none was provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**D. Oaths of Office**

City Attorney Smith administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Reynolds, Councilmember Waltier, and Councilmember-elect Jamie Nixon.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

None was provided.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Cheesman and Perry commended Council for its work this year and commented they look forward to working with Council in 2018.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

The Council congratulated the newly elected councilmembers, thanked Medley for his service, and expressed good wishes to all during the holidays. Additional councilmember comments included:

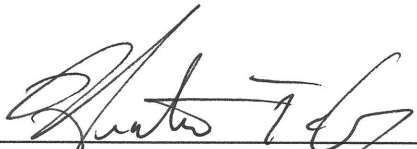
- Viafore commented that the Council should consider appointing councilmembers to the Pierce County Regional Council at the first regular meeting of January 2018.
- Reynolds indicated interest in continuing her appointment to the Pierce County Regional Council.
- Medley thanked Council and staff, commented on his accomplishments, and thanked everyone for allowing him to be in service. Medley expressed hope that the City continues its efforts on fiscal responsibility and conservative spending.
- George expressed his appreciation of those in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Medley **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk