

**CITY OF FIRCREST**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 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 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.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**Parks & Recreation**

Surina provided information about items that were discussed at the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee meeting held last week. He reported that data regarding the survey will be placed on the City's website, Facebook page and the reader board. Reynolds reported she would like to see the raw data from the surveys. Rosenbladt noted that he would be making copies of all of the surveys before providing them to the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee for handling. Jolibois mentioned that he met with John Alexander, golf course superintendent at the Fircrest Golf Club, who voiced a willingness to work twice annually with city staff sprucing up the fields in the parks.

Medley stated he met briefly with Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker. He expressed concerns with the proposed sign code amendments, noting that he had received complaints from business owners about the negative and costly impacts the amendments would have on their businesses, if adopted. Medley inquired about the process to amend the sign code and noted that it wasn't Council driven.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**To receive comments on amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code 22.99.010 Designation of Frequently Flooded Areas**

At 7:19 P.M. Jolibois opened the public hearing and outlined the format.

Stahlnecker reported that based on a re-evaluation of flood hazards in the area, all local jurisdictions are required to adopt FEMA approved floodplain management measures by March 7, 2017. She reported that the proposed frequently flooded area amendments include the required updated text language, the address of City Hall where the study and maps can be found, and the addition of "or his or her designee" after "director" in section (a)(2).

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

At 7:22 P.M. Jolibois closed the public hearing.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS, continued**

**Parks & Recreation**

Responding to Waltier, Rosenblatt stated he would address inquiries about the sign code amendments during City Manager comments.

**Administration**

Wittner reported on meeting and discussing issues with City Manager Rosenblatt.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 208876 through Voucher No. 208977 in the amount of \$381,200.41; approval of Payroll Check No. 12536 through Payroll Check No. 12539 in the amount of \$6,082.46; approval of Payroll Check No. 12540 through Payroll Check No. 12545 in the amount of \$85,861.46; approval of Payroll Check No. 12546 through Payroll Check No. 12552 in the amount of \$95,125.15; and approval of the January 24, 2017 Regular City Council meeting.

**MOTION**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Fircrest Police Officers Guild**

Rosenblatt provided an overview of amendments to the five-year Police Guild contract and recommended approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1472**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adopt Resolution No. 1472 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Fircrest and the Fircrest Police Officers Guild for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.**

Councilmembers expressed reasons why they were not in support of the contract.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

Jolibois requested a roll call vote.

**Ayes: Reynolds, Surina, Waltier, Wittner and Jolibois. Noes: George and Medley. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1473**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Resolution No. 1473 expressing displeasure to the City of Tacoma for the Tacoma Power proposed rate increase that would contribute supplemental funding to Click! Network for operating, maintenance, taxes, capital costs and debt service.**

Councilmembers expressed support for and against the Resolution.

Jolibois requested a roll call vote.

**Ayes: Medley, Waltier and Wittner. Noes: Reynolds, Surina, George and Jolibois. Motion failed.**

**Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 5 with Bannon, Carlson & Kessel to change the name to Leavitt Group NW**

Rosenblatt stated that Bannon, Carlson & Kessel has provided insurance broker service to Fircrest since December 2012 and changed their name to Leavitt Group NW. He concluded by noting that there were no changes to the services being provided.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1474**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adopt Resolution No. 1474 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #5 to the agreement with Bannon, Carlson & Kessel, Inc. who have changed their name to Leavitt Group NW, for insurance broker services.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion awarding a contract to Archer Construction in the amount of \$582,502.50 for the Emerson Sidewalk Project**

Wakefield stated that nine responsive bids were received for the Emerson Sidewalk Project and Archer Construction was the low bidder in an amount of \$582,502.50. Wakefield reported that Archer Construction's references were checked and their past work appears that they are a capable contractor to complete the work. Wakefield concluded by stating that KPG and the Transportation Improvement Board acknowledges that Archer Construction is a qualified bidder and this is a responsive bid for the Emerson Street Sidewalks Project - Orchard to Alameda Ave.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the Emerson Sidewalk Project to Archer Construction for \$582,502.50 to prepare and execute the required contract documents, and to give the “Notice to Proceed” to commence construction of the project.**

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code 22.99.010 Designation of Frequently Flooded Areas**

Stahlnecker stated that the ordinance updates the City’s frequently flooded areas regulations by amending Section 22.99.010 Designation of Frequently Flooded Areas and represents a requirement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ORDINANCE NO. 1596**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt Ordinance No. 1596 amending Ordinance No. 1307, Section 1 and Fircrest Municipal Code Section 17.04.005 relating to uniform utility billing and collection system.**

**VOTE**

**Upon vote, motion carried unanimously,**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Rosenblatt reported that the survey that was initiated by the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee is on the City’s website, the City’s Facebook page, and was mailed today as an inclusion with the utility bills. He noted that the surveys are also available for pick-up at City Hall and the Community Center. Rosenblatt reported that the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee will hold their next meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> and commence putting all the information together received from the survey. Rosenblatt reported that he will be maintaining all the originals and will make copies before providing them to the Committee. Rosenblatt stated the survey will be open until March 17<sup>th</sup>. Rosenblatt stated the second and final First Aid class is scheduled for Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Rosenblatt addressed concerns expressed by Medley regarding the sign code amendments and amortization timeline and acknowledged that the Reed vs. Town of Gilbert decision was the genesis for the amendments. He further noted that additional amendments were being introduced for discussion and review and stated the City

Council makes the final decision on the code amendments. Stahlnecker outlined the proposed amendments, noting that although most were beneficial to the businesses, both staff and the Planning Commission had heard the concerns that were expressed during the public hearing. Stahlnecker acknowledged that the City Council would hold one or more public hearings before making the final decision.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

George stated that Wittner represented the City well during his comments at the Wainwright Grand Opening. He welcomed Finance Director Corcoran to Chambers following her leave.

Reynolds noting receiving emails regarding the Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) conference scheduled for May and encouraged Council participation. She further noted that she would be bringing documentation forward regarding Global Rare Disease Day at the meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup> to show support by the City of Fircrest.

Surina recited a Valentine's Day poem.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by George, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**



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Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



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Lisa Keely, City Clerk