

**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, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmembers David M. Viafore and Denny Waltier were absent and excused. George stated Viafore may arrive late to the meeting.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

**A. Community Center and Pool Update**

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the pool status, indicating the pool continued to use an average of 5,000 gallons a day in make-up water, which was lower than the average 8,500 gallons a day during the previous season. Grover indicated the usage of chlorine was minimized as well. Grover reported Whittier and Wainwright schools hosted the fifth grade graduation party at the park and pool over the weekend. Grover indicated the next meeting of the Pool, Community Center, and Parks Steering Committee was scheduled for June 19, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Center and would discuss pool design options. Grover stated ARC Architects would present everything up to date including the outcomes of the June 19th Steering Committee meeting to Council at its June 26, 2018 regular meeting.

**B. Planning Commission Appointments**

George extended his apologies for being absent at the May 22, 2018 meeting and briefed the Council on the process of nominating the two candidates for the two vacancies on the Planning Commission. **Reynolds MOVED to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Karissa Carpenter to the City of Fircrest Planning Commission effective June 13, 2018 through June 15, 2021; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds commented on the error in the agenda summary, noting it should have reflected the unexpired term of Planning Commissioner Michaelson. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

**Surina MOVED to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Sarah Hamel to the City of Fircrest Planning Commission effective June 16, 2018 through June 15, 2024; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

George reported that he attended the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly meeting recently on behalf of the City and that the General Assembly adopted their operation and transportation budgets and celebrated the twenty women mayors in the four-county Puget Sound Regional Council. George reported that he attended the Pierce County, Cities and Towns recent meeting where Pierce County Executive Dammeier encouraged localities to consider a credit for jobs created by new businesses via permitting and utility credits, and stated he would forward the information to staff and the Planning and Building liaison for their consideration. George reported that the City’s Pierce Transit Board Commissioner, Nancy Henderson, reached out to him to discuss a proposed \$104,000 Fast Ferry Feasibility Study for High Speed, Passenger Only Ferry Service between downtown Tacoma and downtown Seattle Pierce Transit was considering at its June 11, 2018 meeting. George stated that although Henderson did not vote in favor of authorizing the study due to the timing of ST3, the Board approved to hire a consultant to perform the feasibility study. George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds commented she was excited the study was being done and looked forward to the results. Wittner commented on how the study would be paid for. George indicated South Sound Alliance would be meeting soon to discuss its 2019 work plan and its efforts as it related to economic development. George stated he intended to

attend and invited councilmembers and staff to attend the meeting. George added that he would request the South Sound 911 fees to be added to the agenda of the Pierce County, Cities and Towns fall meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

George invited public comment; Al (last name unknown), University Place resident, commented on improvements of west Regents Boulevard traffic island in order to ease of traffic congestion. George, Surina, and Wittner provided background on the removal of this project during the 2018 budget process as, at that time, it was observed traffic congestion improved with the traffic signal improvements and that Council would wait until traffic congestion worsened. There was a consensus for Council to revisit this item and staff would provide more information to Council at a future date.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Administration**

Due to Waltier’s absence, no report was provided.

**B. Environment, Planning and Building**

Reynolds indicated she had not had the opportunity to meet with the Planning and Building Administrator, and as such, no report was provided.

Viafore arrived at 7:25 P.M.

**C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

Nixon reported that he and staff reviewed the reports that were submitted to the State Auditor, and indicated staff had initiated working on the 2019 Budget. Nixon reported that the mid-year report would be brought before Council in July, and stated that the senior bus was traded in for the new bus, which would be delivered at the end of August. Nixon recognized Finance Director Corcoran and her staff for their work.

**D. Other Liaison Reports**

None were provided.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 211314 in the amount of \$80.00; Voucher No. 211315 through Voucher Check No. 211418 in the amount of \$101,720.43; approval of Payroll Check No. 13157 through Payroll Check No. 13163 in the amount of \$100,649.43; approval of Payroll Check No. 13164 through Payroll Check No. 13178 in the amount of \$6,411.57; approval of Payroll Check No. 13179 through Payroll Check No. 13184 in the amount of \$89,664.15; approval of Payroll Check No. 13185 through Payroll Check No. 13202 in the amount of \$108,648.60; approval of the May 8, 2018 regular Council meeting minutes; approval of the May 21, 2018 special Council meeting minutes; approval of the Fircrest Pool, Community Center, and Parks Steering Committee members; setting Budget study sessions for September 24, October 1, 8, 22, and 29, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.; setting a public hearing on October 9, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. to receive comments on revenue sources for the Preliminary 2019 Budget including property taxes; setting a public hearing on October 9, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. to receive comments on the Preliminary 2019 Budget; and setting a public hearing on October 23, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. to receive comments on the Preliminary 2019 Budget. **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No public hearing was scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AWC Business Meeting Voting Delegates**

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would designate himself and Nixon as voting delegates for the annual Association of Washington Cities (AWC) business meeting. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1533, designating Councilmember Nixon and City Manager Pingel as voting delegates from the City of Fircrest for the annual AWC Business Meeting at the 2018 AWC Annual Conference; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**B. Bond Reimbursement**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would declare the City's intent to make expenditures from the City's General Fund to pay a portion of the costs of replacing, rehabilitating and improving the City's pool and other parks capital projects, and reasonably expects to be reimbursed for those expenditures from proceeds of a future bonds. Pingel indicated the reimbursement would be retroactive sixty days from the time of the resolution was approved, which would include expenditures on recent pool repairs would be captured. Pingel stated that should it be decided to replace the community center, it would behoove the City to phase the construction as well the issuance of the approved bonds. Pingel stated the benefit of the bond reimbursement would be in capturing expenditures on recent pool repairs, any community center fixes, and Parks expenditures up until bond revenues. Pingel indicated the scope for the bond reimbursement resolution was for \$5,000,000. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1534, declaring its official intent to reimburse capital expenditures from proceeds of a future borrowing, and providing for all other matters properly related thereto, all as more particularly set forth herein; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore commented on the exclusion of the City Attorney approval as to form on the resolution. Pingel and City Attorney Smith indicated the resolution would be updated be approved by the City Attorney as well update the bond counsel's name, both of which would be treated as Scribner's errors. Surina inquired if the ARC Feasibility Study would be included in the bond reimbursement; Pingel indicated it would not. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**C. 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program**

Wakefield briefed the Council on the 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, indicating no comments were received during the May 22, 2018 public hearing and no comments were received during the SEPA review. **Surina MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1535, approving the City of Fircrest's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2019 – 2024; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; George inquired about the PCRC grant project application; Wakefield indicated staff submitted a complete streets project for Alameda Avenue from Regents Boulevard to Spring Street. George invited public comment; none were provided. City Attorney Smith commented

on a Scribner's error under Section 1 on the resolution, indicating the year of adoption should reflect 2019 instead of 2018. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Pingel requested the Council consider approval of Nixon's training attendance request for the annual AWC Business Meeting at the 2018 AWC Annual Conference, stating the per the Council rules, the City Council was required to approve any councilmember travel exceeding \$150. **Viafore MOVED to move to approve Councilmember Nixon's Training Attendance Request for the 2018 Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference from June 26 through June 29, 2018 not to exceed the dollar value of \$1,000.00; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore stated he was excited Nixon could attend. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

Pingel reported on the status of the High Tank painting and potential mural project, stating that due to the time of year, staff would delay bidding the project until closer to the end of the year and then bid both the High Tank and Low Tank together. Pingel stated he anticipated that these projects would be 2019 expenditures and completed as soon as weather permitted in the spring. Pingel indicated this would allow the Council more time to consider including a mural on the High Tank and how to fund it. Pingel indicated staff would return to Council with REET scenarios once the Low Tank estimate was available. Pingel indicated this was the first year the City was taking on the Car Show and asked for Council feedback for which fund donations should be deposited garnered from the Car Show. There was a brief discussion to dedicate the donations to the General Fund or Parks Capital, and there was a consensus to use those donations for Fircrest Park Playground replacement.

Pingel reported staff would be submitting the Names Family Foundation grant application before the June 15, 2018 deadline. Pingel stated that a cover letter requesting what the City needed would be submitted to the Edwards Foundation, and that staff would report back to Council with a progress update. George added that the Names Family Foundation application addressed only the pool, and stated that the Names Family Foundation indicated the City could refine its application during the summer as well as submit an additional request in the future for the community center project. George indicated that Jeff Edwards offered to help the City make connections with other family foundations with ties to the City. Pingel updated the Council on the crossings at Alameda Avenue, stating he was in communications with the principal of Whittier and Wainwright schools to address the concerns. Reynolds inquired about a ballpark figure for the pool project; Pingel commented on the difficulty of requesting donations without a fully developed project scope, and stated the City submitted a Names Family Foundation project application requested \$2 million for a \$5 million project. Pingel stated that the Edwards Foundation had a less formal process and would consider donating a certain amount of funds spread out over several years.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Wakefield reported that the Drake Street Lift Station project had been awarded to Pape & Sons, and that the City was working on resolving a pump failure at the Drake Street Lift Station by working with Pape & Sons to temporarily install a secondary, diesel pump until the delivery of the electrical pump.
- Chief Cheesman reported former Mayor Cavanaugh recently visited him and dropped off the Public Safety building's original building plans and an article regarding the building's dedication.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore provided his concerns regarding business items and study session items, commenting that the Council Rules Discussion item scheduled for the June 26, 2018 regular Council meeting should be treated as a study session item. Viafore requested that item be placed on a study session unless it was a priority of the administration and Mayor. George stated he generally agreed with Viafore's stance on protocol but that he would prefer to discuss the item sooner than later due to the progress Council and staff had made on this item and full study session agendas in the coming months.
- Reynolds commented on giving consideration to work schedules and scheduling in-depth Council items. Reynolds stated she would be absent from the September 24, 2018 Budget study session.
- Wittner thanked Cheesman for participating in the Sound to Narrows running event, and commented on a recent property damage of a lawn bear sculpture on Claremont Street caused by a drunk driving accident.
- Surina commented his recent communications with the City of Camas regarding pool water loss and indicated he shared the City's pool survey with the City. Surina indicated he met with the new Ruston Police Chief and stated he would like Cheesman to meet with him.
- Nixon commented on accessibility and transparency as it related to making Council meeting audio available on the City's website, and requested if staff could research the feasibility of it and be discussed at a future Council meeting. Pingel indicated putting the audio online could be easily executed and asked for Council guidance regarding making the Council meeting audio accessible to the public via the website. Viafore requested time to digest and consider any downsides. Nixon requested placing a proclamation at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting in June to recognize Pride month, and George requested Nixon to coordinate with the City Clerk.
- George commented on the Fircrest Golf Course condominium development and associated tree removal, and urged staff to be prepared to address concerns and questions from the public. George stated he would like to place the Council Rules Discussion item on the June 26, 2018 meeting as it looked like it would be a light agenda, and stated he would postpone that item if that meeting went long or other items took precedence. Viafore commented that he would prefer to postpone the June 26, 2018 discussion on Council Rules.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:06 P.M., George reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:19 P.M., to discuss labor agreement pursuant to RCW 42.30.140. At 8:11 P.M., George noted Pingel would be joining the Executive Session.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:19 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk