

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
7:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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 and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Denny Waltier was absent. Waltier arrived at 7:03 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

John Bozich, 1535 Estate Place, provided copies of a document he prepared regarding the 2015 Distribution of Local Sales Tax to Cities and Counties and discussed sales tax equalization.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND LIAISON REPORTS

Parks & Recreation

Surina reiterated items from the Park and Recreation Director's General Update and concluded by stating the survey data is being analyzed by members of the Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 209176 through Voucher No. 209240 in the amount of \$120,211.43; approval of Payroll Check No. 12602 through Payroll Check No. 12605 in the amount of \$5,813.31; approval of Payroll Check No. 12606 through Payroll Check No. 12615 in the amount of \$98,760.40; approval of Payroll Check No. 12616 through Payroll Check No. 12621 in the amount of \$103,044.23; and approval of the March 28, 2017 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

MOTION

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

PUBLIC HEARING

To receive comments on amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22, related to the sign code

At 7:15 P.M. Jolibois opened the public hearing and outlined the format.

Planning and Building Administrator Angelie Stahlnecker provided a brief history and stated that the proposed amendments would modify Sign Code Regulations within FMC 22.26, definitions in 22.98 and would repeal FMC 22.64.041 regarding design criteria. She noted that the proposed

amendments borrow and adapt certain provisions that were initiated in response to the Reed v. Town of Gilbert U.S. Supreme Court decision and explained how and why that decision is effecting amendments to the sign code. Stahlnecker stated that the Planning Commission conducted public hearings on February 7, 2017 and March 7, 2017 and adopted a resolution recommending amendments to the sign code.

Principal Planner Jeff Boers presented a Power Point presentation and highlighted significant amendments to the sign code.

Jolibois invited public comment.

Pat Sollars, 600 San Juan Avenue, voiced support that the sign code amendments prohibit private advertising that people place in the rights of way throughout the City.

Staff responded to Council inquiries.

At 7:52 P.M. Jolibois closed the public hearing.

Staff responded to additional Council inquiries.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution expressing support for Senate Bill 5851 that requires vehicle value taxes to be based on the published Kelley Blue Book or National Automobile Dealers Association vehicle values, rather than an arbitrary depreciation formula

Rosenblatt reported that Senate Bill 5851 was deemed unconstitutional and recommended not proceeding with adoption of the resolution.

There was consensus to remove Item 10A from the agenda.

Resolution expressing support for Senate Bill 5817 that authorizes counties and cities to opt out of the payment of Sound Transit Phase 3 taxes

Rosenblatt reported that Senate Bill 5817 hasn't made it out of Committee and is most likely not going to move forward.

There was consensus to remove Item 10B from the agenda.

Following discussion there was consensus that a letter, signed by Councilmembers, is provided to the Washington State Legislature encouraging them to fix and adjust the formula used by Regional Transit Authorities for the administration of motor vehicle excise taxes.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Following discussion, there was consensus to add Community Gardens to the April 25, 2017 agenda. It was suggested that adjacent neighbors of the areas being considered are advised of the discussion. Following information regarding annexation of the area referred to as the ‘Chair,’ there was agreement to schedule a public hearing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Public Works Director Wakefield gave an update on progress of the Emerson Street Sidewalk Project, noting the projected completion date is the end of May but it will more likely be mid-June.

Police Chief Cheesman stated the lateral police officer candidate will complete testing this week. Cheesman reported on the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers thanked everyone for coming.

George stated he appreciated the inclusion of pictures of the faulty pipe before it was fixed at the Pool in the City Manager’s General Update.

Responding to Waltier, Rosenblatt stated that residents adjacent to both Whittier and Fircrest Park will be notified about the Community Garden discussion scheduled for April 25th regular meeting. He acknowledged that information will also be included on the reader board about that discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jolibois stated that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session at the hour of 8:30 p.m., not to exceed the hour of 8:45 P.M., to discuss City Manager Performance Evaluation. The City Attorney was invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 P.M. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.


Matthew Jolibois, Mayor


Lisa Keely, City Clerk