

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon were present.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

**A. Proclamation: National Night Out**

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the National Night Out event and proclamation, and Reynolds **MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on a proclamation proclaiming August 7, 2018 as “National Night Out” in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Wittner.** George read the proclamation into the record. George invited councilmember comment; Waltier commented on his granddaughter singing the national anthem. Wittner thanked Cheesman and the committee for their hard work. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. Community Center and Pool Update**

Grover briefed the Council on the current condition of the pool, stating it was operating well for this time of year, and that the water and chlorine usage compared less than last year. Grover stated that the public meeting for the community center and pool project was scheduled for August 13, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. and that ARC Architects would present to Council at its August 28, 2018 regular meeting. Viafore **MOVED to set a special meeting of the Fircrest City Council on August 13, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Roy H. Murphy Community Center located at 555 Contra Costa Avenue for the community center and pool discussion; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).** Grover indicated post cards would be mailed out to notify the public of the public meeting, and stated that pool revenues were in line with last year’s.

George requested to set a public hearing to review the 2018 updated stormwater management plan. George **MOVED to set a public hearing on August 28, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. to review the 2018 updated stormwater management plan; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

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

George invited public comment. None were provided.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Parks and Recreation**

Wittner reported that the Steering Committee met the previous week and was well attended, and commented on the pool’s usage, upcoming events such as the National Night and Fun Days, and Movie in the Park. Wittner indicated that the tennis courts repair were underway as the contractor was remedying the improvements that were supposed to be made per the contract. There was a brief discussion regarding the contract’s stipulations and City’s options for recourse if the contractor violated the terms of the contract.

**B. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds indicated that there was no meeting and had no report to provide.

**C. Public Safety, Court**

Viafore reported Ruston was reviewing the proposed municipal court contract and was working out internal issues with their personnel. Pingel indicated the contract start date was postponed to November 2018. Viafore commented on the upcoming National Night Out event and Cheesman's involvement in the Law Enforcement Youth Camp (LEYC), and stated that the final arrangements were being made on the motorcycle trade with the City of DuPont.

**D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain**

Surina reported that staff was working on the crack sealing, painting street and school markings, updating the stormwater management plan, reviewing the Chik-fil-A site development plan, and working with Puget Sound Soundkeepers and the City's GIS coordinator. Surina indicated the Drake Street pump station project was moving forward, and that Council should consider a future discussion on the water meter technology. Surina commented on the tank mural status, ground utilities in the public right of way for the golf course condominium project and the coordinated efforts with the Police Department for traffic control. Reynolds departed at 7:28 P.M. and returned at 7:30 P.M.

Wittner requested staff to communicate with the City of Tacoma to repaint the turn arrows at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Mildred going into Fircrest; Cheesman indicated he had communicated with Tacoma in the past and had not seen any progress, and stated he would coordinate with Public Works Director Wakefield to communicate with Tacoma to address the issue. Waltier departed at 7:30 P.M. and returned at 7:31 P.M. Viafore inquired on how roadways were prioritized for the crack sealing; Wakefield indicated staff identified areas needed for crack sealant and budgets for it. Viafore requested to have the areas sealed this year and proposed for next year identified during the upcoming budget development. Viafore inquired if it was possible to restrict the construction in the right of way during peak hour traffic to reduce the impact on traffic; Wakefield indicated the construction hours of work was being done within the confines of the Fircrest Municipal Code and that staff had provided the developer the opportunity to work nights and weekends to reduce the impact on traffic. Wakefield indicated the developer had submitted a traffic control plan and that there was a Police Officer around the work zone. Wakefield indicated the Council could restrict the hours of work and commented that the City could pay a higher premium for the work due to the restrictions and that City work would also have to work within those confines.

**E. Other Liaison Reports**

Reynolds reported the last meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council Economic Development Board for 2018 was scheduled for October 3, 2018, and that commercial space sector study and aerospace competitive economics study were discussed at the recent meeting. There was a brief discussion on the value of the aerospace industry in the State.

George reported that the Investment Committee had met and reviewed staff's analysis of available funds for the pool and community center project. George indicated that approximately \$700,000 in City funds could be dedicated for the project based off of current numbers.

Nixon reported that the Council committee of himself, George, and Waltier had met with staff to discuss the salary survey for non-represented job classifications and requested councilmembers to individually meet with staff over the next week to review staff's analysis to

date. Reynolds requested to include the mean household income as part of the background information of the report. Viafore commented on the U.S. Census long form.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 211561 in the amount of \$945.18; approval of Voucher No. 211562 through Voucher Check No. 211651 in the amount of \$422,804.56; and approval of Payroll Check No. 13268 through Voucher Check No. 13299 in the amount of \$118,498.22. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Nixon.** Viafore requested to remove voucher numbers 17083 and 17115 for discussion and to be voted on separately. George indicated voucher numbers 17083 and 17115 were removed from the voucher report and considered the question called to approve the Consent Calendar as modified; **The Motion Carried As Modified (7-0)**. Viafore inquired about the repairs for Police bay garage doors #3 and #2; Cheesman and Corcoran indicated the engine on the automatic doors were broken and the cost difference was due to scope of work for each door. **Viafore MOVED to authorize payment of accounts payable 17083 and 17115 both to Vortex Industries, Inc. in the amounts of \$848.87 and \$471.36; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0)**.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. National Night Out 2018 Fireworks Display**

Cheesman briefed the Council on a proposed resolution that would authorize an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide a firework display for the City's August 7, 2018 National Night Out event. Cheesman indicated the cost of the fireworks display was \$6,200 and would be paid for with donated funds. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1539, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics, for a fireworks display on August 7, 2018, for an amount not to exceed \$6,200; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore expressed his concerns regarding the event exceeding the City's Fun Days event. Cheesman indicated the event utilized the money that was donated and that the goal was to have a great show and not outdo Fun Days. Surina commented on Rob Freeman. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0)**.

#### **B. Fun Days 2018 Fireworks Display**

Grover briefed the Council on a proposed resolution that would authorize an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide a firework display for the City's August 11, 2018 Fun Days event. Grover indicated the 2018 Budget included \$5,200 in the "Community Events" line item specifically for a fireworks display. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1540, authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for a firework display on August 11, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$5,200; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; George commented previous efforts to revive Fun Days and stated that staff should review rescheduling future Fun Days events so

that it was not so close to the National Night Out event. Grover indicated that he and the Community Event Coordinator will review the event and strategize how to improve the event for next year. Reynolds stated she had received comments from constituents to have an event around July 4<sup>th</sup>. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**C. Fun Days 2018 Agreements**

Grover briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would provide control of expenditures and provide flexibility for performers at the 2018 Fun Days event. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1541, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with vendors and entertainers for 2018 Fun Days not to exceed \$10,200; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore commented on the omission of “for an amount not to exceed \$10,200” in Section 1 of the resolution. **Viafore MOVED to amend Resolution No. 1541 to add “not to exceed the amount of \$10,200” in Section 1 after the word “Fun Days”; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment on the amendment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Amendment Carried (7-0).** George invited councilmember comment on the amended resolution; Reynolds commented on the community center and pool project and having these events in the new space. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion as Amended Carried (7-0).**

**D. Budget Amendment, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Corcoran briefed the Council on the first reading of the budget amendment, stating it was the second budget amendment of the year. Corcoran indicated the amendment would not change the operating to expenditure revenues and that it was a net zero effect on the General Fund. Viafore departed at 8:10 P.M and returned at 8:11 P.M. Corcoran indicated the amendments included:

- Grant revenue and expenditure for speed feedback sign
- Move Salaries & Wages for part time employee from Administration to Planning and Building
- Correct Budget Amendment # 1- Fund Balance should have been a decrease
- Additional funds required for Drake Street Lift Station contract (3/27/18 Council meeting)
- Grant revenue and expenditure for two radars and rear antenna for police cars

Corcoran indicated the budget was adopted by funds and that the new amended budget was in the amount of \$27,950,797. Viafore inquired about the facilitator expense for the City Council Workshop; Corcoran indicated it was a line item adjustment within the budget fund so a budget amendment was not required, and that staff was monitoring the budgeted line items.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

**A. Council Audio**

Pingel reported that that the \$300 cost to make the Council meeting audio accessible online would not require a budget amendment and that staff would like to move forward with acquiring the software to make the audio accessible on the City’s website. Viafore stated he supported it and commented on his frustration of the process in which certain items move forward and stated it was not a work program goal for the year nor identified as a Council goal

during the Workshop. Reynolds sympathized with Viafore, and Waltier inquired who would listen to the Council audio; Nixon commented that it would be a transparency effort and would address accessibility issues for those who could not read the minutes. There was a brief discussion regarding the process of bringing items for Council consideration.

**B. 19<sup>th</sup> Street Center Lane**

Pingel reported that staff was in concurrence with the improvements that were being requested, and that the proposal was an improvement to what was there and that it would provide better access to 64<sup>th</sup> Street in Fircrest. Pingel indicated that staff would like to move forward with that concurrence, and that staff would continue to find solutions to improve the center pylons. George indicated that he and Pingel met with Dr. Harrell, the new President of Tacoma Community College, who stated he wanted to have a great relationship with the City and was open to do more with that area. George agreed with staff's recommendation, stating it was an improvement and a good faith effort, and that there was an opportunity to do more. George invited councilmember comment; there were none.

**C. Council Workshop Goals**

Pingel requested feedback on the Workshop goals in order to program them appropriately. Viafore commented that the Council should focus on high priority projects and housekeeping items, and fine tuning the City's services. Reynolds requested assumptions, constraints, and dependencies in order to identify enabling projects and complementary projects that can be accomplished. Pingel indicated there were some goals that did not have a budget impact or a high budget impact such as Planning Commission items. George indicated he would like some items assigned to the Planning Commission for their review and work in partnership with them. Pingel requested to remove Complete Streets as the policy was already in place; there was a general consensus to remove this goal. Pingel requested feedback regarding the neighborhood major remodel and infill/rebuild guidelines and/or standards as it had been addressed recently; Surina commented he would like for the Planning Commission to have input on the metal marine site. Nixon indicated he would like City consider green energy codes for new construction and would like more information; Surina and George were interested in more information as well. Waltier inquired if there would be enough development to warrant the efforts to change the code. Nixon commented that it was a long-term effort and over time it would make a difference. Surina commented on the energy efficiency programs and benefits he saw through his business, and recommended the City review the possibility of implementing energy efficient strategies. Pingel indicated that some of the goals would be brought before the joint Council/Planning Commission meeting in February. Waltier departed at 8:40 P.M. and returned at 8:42 P.M.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Grover reported that the Kiwanis club installed a table top chessboard at Fircrest Park and that the chess pieces could be checked out from the Parks and Recreation Department. Wittner added the Kiwanis club added a checkboard to one of the picnic tables at the tot lot.
- Stahlnecker reported that the Planning Commission approved the three resolutions for the Chik-fil-A project and that there was a 14-day appeal period. Stahlnecker indicated the public would be notified via the City's website and Facebook and a notice would be sent to anyone who had submitted a comment. Stahlnecker reported on the golf course condominium project status, indicating staff was waiting for the final design plans. George commented on notifying the neighbors regarding the 19th Street center lane project.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore reported that Innovative Fitness changed principal owners, and requested to fast track the review of the GFC rates to ensure the rates were up to today’s standards. Viafore reported that former Fircrest City Councilmember Gruver was in the hospital and University Place former Mayor and current Councilmember Grassi was in the hospital as well. Viafore commented that there was a fir tree limb covering the speed limit sign on Alameda Avenue near Baylor Street and suggested trimming the limb.
- Reynolds commented on staff providing Council more information on the tree city program.
- Wittner and Waltier thanked the audience for their attendance.
- Surina concurred with Reynolds and commented that the hedge around the mall should be trimmed as well. Surina recommended contacting the owner of the mall regarding trimming a bush near the stop sign.
- Nixon commented on Grassi’s wellbeing and spoke of his character.
- George appreciated the updates on Gruver and Grassi, and commented on his recent meeting with resident Nancy Atwood on behalf of the Citizen’s Climate group.

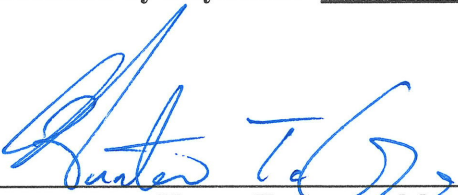
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

George stated Council would convene into Executive Session at 8:53 P.M. after a five minute recess, not to exceed the hour of 9:13 P.M. with Pingel to discuss labor agreement pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 with no action upon reconvening. George requested to be excused and Mayor Pro Tempore Waltier took over as Presiding Officer.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 9:02 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk