

**CITY OF FIRCREST**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6:00 P.M.** **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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

Mayor Matthew Jolibois called the special meeting to order at 6:00 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.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**PRELIMINARY 2018 BUDGET – 3<sup>rd</sup> BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Interim City Manager McDonald briefed the Council on 2018 budget related significant items to address. McDonald provided overarching observations on the General Fund, Street Fund, REET funds, and Enterprise funds, stating there are options for the Council to consider regarding increasing revenues to address the property tax limitations and the City's needs such as levy lifts, a metropolitan parks district, and a street improvement district. McDonald stated that the Street Fund needs a long term solution, the REET funds should be considered to service debt in the event of a bond for the Community Center and Pool project, and the capital liability in the Enterprise funds is underfunded to address aging infrastructure. McDonald stated that staff would research whether these measures would compete with the General Fund.

McDonald and staff provided background and alternatives on proposed budget expenditures the Council had previously requested more information on including the Council handheld devices, addition of personnel, police vehicles, and bay insulation capital building improvement project, relocation of the west entrance traffic island, LED Conversion Program, and street beautification. McDonald and staff briefed the Council on the proposed 2018 Parks and Recreation fee adjustments, additional goals to be added to the 2018 budget, impact of the scheduled utility rate increases, and a proposed transfer change to accurately reflect the costs of the Street Light Maintenance program (LED Conversion Program) and the associated net effect benefits. McDonald stated that with the purchase of the proposed two 2018 vehicles, the City would be in compliance with the Police Guild contract, and that the City should consider a ten-year ERR schedule instead of a seven-year schedule.

There was a brief discussion on advantages of Council notebooks versus tablets as well as whether funds for Council devices should be appropriated. There was an additional discussion on the justification and performance measures of the two proposed personnel positions, the part-time Community Events Coordinator and the police sergeant promotion, and whether the west entrance traffic island relocation project still needed to be addressed now that the construction on 27<sup>th</sup> Street was completed. The Council requested more information regarding the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund and the impact of the two new proposed police vehicles.

Corcoran briefed the Council on the changes to the final 2018 budget, which included the deduction of the special election park bond and personnel manual update, reduced AWC medical rates, updated beginning fund balances, uncompleted projects rollover amounts, and reduced City County Assistance revenue projections. Corcoran stated that the Preliminary 2018 Budget

as Adjusted is anticipated to be adopted at the November 14, 2017 meeting with Council approval. McDonald briefed the Council on the budget schedule with the next budget work session scheduled for October 23, 2017.

Jolibois requested a motion to the extend the special meeting past 8:00 P.M.; **Reynolds Moved to extend the special meeting past the regularly scheduled adjournment time of 8:00 P.M.; seconded by George. The Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Jolibois invited public comment on the Preliminary 2018 Budget. The following individual provided comment:

- David Viafore, 1120 Paradise Parkway, commented on items that may impact the budget for the Council to consider.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


At 7:55 P.M., Jolibois stated that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to evaluate the qualifications of City Manager applicants for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), not to exceed the hour of 8:30 P.M.

The Council reconvened into session at 8:17 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Jolibois Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 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