

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Blake Surina, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmember David M. Viafore was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Community Center and Pool Update

Pingel indicated that \$750,000 for the Fircrest Pool project has been included in the state capital budget and thanked the legislative delegation for their sponsorship of the City’s capital request. Pingel indicated that the Steering Committee for the Community Center and Pool would be on the March 19th study session for discussion. Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the pool repair and stated that KPG indicated the repair would be suitable for a short term life (2-3 years) until such time as a new pool facility could be built. Grover provided a timeline of next steps, which included filling the pool in March to evaluate the incoming water supply lines, the integrity of the pipe structure, and all other aspects of the pool system to judge the feasibility of opening the pool for this upcoming season. There was a brief discussion about a new drainage system for the new pool, identifying the main contributor of the water leak, and identifying stakeholders, individuals, and target groups to consider for the Steering Committee. Pingel indicated ARC Architects would be issuing a project timeline soon.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment. The following individuals provided comment:

- Jane Harper, 1005 Brentwood Place, commented on drainage on Alameda Avenue and on water utility billing. Public Works Director Wakefield indicated that the City was aware of the drainage issue on Alameda and was working on obtaining funding for a grind and overlay project to reestablish the curb and curb line for drainage. There was a brief discussion regarding the context of the Council adopted 3-year rate adjustments for utilities as well as investigating summer rates and water conservation. Finance Director Corcoran indicated the City offers budget payment plans for utility bills and George requested Harper work with staff to discuss payment options.
- Bonnie Blair, 521 Monterey Lane, commented on utility rates.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Waltier reported that he and George were meeting with Pingel weekly and have discussed the following concepts: Council retreat, island electronic clock, High Tank painting project, convening the Investment Committee, and the City’s grant writer.

B. Environment, Planning and Building

Reynolds reported that the items coming before the Planning Commission appeared to be routine and non-controversial. George added that the City would be advertising for the two soon-to-be Planning Commission vacancies.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Nixon reported that Finance has secured two interns from Tacoma Community College who would assist the Department from April through June.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 210886 through Voucher Check No. 210972 in the amount of \$140,350.16; approval of Payroll Check No. 13078 through Voucher Check No. 13087 in the amount of \$6,626.87; approval of Payroll Check No. 13088 through Payroll Check No. 13093 in the amount of \$87,815.49; approval of Payroll Check No. 13094 through Payroll Check No. 13099 in the amount of \$99,445.39; and approval of the February 20, 2018 special Council meeting minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance: Budget Amendment – 2nd Reading

Corcoran briefed the Council on a request for additional appropriations for anticipated revenues and expenditures not foreseen at the time of filing the 2018 Preliminary Budget and not provided for in the Adopted 2018 Budget. Corcoran called attention to the addition to the budget proposal since the 1st reading, which was the ARC Architects service agreement for continuing design of the Roy H. Murphy Community Center and the Community Pool. Corcoran stated this item would reduce the Designated Fund Balance-44th/Alameda by \$252,763. **Waltier MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1614, authorizing expenditures of funds for matters not foreseen at the time of filing of the 2018 Preliminary Budget and not provided for in the Adopted 2018 Budget; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

B. Resolution: Wellness Program

Corcoran briefed the Council on the City's employee Wellness Program activities and the benefits of the Wellness Program. Corcoran indicated the City earned the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Well City Award, which provides the City a 2% discount on medical insurance premiums. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1525 expressing continued support for the City of Fircrest Employee Wellness Program; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Surina and George commended the Wellness Committee their efforts. Nixon inquired about the Police Virtual 5K Wellness activity; Corcoran indicated it is an activity to increase participation from those with shift-schedules. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

C. Resolution: KPG, P.S. Professional Services Agreement Amendment

Wakefield briefed the Council on the proposed third amendment to the professional services agreement with KPG, P.S. to provide on call engineering services for transportation type projects and additional services as needed. Wakefield indicated that the amendment to the existing on call agreement would allow the City to obtain the services as-needed that are beyond just street and transportation elements. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1526, authorizing the City Manager to execute a third amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with KPG, P.S. for providing on call engineering services for**

transportation type projects and additional services as needed; seconded by Wittner. George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Pingel called attention to a Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) article on the Washington State Court of Appeals clarification under which personal Facebook posts could be considered public records. Pingel indicated staff was working with ARC Architects on a tentative project schedule, and indicated the March 19th Council study session would include discussions on 2017 Police Statistics, ERR, and Steering Committee. Pingel commended the City’s grant writer and her work on the state capital budget application for the Fircrest Pool project and commented that he and City’s grant writer have met to develop goals to be as effective as possible in that role. Pingel indicated that the grant writer would be applying for two RCO Grants this year. Nixon shared information on recent cases regarding elected officials blocking individuals on Facebook and expressed awareness moving forward.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker reported that she and staff went door to door to the City’s newly annexed residents to hand out welcome packets and conduct the State required survey. Stahlnecker indicated that the road signs have been updated; however staff would continue to issue reminders to residences in need of updating their street numbers in order to aid emergency first responders who respond to calls for service. Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the City’s website improvements, which include a page dedicated to up-to-date information. Stahlnecker indicated she would like to pursue the feasibility and strategy of a tree bank contribution in lieu of on-site tree replacement program. Reynolds stated this kind of program could accomplish several goals, including becoming a Tree City and replacing the City’s aging, well established trees.
- Police Chief Cheesman commented on the benefits of the Wellness Program and provided an update on the Orchard Street burglary.
- Public Works Director Wakefield provided an update on the Drake Street Lift Station project, indicating it would go out to bid with an addendum on March 15th.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover responded to a question from Wittner regarding a status update on the tennis courts at Whittier. Grover indicated the project would go out to bid soon and construction for the resurfacing would take place over 3-4 days during optimal weather conditions (May or June). George added that there may be a list of suggested vendors from Metro Parks to consider to obtain competitive bids.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Wittner thanked the public for their attendance and participation and reminded residents to lock their vehicles to prevent theft.
- Waltier commented on the Alameda and Emerson traffic signal improvement and looked forward to the traffic signal improvement at the intersections of Alameda and Regents.
 - Bonnie Blair, 521 Monterey Lane, commented on parking and the right-of-way near the Tot Lot and safety concerns.
- Surina brought attention to Senior Maintenance Supervisor, Gary Mim’s announcement of retirement after 35 years of service to the City of Fircrest and commended his accomplishments.

- George requested help in promoting and encouraging residents to attend the 2017 Police Statistics update scheduled for March 19th study session. George thanked the legislative delegation for sponsoring the City’s capital budget request and indicated Senator O’Ban and Representatives Kilduff and Muri would brief the Council in April on a legislative update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

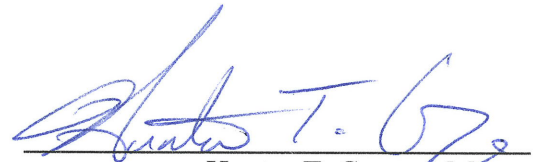
At 8:05 P.M., George reported that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:35 P.M., to discuss labor agreement pursuant to RCW 42.30.140. George noted that Pingel, City’s Labor Attorney, John Lee, and Councilmember Viafore (via conference call) would be joining the Executive Session.

At 8:28 P.M., George came out of Executive Session and extended the Executive Session to no later than 8:45 P.M.


The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:43 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk