

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, Denny Waltier, and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Hunter T. George was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Proclamation: Dysautonomia Awareness Month

Reynolds read a proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2017 as Dysautonomia Awareness Month. **Reynolds Moved to approve the proclamation as written; seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Presentation: Fircrest Park Fundraising Efforts Update

Shannon Zook, Optimum Physical Therapy, briefed the Council on the Fircrest Park playground fundraising efforts held on July 28, 2017. Zook stated that the golf tournament at Highlands Golf Course raised approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000, and will coordinate with Parks and Recreation Director Grover on playground equipment. Zook stated he would like to turn this community fundraising effort into an annual event and thanked all the participants.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jolibois invited public comment. The following individual provided comment:

- Yolonda Brooks, 6448 19th Street W., commented on a potential opportunity for the City of Fircrest to participate in a county-wide effort online permitting process.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 210136 through Voucher No. 210204 in the amount of \$59,077.35; approval of Payroll Check No. 12937 in the amount of \$0.00 (stop pay void check No. 12918/reissue 12937); approval of Payroll Check No. 12938 through Payroll Check No. 12945 in the amount of \$90,217.61; approval of Payroll Check No. 12946 through Payroll Check No. 12955 in the amount of \$5,884.23; approval of Payroll Check No. 12956 through Payroll Check No. 12961 in the amount of \$102,076.57; approval of Payroll Check No. 12962 through Payroll Check No. 12962 in the amount of \$737.18; and approval of the September 26, 2017 regular meeting minutes. **Reynolds Moved to approve the consent calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Surina provided an update on the Community Center and Pool Request for Qualifications, timeline, and potential fundraising opportunities. Surina stated that the Thelma Gilmur Park cleanup is scheduled for the first of Monday the month. Surina thanked Zook for his fundraising efforts and spoke of the renovation project of the Fircrest Park playground. Surina provided an update on the Whittier Park efforts as it relates to moles and the irrigation system and that Parks and Recreation staff is coordinating with the Public Works department to address these issues. Surina stated the Request for Bid Proposals for the Whittier Park Tennis Court resurfacing will be advertised in Spring 2018. Reynolds added that University

of Washington and other partners, including the Tahoma Audubon Society, are participating in a combined fund drive and encouraged individuals to volunteer.

B. Environment, Planning, Building

Medley reported no new updates.

At the request of Reynolds, the meeting recessed at 8:46 P.M. for a five minute recess. The Council reconvened at 8:51 P.M.

C. Finance, IT

Reynolds reported that the City achieved 50% participation by City insured employees and spouses and has earned the WellCity Award and 2% premium discount.

D. Administration

Wittner reported that the City recently held a meet and greet public reception for City Manager final candidates and held interviews on October 5, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Preliminary 2018 Budget Revenues

At 7:15 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing and invited public testimony. Finance Director Corcoran stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments on the Preliminary 2018 Budget revenues. Corcoran briefed the Council on an overview of revenues and transfers-in on the General Fund, Street Fund, Stormdrain Operating Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Water Operating Fund, and the new capital funds for Stormdrain, Water, and Sewer. Corcoran stated the total of all funds is \$25,419,540. The following individuals provided comment:

- David Viafore, 1120 Paradise Parkway, commented on the effects of the revenue structure, and made recommendations regarding utility rates increases.
- Ray Clark, 624 Alta Vista Place, commented on the utility rate increases.

There was a brief Council discussion on the effects of the scheduled utility rate increases as adopted by ordinance and options to lessen the impact.

At 7:32 P.M., Jolibois closed the public hearing.

B. Preliminary 2018 Budget Expenditures

At 7:32 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing and invited public testimony. Corcoran stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments on the Preliminary 2018 Budget expenditures. Corcoran briefed the Council on the 2018 budget expenditures, and stated that the total expenditures including ending fund balance for all funds is \$25,419,540. The following individual provided comment:

- David Viafore, 1120 Paradise Parkway, commented on the LED conversion light program, Street Fund beautification project, the grind and overlay of Berkley and Buena Vista capital improvement project, high tank capital improvement project, and cash flow management practice.

There was a brief Council discussion on the proposed budgeted expenditures, high tank lease rental revenues, and the Street Fund net effect on the ending fund balance. At 7:40 P.M., Jolibois closed the public hearing.

C. Potential annexation of the 62nd Avenue West and 44th Street West Potential Annexation Area

At 7:40 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing and invited public testimony. Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed annexation of the potential annexation area (PAA) through an interlocal agreement with Pierce County as set forth in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.14.460. The following individual provided comment:

- Dan Cardwell, Pierce County Long Range Planning Supervisor, thanked the partnership between the City and County, and stated that this proposed annexation will provide residents more efficient services and local representation.

At 7:50 P.M., Jolibois closed the public hearing.

D. Amendments to Fircrest Comprehensive Plan and Pre-Annexation Designations

At 7:50 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing and invited public testimony. Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed update to the City's Comprehensive Plan by amending the Capital Facilities and Land Use Elements and establishment of a pre-annexation land use designation and zoning classification for the potential annexation area. There were no public comments.

At 7:53 P.M., Jolibois closed the public hearing.

E. Amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22, regarding short-term rentals, home occupations, and outdoor storage of vehicles

At 7:53 P.M., Jolibois opened the public hearing and invited public testimony. Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed amendments to the Fircrest Municipal Code Sections (FMC) 22.58, including short-term rental establishments, home occupations, outdoor storage of vehicles, and Chapter 22.98 Definitions.

The following individuals provided comment and stated their concerns regarding the recreational vehicle parking and outdoor storage proposed code:

- Penny Drost, 944 Alameda Avenue
- Vicki Hudson, 144 Regents Boulevard
- John Westbrook, 1425 Evergreen Place
- Ray Clark, 624 Alta Vista Place
- Evan Lee, 514 Ramsdell Street
- David Westbrook, 306 Columbia Avenue

Stahlnecker provided Council with submitted written comments for the record.

There was a brief Council discussion regarding the background of the request to review the existing recreational vehicle parking and outdoor storage FMC and the limitations of this proposed code as well as proposed parking alternatives for residents. The Council requested staff to separate the proposed ordinance into three separate ordinances to streamline the process for the uncontested proposed code changes while further addressing the recreational vehicle parking and outdoor storage proposed code at the next scheduled Council study session. **Jolibois Moved to continue the public hearing on the October 24, 2017 regular City Council meeting to accept additional comments on the amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22; seconded by Medley. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance: Salaries of Non-Union Employees, Including Casual and Seasonal Employees

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1583 and FMC 2.44.050 relating to salaries of non-union City employees and amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1583 and FMC 2.44.090 relating to hourly rate of pay for casual and seasonal employees for implementation of January 1, 2018. Corcoran indicated that the proposed ordinance includes a Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) for non-represented employees of 3% based on the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers (CPI-W) for the year ending June 2017, which is 3%. **Medley Moved adopt Ordinance No. 1600, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1583 and FMC 2.44.050 relating to salaries of non-union City employees and amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1583 and FMC 2.44.090 relating to hourly rate of pay for casual and seasonal employees; seconded by Wittner. Jolibois invited councilmember comment; Medley inquired if this item could be deferred. The Motion Carried 5-1 with Medley casting the dissenting vote.**

B. Ordinance: Municipal Court Judge, Chief Examiner, and Information Services Manager Rate of Pay

Reynolds Moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1601 amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1585 and FMC 2.44.070 reestablishing the Municipal Court Judge monthly rate of pay, the Civil Service Chief Examiner rate of pay, and the Information Services Manager rate of pay; seconded by Waltier. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. The Motion Carried 5-1 with Medley casting the dissenting vote.

C. Ordinance: 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Levy

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance that would allow the City to levy the necessary amount to fund 2018 City operations by fixing the annual Ad Valorem tax levy. **Reynolds Moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1602, fixing the amount of the annual Ad Valorem tax levy necessary for the Fiscal Year 2018 and repealing Section 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1584; seconded by Wittner. Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

D. Resolution: 2018 Regular Tax Levy

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to establish the amount and percentage increase of the 2018 regular property tax levy over the 2017 regular property tax levy. **Reynolds Moved to adopt Resolution No. 1493, establishing the amount and percentage increase of the 2018 regular Property Tax levy over the 2017 regular Property Tax levy; seconded by Wittner.** Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

E. Resolution: 2018 EMS Tax Levy

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to establish the amount and percentage increase of the 2018 EMS Property Tax levy over the 2017 EMS Property Tax levy. **Reynolds Moved to adopt Resolution No. 1494, establishing the amount and percentage increase of the 2018 EMS Property Tax levy over the 2017 EMS Property Tax levy; seconded by Wittner.** Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

F. Motion: 2018 Regular Property Tax and Regular EMS Levy Certification Forms

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed motion to approve the 2018 levy certification forms. **Reynolds Moved to authorize the City Manager sign the 2018 regular property and EMS levy certification forms; seconded by Wittner.** Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

G. Resolution: Annexation Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding

Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to annex the potential annexation area through Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County as set forth in RCW 35A.14.460. **Medley Moved to adopt Resolution No. 1495, authorizing the City manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County regarding the annexation of the City's potential annexation area set forth in RCW 35A.14.460 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the transition of governmental services related to said annexation; seconded by Waltier.** Jolibois invited public comment; none was provided. **The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- McDonald advised that the next AWC regional meeting will be held on November 8, 2017 in Federal Way and will cover the 2018 legislative agenda.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None was provided.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

The Council thanked staff and the public for their attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

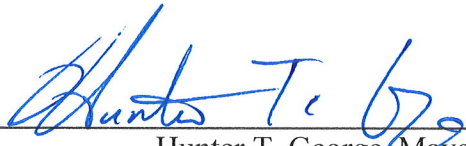
There was none.

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ADJOURNMENT

Wittner Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried Unanimously.



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk