

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hunter T. George called the special meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmember Denny Waltier was absent and excused.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

George requested to move Agenda Item #6 Ruston Court to the first order of business and recognized Ruston Mayor Bruce Hopkins.

RUSTON COURT

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the draft interlocal agreement between the City of Fircrest and the City of Ruston for the provision of municipal court, prosecution, and public defender services. Pingel indicated the proposed agreement would include a contract amount that would assume a certain case load and financial provisions in place in the event the case load was exceeded. Pingel anticipated two Ruston court days a month, and stated the Fircrest Police Department would provide bailiff services during days when the municipal court was considering Ruston cases. Pingel stated that both parties have the right to terminate the agreement, provided that the terminating party provides twelve months' notice, and that the initial term of the agreement would be from September 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Viafore briefed the Council on his involvement as Council Liaison and the City's relationship with the City of Ruston, and stated he had no trouble with the proposed contract and that it was a great arrangement. Viafore recommended tightening the language under financial provisions as it related to compensation of officers for bailiff services to ensure it was hours worked during regular hours and not during off-duty. George commented on his excitement of this proposal, and inquired about the omission of an escalator; Pingel indicated the contract was case load based and that the contract term allowed for amendments for negotiation such as cost of living adjustments by October 1st of each year. George inquired about staffing capacity; Pingel indicated the City was assuming 50% more as it related to staffing and that he anticipated hiring an additional full-time Court Clerk to accommodate this addition to the City's workload. George invited Ruston Mayor Hopkins to comment; Hopkins thanked Council for their support to oppose proposed legislation that would have created a provision that would allow annexation without proper approval from the local governing body or its residents. Hopkins briefed the Council on its municipal court difficulties as it related to safety and facility adequacy, and stated that the improvements to modernize the facility would have been cost-prohibitive. Hopkins commented on his appreciation of this proposed agreement and stated it would be a win-win for both cities. Judge John Miller recognized Ruston Councilmember Deborah Kristovich. After a brief discussion on Fircrest Municipal Court operations, transitional court consolidation procedures and expectations, and police staffing, Pingel indicated the final agreement would come before Council once staff and Ruston have finalized the agreement, and George added a budget adjustment would come before Council to include funding for an additional full-time Court Clerk. Council expressed no concerns and directed staff to continue finalizing the agreement.

HIGH WATER TANK PAINTING/MURAL

Pingel briefed the Council on the High Water tank painting project with the proposed mural rendition. Pingel presented financial projections, stating the projected cost of the High Tank painting was \$85,000, which was lower than the budgeted \$150,000, and the cost for the addition of a mural would be \$27,300. Pingel introduced Andrew Imholt, who was the resident that brought this idea forward and helped staff work through potential costs and concepts. Imholt briefed the Council on the timeline and background of his proposal to staff over the past several years and commented on the benefits of a mural type of design. After a brief discussion that included concerns over the recent increases in water rates, the cost, and what the value added was of a mural as well as the economic and community benefits, there was a discussion regarding potential funding sources for the project. Viafore commented on whether using proprietary funds would be appropriate to fund a mural and recommended utilizing REET funds to fund the project. Wakefield clarified that the mural would occur in conjunction with the tank painting and would be as part of the exterior protective coating. George invited public comment; Anne Jones, 1207 Buena Vista Avenue, provided her input from a real estate agent point of view, commenting on the economic development/marketing benefits of a highly visible water tank with a mural identifying the City. Joe Barrentine, 132 Berkeley Avenue, provided his input from a communications point of view, stating the mural would be an opportunity to reinforce a brand identity. There was a brief discussion regarding REET potentially being used for the mural or entire tank painting project. Wakefield provided a draft timeline of the project, stating the project could be completed in late August/early September if the Council directed staff to proceed now and as a weather dependent project, the completion date could fluctuate. Pingel indicated staff could return to Council with more information at the June 12, 2018 Council meeting and stated that would be the last possible date for the project to be completed during 2018. There was a consensus in favor of a mural and staff was directed to provide financial information on the impact to the budget and to REET to help the Council determine how to fund the mural.

COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURES UPDATE

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed revisions to the Fircrest City Council Rules of Procedures. Pingel indicated the Council's document was last updated in 2009 and recommended they be reviewed every two to three years. Discussion included:

- Rule 2: Striking “eligible to vote” from “present and eligible to vote” from the proposed language.
- Rule 4C: Staff to provide more information on how other localities proceed with election of officers.
- Rule 5B: Maintaining the proposed language and replacing “may be” with “shall” in the last sentence of 5B.
- Rule 5E: There was a consensus to include the proposed language. Viafore and Reynolds were not in favor of the proposed addition.
- Rule 5F: Striking the proposed language.
- Rule 6: Postponing until the City has the technology system to support participation via telephone and more research on safety measures.
- Rule 10: Considering adding a two-hour time limit to study session.
- Rule 18: Pingel clarified that the specified Council Rules would override Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised would be used as a guideline.

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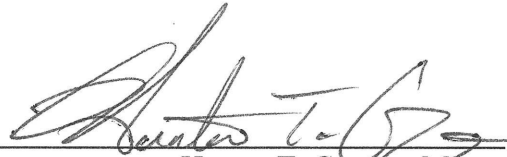
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- Rule 19: Striking the proposed language.
- Rule 20D: Staff to consult with the City Attorney.
- Rule 20F: General consensus to maintain public comments after each action item.

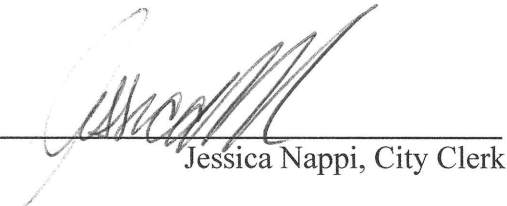
Pingel indicated staff would bring this item before Council at a later date to continue the discussion on proposed changes to the Council Rules of Procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M., seconded by Viafore. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk