

**CITY OF FIRCREST  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 17, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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, Brett Wittner, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Shannon Reynolds was absent. Reynolds arrived at 6:03 P.M.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Setting a public hearing on January 24, 2017 at 7:15 pm to receive comments on amendments to the 2017 – 2022 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program**

**Moved by George, seconded by Medley, to approve the consent calendar as read. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentation by Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water on rate changes**

Bob Mack, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) Deputy Director for Public Affairs, presented a Power Point Presentation on the Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water proposed rate increases. Mack noted that the Tacoma Public Utilities Board and the Tacoma City Council would need to approve the rate increases before they are implemented. He highlighted the service territory and their long-term perspective benefits for future generations. Mack reported that TPU invests in the community, noting that \$41 million was contributed in tax revenues to the City of Tacoma General Fund. Mack reported that the proposed power increase per month for 2017 and 2018 is \$5.75 and for water is proposed to increase \$1.79 per month. Mack concluded by addressing their energy and water conservation programs, zero-interest loans to help manage the costs for energy efficient homes and their support for low-income customers through payment assistance and energy conservation programs. Mack introduced the following individuals from TPU:

Clark Mather, Public Affairs; LaTasha Wortham, Public Affairs; Christina Leinneweber, Tacoma Power; and Bill Zimmerman, Tacoma Water.

Mack and Leinneweber responded to Council inquiries regarding the Click! Network, the current program of selling power to California, assistance programs for water and power customers, the impacts of power conservation, incentives to utilize electric vehicles but avoiding gifting of public funds, the use of inclining and declining block rates for power,

**Discussion, review and direction on the Community Center and Pool survey**

Surina highlighted the survey produced by the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee. He further discussed the Committee's proposed timeline of events following distribution of the survey. Discussion ensued on suggestions and changes that could be made to the survey. There was Council consensus that no changes are made to the survey prior to its scheduled distribution.

Discussion on feasibility of building a new Police station, and use and possible development of Public Works yard

Jolibois proposed his idea to sell the building where the police department is presently located, relocate the department to a new facility in the Public Works yard, and plat and sell off parcels of land from the Public Works yard for one-family development by individual developers. Discussion ensued and there was not support to pursue Jolibois' idea.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**



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Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



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Lisa Keely, City Clerk