

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, Denny Waltier, and Blake Surina were present. Councilmembers Brett Wittner and Jamie Nixon were absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Proclamation: Chief for a Day

George introduced the item and requested a motion. **Reynolds MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming Eli Hutton as Chief for a Day on August 16, 2018; seconded by Waltier.** George read the proclamation into the record. **The Motion Carried (5-0).** Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the proclamation, provided a background on Hutton and the Chief for a Day event, and thanked sponsors for their support. Chaplain Ray Redick spoke of the event and thanked the Council for their support. Rachelle Wright provided the details of the event and invited the audience to attend. Cheesman presented Hutton with gifts and introduced the Point Defiance Pirates. Hutton thanked Cheesman and everyone for the gifts and event.

George called a five minute recess at 7:24 P.M. The Council reconvened at 7:29 P.M.

B. Presentation: Juror Summons Study by Pierce County Superior Court

Pierce County Superior Court Judge Elizabeth P. Martin and Court Administrator Chris Gaddis briefed the Council on the Juror Summons study for the cities of University Place, Lakewood, and Fircrest. The presentation entailed 2016 summons response rates and geographic areas of areas for summoned, undeliverable, and response rates. Gaddis indicated the goals of the study were to encourage jury service, provide a representative/diverse jury for those involved in the Court system, increase access to justice for all, decrease the number of juror summons sent on an annual basis, increase communication with stakeholders, engage with the public to increase understanding and trust of the Court, create opportunities for dialogue, and develop the relationship between the Court and Pierce County municipalities. Gaddis indicated the City of Fircrest was the least ethnically diverse city but had the most established neighborhoods and highest response summons response rates. Gaddis indicated they planned on focusing their efforts and look into innovate solutions to increase community engagement in Lakewood, and stressed the importance of a diverse, representative jury pool.

There was a brief discussion regarding technical data, appearance of fairness, and strategies to increase jury diversity, encourage jury service, and eliminate obstacles and barriers to jury service.

C. Community Center and Pool Update

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the pool status, indicating the pool system continued to operate smoothly and that a patch kit had been ordered to repair the underwater liner. Grover reported that the August 13, 2018 public meeting on the pool and community center was very well attended and that the next steps of the project included an online survey that would be released soon through early September. City Manager Pingel indicated that after the August 28, 2018 ARC Architects presentation to Council and the results of the survey were compiled, staff anticipated Council taking the initiative to direct staff and/or ARC Architects on what additional information would be needed to decide what to educate the public on as it related to the bond measure to finance the project. George inquired how the survey would be marketed; Grover and Pingel indicated flyers would be distributed

and the website, Facebook and reader board would be utilized, and that staff had not planned for a mailer. Grover indicated staff would look into a mailer as Council seemed interested in utilizing one, and stated he planned on obtaining feedback from the lifeguards regarding the pool project.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; the following individuals provided comment:

- Melissa Scheer, 807 Baylor Street, commented on her concerns regarding thoughtfully tailoring the community center and pool project to Fircrest and about integrating the toddler pool into the large pool, and inquired about the selection of the pool design process. Council spoke of the involvement of the Steering Committee and George stated the Steering Committee would make a recommendation to the Council regarding which pool design it preferred.
- Paul Andres, 1210 Regents Boulevard, commented that the City would save money from not including a vortex feature in the pool design and stated that the diving boards and slide would be insurance problems.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Waltier indicated he had nothing new to report.

B. Environment, Planning and Building

Reynolds indicated she had not met with the Planning and Building Department and had nothing to report.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

As Nixon was absent, no report was provided.

D. Other Liaison Reports

None provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 211652 through Voucher Check No. 211758 in the amount of \$242,262.29; approval of Payroll Check No. 13310 through Payroll Check No. 13344 in the amount of \$119,140.51; approval of the June 26, 2018 regular Council meeting minutes; and approval of the July 10, 2018 special Council meeting minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Surina. The Motion Carried (5-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Adjustment 2nd Reading and Adoption

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the second reading of the budget amendment, stating it was the second budget amendment of the year. Corcoran indicated the budget was adopted by funds and that the new amended total budget was in the amount of \$27,950,797. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1617, 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 Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

B. Sixth Month Financial Review

Corcoran briefed the Council on the 2nd quarter financial report, indicating it included property taxes. Corcoran reported that total General Fund revenues were at 53.2% of budget and total General Fund expenditures were at 42.6% of the budget as of June 30, 2018. Waltier departed at 8:25 P.M. and returned at 8:27 P.M. Corcoran stated more than one half of the property taxes were received to date and indicated actual revenue and expenditures were close to budgeted figures. Viafore inquired about the EMS levy figures; Corcoran stated it was paid a month in advance. George invited councilmember comment; George inquired about the Planning and Building expenditures. Corcoran indicated the expenditures were lower than anticipated due to a vacancy in the department as well as funds not yet expended for the projects like the Golf Course condominiums. This item was for information purposes only, no action was taken.

C. Unfreeze the 2nd Sergeant Position

Pingel reported that he had not obtained a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to date and recommended postponing the item until the signed MOA was received. George and Viafore recommended Council proceed with the item with no action; there were no objections.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Council Rules

Pingel referred to the updated draft Council Rules of Procedures document in the packet, indicating the draft incorporated the latest amendments. Pingel requested feedback from Council before the final draft would be brought before the Council at a future meeting for action. Reynolds inquired about adding a meeting time limit under Rule 10. Study Sessions; Pingel referred to a new subsection that had been added under Rule 10, stating subsection E limited study sessions to a two-hour time limit unless extended by a motion and voice vote. Reynolds and Viafore inquired about the new subsection E under Rule 5. identifying the Presiding Officer as the individual to decide all questions of order instead of the parliamentarian; Pingel indicated many other council rules of procedures had a similar rule. Reynolds and Viafore stated their concerns regarding liability and lack of training in parliamentary procedures, and commented on the benefits of having the parliamentarian in lieu of the Presiding Officer. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to remove subsection E and add a sentence under Rule 13. City Attorney, indicating the parliamentarian would decide questions of order.

B. Tank Painting/Mural

Pingel provided staff's recommendation regarding the high tank painting/mural project, stating the project should be postponed to 2019 and combined with the low tank painting project that was scheduled for 2019 in order to optimize bidding costs and complete during optimal weather conditions. Pingel requested direction from Council on whether a mural should be added to the project; there was a discussion on design concepts and researching if a decal would be possible, and the consensus was to include a mural of the City's logo and to use REET fund.

C. General Facilities Charge

Pingel briefed the Council on the information provided by Public Works Director Wakefield regarding General Facilities Charge (GFC) rates, stating there were several options for the Council to considering regarding reexamining the GFC rates. Pingel indicated staff's recommendation was for staff to build upon the 2008 methodology, using the same information and adding new projects, and adjust costs using the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Pingel indicated it would take staff three to four weeks to complete the update. Surina commented on ensuring the rates would not exceed the CPI adjustments from 2008. Viafore expressed his support to update the GFC rates and Surina requested postponing rate increases until feedback was received on the possible new water meters. There was a brief discussion regarding difference between GFC rates and water meter technology.

Pingel reported on the Family-Wage Jobs Credit Program Pierce County recently adopted, stating he met with Reynolds and Planning and Building Director Stahlnecker to discuss the incentives program and options for the City. George indicated Steilacoom recently passed a similar incentive program to match the County's and anticipated University Place would do so soon.

George reported that Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson presented to Pierce County Cities and Towns on the Washington Voting Rights Act, who indicated school districts and Lakewood may move forward with creating districts within their city and that election bills would increase due to prepaid postage on mail-in ballots. George inquired if a councilmember would be available to attend the Pierce County Cities and Towns September 6, 2018 meeting to discuss South Sound 911 fees as he had a work conflict. Viafore commented he would be out of town but could reconsider.

Pingel requested Council to set a special meeting to discuss the salary survey for non-represented job classifications. George reported that he, Waltier, and Nixon met prior to the Council meeting to discuss the survey and agreed with staff's recommendation to set a special meeting. **Viafore MOVED to set a special meeting of the Fircrest City Council on August 27, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. for the sole purpose of reviewing proposed salary adjustments for non-union employees; seconded by Surina.** George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds requested Pingel to send an Outlook invite as a reminder of the meeting. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Cheesman thanked Council for their support of the Chief for a Day event, and reported on the Department's participation in a grant-funded DUI emphasis dedicated to Brody Debenning as well as a statewide emphasis from August 17 through September 3, 2018. Cheesman indicated that the Department would be assisting in the Johnson's house reveal on Sunday.
- Stahlnecker reported that the Planning and Building fee schedule recommendations would be presented to Council at the August 20, 2018 study session. Stahlnecker reported she recently completed jury duty, and provided an update on the Wainwright trees stating the trees were scheduled to be replanted and that staff would continue to work with them.
- Grover reported that the Swim Team won the South Sound championship, and provided an update on the Fircrest Park playground stating installation would begin the week of August 27. Grover indicated the old equipment was not salvageable and was purchased through KCDA, a cooperative purchasing agreement. George requested information about the new playground to be posted on the website. Grover reported that he was working with the contractor to have the tennis courts completed by August 24, 2018.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore thanked Sherry Maenhout for assisting Cheesman on National Night Out and thanked the Chief and the committee for their efforts for National Night Out and Chief for a Day. Viafore thanked Trask for his photography and Grover for Fun Days. Viafore commented on feedback he received from neighbors near Fircrest Park regarding angled parking, and inquired how the City was going to paint the flag poles and whether the previous painter would be used; Corcoran indicated staff had obtained a quote to paint the flag poles this year but due to the high cost, staff planned on obtaining additional quotes and budgeting for it in 2019. Viafore commented on the community efforts for the Johnson's house reveal.
- Reynolds commented on the National Night Out and Chief for a Day events.
- Waltier thanked the audience for their attendance and commented on National Night Out and requested more food options at that event.
- Surina commented on the Johnson's house reveal and the Park's efforts regarding the events, and thanked the audience for their attendance.
- George commented on Chief for a Day, National Night Out, Fun Days, and Swim Meet events, and thanked the Kiwanis Club, Joe Barrentine, and Lisa Kramer for their efforts. George reported that staff would provide the salary survey data a week before the August 27 special meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

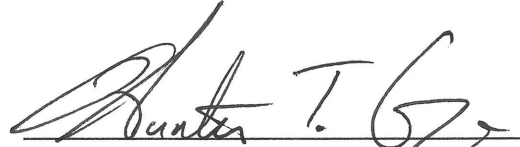
There was none.

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ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (5-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk