

**CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tempore Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner and Denny Waltier were present. Mayor Matthew Jolibois and Councilmember Jason Medley were excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

George welcomed Mike Fitzgerald, Tacoma Fire Department Assistant to the Chief of Budget and Finance, who provided an update on the Tacoma Fire budget for 2017 and 2018.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Water, Sewer and Storm

Wittner reported on a meeting he had with Public Works Director Wakefield after receiving complaints from residents about the taste and the smell of the water due to the addition of chlorine. Wittner stated he had encouraged those with complaints, questions and concerns to contact Public Works.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 208505 through Voucher No. 208575 in the amount of \$308,017.14; approval of Payroll Check No. 12465 through Payroll Check No. 12471 in the amount of \$89,257.74; approval of the October 10, 2016 Special meeting; approval of the October 11, 2016 Regular meeting; and approval of the October 17, 2016 Special meeting.

MOTION

Moved by Wittner, seconded by Waltier, to approve the consent calendar as read. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code Title 17 regarding utility billing

Wakefield stated the ordinance addresses administrative changes to the billing process that are necessary due to the recently adopted rate increases.

ORDINANCE NO. 1591

Moved by Wittner, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Ordinance No. 1591 amending FMC Title 17 relating to the Uniform Utility Billing and Collection System.

George invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with KPG, P.S. for providing on call engineering services for transportation type projects as needed

Wakefield stated that Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with KPG, P.S. to provide on call engineering services for transportation type projects as needed. He noted that amendment 1 is a continuation of on-call engineering services with KPG to extend for an additional year and without an increase in their rates.

RESOLUTION NO. 1455

Moved by Wittner, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Resolution No. 1455 authorizing the City Manager to execute amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with KPG, P.S. to provide on call engineering services for transportation type projects as needed.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

George invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Murray Smith and Associates for providing on call engineering services for water and sewer type projects as needed

Wakefield stated that Murray Smith and Associates has provided excellent on-call engineering services for water and sewer type projects. He reported that the agreement would extend the term for an additional year as well as a 4% rate increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 1456

Moved by Wittner, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Resolution No. 1456 authorizing the City Manager to execute amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Murray Smith and Associates to provide on call engineering services for water and sewer type projects as needed.

George invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the City of Fircrest/IBEW Local 483 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019

City Manager Rosenblatt stated that the negotiations didn't involve attorneys or union representatives and were successfully completed with the crew and staff (Wakefield, Rosenblatt and City Clerk Keely). He highlighted modifications to the agreement and reported that it includes a minimum COLA of 1% and a signing bonus of \$3,200, which was the amount budgeted for professional services to negotiate the contract divided by the five current crew members. Rosenblatt concluded by stating that the Mayor is a strong supporter of the agreement and recommended approval of the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 1457

Moved by Wittner, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Resolution No. 1457 authorizing the City Manager to execute the City of Fircrest/IBEW Local 483 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

George invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion authorizing the Finance Director to reallocate \$16,000 from Professional Services in Street, Storm, Water and Sewer to Salaries and Wages in Street, Storm, Water and Sewer to cover the cost of signing bonuses per the IBEW contract

Rosenblatt stated that the 2016 Budget allowed for Professional Services in the amount of \$16,000.00 for negotiations for the new IBEW contract. He reported that the agreement was negotiated and includes a signing bonus for employees in the bargaining unit as of the date of ratification by the association.

Rosenblatt concluded by reporting that this proposal will provide the necessary funds to cover the signing bonuses.

MOTION

Moved by Wittner, seconded by Reynolds, to authorize the Finance Director to reallocate \$16,000 from Professional Services lines in Street, Storm, Water and Sewer to Salaries and Wages in Street, Storm, Water and Sewer to cover the cost of signing bonuses per the IBEW contract.

George invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenblatt stated there would not be a packet distributed tomorrow due to the short week. He reminded Council of the upcoming tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 4th at 7:00 P.M. Rosenblatt inquired if there was interest to cancel the December 27th regular Council meeting and to move business items to the meeting of December 19th. Following discussion, there was consensus to hold the regular meeting of December 27, 2016.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Wakefield reported that the City was not successful in obtaining the state-wide Transportation Improvement Board grant for the next phase of the Emerson Street sidewalk project (from Alameda to 67th), noting there were 28 applicants from the Puget Sound region, eight were funded, and no awards were given in Pierce County. Wakefield stated the trend seems to be to put in more match money to get a higher ranking. Wakefield stated they would be working on getting the Emerson Sidewalk Project (Orchard to Alameda) ready to go out to bid in the next couple of weeks, noting this was the project that had been bid previously but the bids came in too high. He noted they were hopeful for a better bidding climate when it is bid in January and also that the project gets started between April and June. Wakefield reported they had been successful in receiving grant funding for this project. Wakefield concluded by providing an update on the timing of the distribution of the calendars that were produced as part of the NPDES outreach portion of the stormwater grant and outlined the awards presentation for the kids. George inquired if the tree lighting ceremony could start earlier than 7:00 P.M. and Rosenblatt responded that he would work on making that happen for the ceremony in December of 2018.

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker called attention to the survey that was forwarded to Council from SiteCrafting, the website designer that will be designing the new Fircrest website. She noted that the deadline has been extended to Monday, November 28th, and stated that SiteCrafting was hopeful that feedback could be provided to them regarding issues desired for the website.

Police Chief Cheesman stated they were all set for the tree lighting ceremony and had made arrangements with Steilacoom to pick up the sleigh.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Surina reported on the passing of Florence "Rorie" March, noting that she was past president on the Wainwright PTA and active in the Fircrest community.

Reynolds inquired about the status of the credit card points of sale services, the possible rates, and whether the City was interested in pursuing it. Acting Finance Director Thomas stated she had been working with someone regarding the costs and was hopeful to have a final proposal in next week's Council packet. She further noted the goal was to coincide implementation of credit card purchasing with the new City website in order to provide online registration for programs.

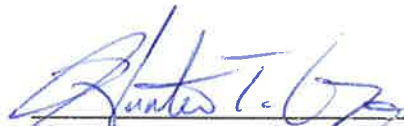
Wittner thanked everybody for coming and wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Waltier noted that his longtime friend, Darth Swanson, recently passed.


George inquired about agenda items for the December study session and asked if there was interest to discuss marijuana at that meeting. Discussion continued and there was Council consensus to bring the Planning Commission's recommendation forward in the form of an ordinance for discussion and action on December 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.



Hunter T. George, Mayor Pro Tempore



Lisa Keely, City Clerk