

**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 David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmember Denny Waltier was absent and excused.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

**A. Certificate of Appreciation: Planning Commissioner Kenneth Halgren**

George presented the certification of appreciation, recognizing Planning Commissioner Kenneth Halgren's four years of service, and indicated Halgren was unable to attend the Council meeting due to a conflict.

**B. Proclamation: LGBTQ Pride Month**

George introduced the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month proclamation, and **Nixon moved to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming the month of June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Reynolds.** Nixon read the proclamation into the record. George invited councilmember comment; Surina commented on his experience participating in the North American Gay Volleyball Association national championships and the friendships he developed with his team members. George commented on his appreciation of Nixon bringing forth this proclamation. George invited public comment; Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Avenue, commented she was very proud of Fircrest. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**C. ARC Architects: Community Center and Pool Update**

Grover briefed the Council on the recent Steering Committee meeting, indicating that much of ARC Architects presentation was based off the Committee's feedback and input from the community meeting. Stan Lokting from ARC Architects presented the project schedule, public meeting review, sketch options, site design ideas, bathhouse design, and next steps. Lokting anticipated the public online survey would take place in August 2018, and indicated the second community meeting was scheduled for August 13, 2018. Lokting stated ARC Architects would return to Council at its August 28, 2018 regular meeting. Reynolds departed at 7:10 P.M. and returned at 7:11 P.M. There was a brief discussion regarding the pool design options, and appropriate number of parking spaces and potential areas for additional parking.

**D. Council Rules of Procedures Update**

Pingel briefed the Council on the staff's recommended updates to the 2009 Fircrest Council Rules of Procedures, specifically focusing on the Consent Calendar, and solicited Council feedback. Surina requested for the opportunity to recognize individuals on the Consent Calendar (i.e., liquor license renewal, Planning Commissioner) and allot them the time to speak to Council if requested. Pingel stated that any one Councilmember could remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Viafore commented on his concerns relating to placing too many items on the Consent Calendar and limiting public participation, and inquired if City Attorney Smith reviewed the draft changes; Smith responded he had not reviewed the current draft. Viafore expressed his concerns regarding the potential changes would result in a change from unanimous consent to a simple majority vote. Pingel clarified that the added line referring to majority vote under item G4 was a mistake as it contradicted unanimous consent under sub-item 3, and indicated it would be removed. Reynolds commented she was comfortable with sub-items 'a' through 'e' under G1, requesting to add "non-controversial" before "Communications requiring no action" under 'e'. Reynolds requested to remove sub-

items ‘f’ through ‘h’ from the proposed Consent Calendar additions. George commented on the protections in place and stated he appreciated the concerns but believed they could be managed, and requested to remove sub-item ‘g’. Nixon inquired on the process of how a Councilmember could remove an item; Pingel indicated a Councilmember would request to remove an item from the Consent Calendar at the meeting and could communicate their intention to the Mayor and/or City Manager prior to the meeting. Pingel indicated the agenda item for “Citizen Comments (for items not on the agenda)” could be changed to include for items on the Consent Calendar as an opportunity for the public to indicate to Council to remove an item off the Consent Calendar. Viafore inquired if the agenda summary would be included for new items added under the Consent Calendar; Pingel indicated all the same information that would have been included in an agenda summary for action would be relocated to the Consent Calendar. Wittner commented he was in favor of including sub-item ‘e’ but was in agreement with Viafore for the remaining items as it related to transparency and discussion. Pingel commented on the advantages of adding sub-item ‘h’, indicating it would allow the Council to direct staff to include specific items to the Consent Calendar. Reynolds stated she would be comfortable with sub-item ‘h’ so long as there were parameters and a specific purpose. Viafore commented on his concerns regarding the lack of transparency of the recent Council action to approve Steering Committee members under the Consent Calendar. George indicated it appeared that Council was in favor of keeping sub-item ‘e’ and removing sub-items ‘d’, ‘f’, ‘g’, and adding “by supermajority” to the last part of the sentence of sub-item ‘h’. Pingel clarified that he would remove the proposed under G4. Pingel sought Council feedback on the proposed language to Council Liaisons under Rule 24, indicating it would provide flexibility. Council expressed no concerns.

**E. Presiding Officer’s Report**

George briefed the Council on a recent meeting he had with the Eaton family at their request regarding their property on Mildred Street and requested flexibility in the zoning requirements. George indicated he would like to continue futures discussion with them and include the Planning and Building Liaison, the City Manager, and Planning and Building Administrator. Viafore requested to include the Administration Liaison in these discussions.

**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 he had not met with the Parks and Recreation Director and that the tennis court resurfacing had begun.

**B. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds indicated that the July meeting would be canceled and reported on upcoming events and training. Reynolds commented on the Zoo and Trek Authority’s request for flexibility on how they choose their delegates; a brief discussion followed regarding the process and authority to change this proposal.

**C. Public Safety, Court**

Viafore reported staff was preparing in the next 30 days to bring forth to Council a request to change the City’s collection agency; Pingel indicated he anticipated it would be brought forth at the July 10, 2018 regular Council meeting. Viafore commented he was hopeful the new

agency would be able to recover some of the \$2.8 million in outstanding debt. Viafore reported on the Ruston Court contract progress, indicating the start date had been postponed to October 1, 2018 and that there was opposition from Ruston's municipal court judge regarding the merger. Viafore stated he had not met with the Police Chief and commented he was impressed with the grant for the radar sign and noted that staff was preparing for the upcoming National Night Out event. Surina inquired if Ruston's system would be integrated in the City's system; Viafore responded that Ruston would be required to provide their process that met what the City's Court administration handled. Wittner offered his bankruptcy expertise to staff if needed in relation to the collection agency assessment. George requested staff to post the speed box data on the City's website for public information.

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

Surina reported that staff was working on the Drake Street pump station, indicating that the failed pump had been replaced, and commented on the county Stormwater Management Plan, stormwater rates, street sweeping in the annexed area, Fircrest intersection on Mildred and the entrances near Tacoma Community College (TCC), and the recently issued water report.

**E. Other Liaison Reports**

George reported that the July meeting of the Pierce County Cities and Towns was canceled.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 211419 through Voucher Check No. 211494 in the amount of \$139,993.14; approval of Payroll Check No. 13203 through Voucher Check No. 13227 in the amount of \$108,985.71; approval of the May 22, 2018 regular Council meeting minutes; and approval of the June 4, 2018 special meeting minutes. **Surina MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner.** Reynolds removed the June 4, 2018 special meeting minutes for discussion and to be voted on separately. George indicated the June 4, 2018 special meeting minutes were removed and considered the question called to approve the Consent Calendar as modified; **The Motion Carried As Modified (6-0)**. Reynolds asked for clarification on a sentence under Community Pool Status, which stated "Pingel indicated the pool's operator estimated approximately 3,000-3,500 could be attributed to evaporation and splashing." Reynolds stated she believed she, not the pool's operator, had provided Pingel that estimated information. Pingel clarified that during that meeting, that information had been provided by the City's Parks Maintenance Supervisor and that the information Reynolds had given to Pingel was provided a week later. **Viafore MOVED to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2018 special meeting as presented; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0)**.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Liquor License Renewal: Shogun Japanese Express**

Pingel briefed the Council on a request by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Control Board to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Shogun Japanese Express at 2009 Mildred Street W. Pingel indicated there were no problems regarding liquor sales at this place of business and that the Finance, Planning and Building, and Police departments expressed no objections regarding the renewing of this license. **Reynolds MOVED to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for the Shogun Japanese Express; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Wittner commented that this item would be great to add under the Consent Calendar. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**B. Tacoma Hearings Examiner for Dog Hearings Agreement**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed agreement with the City of Tacoma for a Hearings Examiner to conduct dangerous (and potentially dangerous) dog appeal hearings, indicating an agreement with the City of Tacoma had expired on December 31, 2015 and that Fircrest had not had an appeal until now. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1536, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Tacoma for Hearings Examiner services for dangerous and potentially dangerous dog appeal hearing; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired if the option to extend the contract to multiple years was available. Pingel indicated this contract mirrored the previous contract, and that staff would ensure the contract would be renewed. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

**A. Council Workshop Goals**

Pingel reported that staff was reviewing the Council workshop goals and would return to Council for clarification and questions on how best to incorporate the goals into the 2019 work plans and budget.

**B. West Regents Island**

Pingel requested feedback from the Council on how the staff should move forward regarding the West Regents Boulevard traffic island. There was a brief discussion regarding traffic flow, purpose of the island, and options. Public Works Director Wakefield recommended removing the island and relocating the sign, and requested direction from Council on whether there was interest in studying options. There was a general consensus for staff to investigate sign relocation options and for the island to remain until the relocation of the entrance sign.

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

Pingel reported that staff had been in discussions with the City of Tacoma regarding maintenance and permissions in the center lane on 19th Street as they were requesting permit approval for the mitigation measures the City of Tacoma was requiring TCC to make. Pingel indicated Tacoma approved TCC's pork chop, right-in/right-out entrance and there was a potential for the center pylons to be removed and for barricade improvements. Pingel requested feedback from Council regarding the City's half of the center lane and TCC access being a point of contention in previous years, and stated staff's approach to work with Tacoma and TCC to improve those options. Viafore requested this item be put on hold for 30 days or discussed at a study session and for visuals to be provided for better understanding, and expressed his concerns regarding working relationships with TCC, redirecting TCC traffic off



of 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. George indicated he would raise those points when he and Pingel would meet with TCC President Harrell, and stated he hoped they could find a solution that would better meet the character of Fircrest and suggested sharing in the cost for the solution. Wakefield shared a visual of the proposed improvements, and a discussion followed including improving communications and relationships with TCC and working with Tacoma and TCC to find a solution that would not negatively impact Fircrest. George suggested for staff to review previous meeting minutes of when TCC presented to Council regarding improvements they would make in preparation of the meeting with Harrell. Viafore departed at 9:03 P.M., and returned at 9:04 P.M. Surina commented on his concerns on how this has been handled and his experience as a teacher at TCC; Viafore called for point of order, questioning if Surina could discuss this item if he was employed at TCC. City Attorney Smith indicated this item was a City Manager Comment and not an action item, and stated that should it become an action item, whether Surina had a conflict could be discussed further.

**D. Council Meeting Audio**

Pingel reported that it would cost the City \$300 for the first year to make the Council meeting audio accessible online. Nixon expressed his support for this for accessibility and transparency reasons and requested it be done soon. Viafore expressed his concerns from a budget standpoint, and asked if this could be done within budget and not require a budget amendment. Reynolds recommended including this as a 2019 budget item for strategic reasons. George commented on his preference for this to occur in 2018 as it was a small expense and that making Council meeting audio available online to the public was a common practice. Surina, Nixon, and Wittner concurred with George. Viafore inquired if this purchase would require a budget amendment; Corcoran indicated that although she did not think the budget fund would go over, she could not confirm until she reviewed the budget by fund. Reynolds requested to see a list of the budget amendments in order to make an informed decision. Viafore stated he was cautious but was comfortable for the City Manager to move forward with the purchase if there was money in the budget.

Pingel reminded the Council that both he and Nixon would be attending the AWC Annual Conference.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

There were none.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore requested to go on the record stating his safety concerns about the tree clearing and free standing, single Fir trees at Fircrest Golf Club. Viafore inquired about the status of the post-event P-1 reports; Grover indicated they would be distributed to Council soon. Viafore commented on the free medicine take-back locations and requested for staff to make this information known to residents; the City Clerk indicated staff was distributing Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department pamphlets that included this information. Viafore commented on how well the Council discussions went.
- Reynolds inquired how sign-ups for swim lessons were going; Grover indicated they were doing well.
- Wittner inquired about the choice of the PG-13 movie for the Movie in the Park event; Grover indicated he spoke to the resident who voiced their concerns and that he had heard positive feedback from several residents regarding the selected movie, “Star Wars: The Last Jedi.”

Grover indicated that the City had shown a PG-13 movie about 8-10 years ago and that this movie was rated 10 years and older for kids. Viafore departed at 9:22 P.M. and returned at 9:24 P.M. Grover indicated there were several factors in selecting the Star Wars movie, which include receiving several requests to select a movie that was more mature and the movie was scheduled to begin at 9:15 P.M. Reynolds commented on the length of the movie and requested to start movies earlier in the evening to accommodate curfew.

- Surina commented on his appreciation of the newsletter, and requested to contact Pierce Transit regarding the removal of the trash receptacles being from the bus stops. Wittner commented on his observations of increased trash on Regents Boulevard and the lack of convenient trash receptacles.
- George thanked the audience for their attendance and for the Council's discussion.

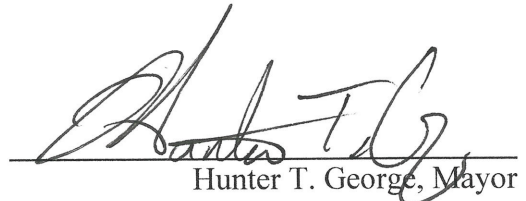
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

George stated Council would convene into Executive Session at 9:33 P.M. after a five minute recess, not to exceed the hour of 10:30 P.M. with Pingel to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 with no action upon reconvening.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 10:00 P.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

  
Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
Jessica Nappi, City Clerk