

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier, and Jason Medley were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Proclamation: National Night Out

Reynolds read a proclamation in support of the August 1, 2017 National Night Out, which urges all citizens to join the Fircrest Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch in participating in this important event. The Council and public thanked Police Chief Cheesman and the Police Department for their efforts. **Medley Moved to approve the proclamation as written; seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Presentation: Pool and Community Center Survey

Jolibois and Sally York presented the preliminary results of the City of Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center 2017 survey, which was authorized by the City Council with the goal to solicit input from Fircrest residents regarding the importance of the Fircrest Pool, the Roy H. Murphy Community Center, the park facilities, and recreational activities. Jolibois and York indicated that the full survey report will be posted on the City website and strategic planning for public facilities, further opportunities for community input, and identification of funding sources will ensue. The following individuals provided comment:

- Yolonda Brooks commented on the survey options and cost of chlorine.
- Kathy Owens, 545 Forrest Park Drive, commented on the accessibility of the survey

C. Presentation: WeDig Fircrest

Jenny Stryker presented the community garden concept on the Fox property located at the southeast corner of Electron Way and Contra Costa Avenue. Stryker responded to Council questions regarding costs and stated that costs associated with the garden would all be funded by grants and that the water consumption would be paid by plot fees. The following individuals provided comments:

- Harry Hayward, Master Gardener Program, commented in support of the community garden at the Fox property.
- Maureen Duckworth, 1058 Monterey Lane, commented in support of the community garden at the Fox property.
- Kathy Owens, 545 Forrest Park Drive, commented on adhering to the PROs plan recommendation for the Fox property and recommended the City run the garden with volunteers on public property. Owens also provided general comments regarding sustainable plants on City property; the removal of the Photinia trees in the planting strip fronting the Public Works building along Ramsdell Street; and the Maple trees planted in the tennis courts parking lot.
- Renee Meschi, Harvest Pierce County, commented in support of negotiations with the City to iron out the details of the contract.

After some discussion, the Council achieved a consensus on directing Johnston to develop an agreement with the community garden stakeholders for the Fox property to define the contractual relationship and outline the responsibilities, and bring the agreement to Council for review and consideration for approval.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jolibois invited public comment. The following individuals provided comments:

- Eileen Pilcher, a non-resident of Fircrest, commented in support of the tennis courts resurfacing.
- David Sollars, 600 San Juan Avenue, commented in support of the tennis courts resurfacing.
- James (inaudible last name), a non-resident of Fircrest, commented in support of the tennis courts resurfacing.
- Kathy Owens, 545 Forrest Park Drive, commented on the City public notice process.
- Jenny Stryker, WeDig Fircrest, commented on the WeDig Fircrest efforts to speak with the neighbors of the Fox property.

After some discussion on the tennis courts resurfacing public process and public notice process, the public comment period ended.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Water, Sewer, Storm

Waltier reported no new updates.

B. Street, Facilities, Equipment

Jolibois reported no new updates.

C. Public Safety, Court

George reported that his meeting with the Court Administrator and Police Chief focused on the 2018 budget and personnel and equipment needs.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds and Waltier reported they were unable to attend the July 20, 2017 Pierce County Regional Council meeting and were excused.

There was a brief discussion between Council and staff on the landscaping changes fronting the Public Works Department and the working relationship for improvements with the Planning Department. For future matters, Council requested to be notified of such changes to keep the Council informed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 209702 through Voucher No. 209792 in the amount of \$222,493.26; approval of Payroll Check No. 12758 through Payroll Check No. 12792 in the amount of \$118,111.52; and approval

of the June 27, 2017 regular meeting minutes. **Reynolds Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by George. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1486 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #6 to the Agreement with Leavitt Group NW to provide insurance broker services

City Clerk Jessica Nappi, who handles risk management on behalf of the City, briefed the Council on the resolution that would continue the required insurance broker services with Leavitt Group NW. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **Medley Moved to approve Resolution 1486 as written; seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Resolution No. 1487 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for a fireworks display on August 12, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Johnston briefed the Council on the resolution that would approve a contract with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide the fireworks display at the August 12, 2017 “Fun Days” community event. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **Medley Moved to approve Resolution 1487 as written; seconded by Reynold. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

C. Resolution No. 1488 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for a fireworks display

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the resolution that would approve a contract with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide the fireworks display at the August 1, 2017 “National Night Out” community event. Cheesman noted that the City will use donated funds to cover costs of the fireworks display. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **Reynolds Moved to approve Resolution 1488 as written; seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Johnston reported that Washington State Senator Steve O'Ban and Representative Dick Muri would like to provide a legislative update to Council at Council's August study session. Johnston surveyed the Council for availability to meet on the initial 2018 Budget and this item was scheduled for a study session on July 31, 2017.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None were provided.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

The Council thanked the participants for their participation and public input. Additional comments included:

- Surina commended the Committee on their work and commented on the City’s historical planning significance.
- Reynolds commented on looking into implementing a listserv to distribute City information to the public.
- Wittner stated that he now is receiving the agenda packets digitally like several of the other councilmembers and recommended others to go paperless as well.
- George requested staff follow up regarding the sustainable plants on City property.
- Waltier and Medley commented on the digital distribution of agenda packets and supporting information.
- Jolibois recognized former Councilmember and Mayor Viafore in the audience.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M, seconded by Medley. The Motion Carried Unanimously.


Matthew Jolibois, Mayor


Jessica Nappi, City Clerk