

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, Denny Waltier, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. ARC Architects Presentation on the Community Center and Pool Project

George introduced the item, stating that this session was for receiving information with no action and would allow the public an opportunity to submit their comments on this item. George indicated there would be a special meeting on October 29, 2018 for the Council to discuss and potentially take action on the scope of the project. Parks and Recreation Director Grover provided a summary and accomplishments to date and introduced ARC Architects project manager Emily Wheeler. Wheeler presented the project overview, bath house floor plan, community center plan, and survey results as it related to pool options, use, temperature, and project phasing. Wheeler indicated that the future parking stalls were not included in the pre-design and not budgeted into the project costs. Wheeler indicated that while the survey results showed a 50% preference towards the Option B pool design, Wheeler stated that the Steering Committee voted 11-2 in favor of Option A design as it had more programming options and could accommodate all ages. Wheeler presented the two roof options, stating the Steering Committee voted 8-4 in favor of the flat roof. Wheeler indicated that the Steering Committee voted 11-2 in favor of the full project (community center and pool) without having the updated project cost estimates. Wheeler presented the updated project estimates by project phase, stating that Phase 1 project costs (pool, bath house, site) was \$8.645 million, which included construction and soft costs. Wheeler indicated that the Value Engineering option of Phase 1 would decrease this cost by \$737,000 and that there were approximately \$1.547 million in potential add-ons/alternates. Wheeler presented Phase 2 project costs (community center, site), stating the construction and soft costs totaled \$9.835 million, and presented the Value Engineering option that would decrease this cost by \$973,000 and that there were \$522,200 in potential add-ons/alternates. Wheeler indicated the cost of both phases with the Value Engineering would be approximately \$16.769 million. Wheeler stated the goal was for Council to decide on the scope of the project and bond in October/November 2018, update the contract and design development during the November 2018-April 2019 timeframe with construction beginning in fall 2019 pending the approval of an April 2019 bond measure in order not to lose a pool season. Waltier departed at 7:32 P.M. and returned at 7:34 P.M. George thanked Steering Committee volunteers and invited members of the Steering Committee to provide their comments; the following members provided comments:

- Andreas Schonger, 675 Maywood Lane, commented on his appreciation of both community center and pool designs.
- Leslie Rider, 548 Contra Costa Avenue, commented on the intent of the Steering Committee by selecting Option A, stating that a two-pool system would provide more programming opportunities and would accommodate the various ages of residents. Rider commented on the Steering Committee’s preference to do both the pool and community center projects and the City’s need for both projects.

Waltier inquired about the Steering Committee’s reasoning for voting for Option A while the survey results showed that the majority preferred Option B.

- Joe Barrentine, 132 Berkeley Avenue, commented that although he originally preferred Option B, he voted for Option A as it provided more flexibility, inclusiveness, and programming opportunities for more members of the community than Option B.
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, stated he preferred Option B as a private citizen as it was less expensive and preferred by the community. Rybolt encouraged the Council to consider a phased bond measure.
- Leslie Rider, 548 Contra Costa Avenue, commented on the Steering Committee’s intent, which included determining what was best for the City.

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the estimated bond payments, stating the City had received a commitment of \$1.75 million in funds to date and that the City had requested \$2 million from the Names Foundation for the pool project. Pingel indicated after assuming funding commitments, the estimated bond payments assumed an \$11 million bond over twenty years with an impact of approximately \$300 impact to residents. Pingel recommended seeking a bond measure for the whole project with a phased construction approach, which would lower the levy rate. George and Pingel indicated there were additional fundraising opportunities to lower the project cost that the City could pursue. The Council thanked the Steering Committee for their work. George invited public comments; the following individuals provided comment:

- Andreas Schonger, 675 Maywood Lane, commented on his preference for Option B due to survey results and costs.
- Mark Newey, 106 Summit Avenue, commented incorporating sustainable design elements into the project.
- Karen Reynolds, 1576 Woodside Court, commented on affordability and project costs, the toddler pool, and renewable energy, and submitted her preference for Option B.
- Jeremy Barry, Tacoma resident, commented on including a pool lift for increasing mobility for seniors and those with special needs.
- Noel Wittner, 1210 Contra Costa Avenue, submitted his support for Option B due to the separate toddler pool and lower cost.
- Viafore recognized former Planning Commissioner Jim Otness; Otness, 973 Altadena Drive, commented on his preference for Option B and concerns for staffing and construction costs.
- Nicole Slavin, 509 Berkeley Avenue, commented on project and operations costs, and the importance of the toddler pool.

Wheeler provided a brief background on the cost analysis between the two options and indicated that the operations and maintenance and cost recovery were very similar. Wheeler stated that the lifeguards indicated Option A would most likely need one more lifeguard. Wheeler stated that both options included ADA accessibility as required by law and that the lift was included in both options.

- Mark Newey, 106 Summit Avenue, recommended charging for parking as a way to minimize traffic congestion.
- Corbin Edwards, 1576 Woodside Court, commented on the survey results showing Option B as the preference and lifeguard’s preference for Option B.

George invited councilmember comment:

- Reynolds indicated Option B would be the safer option and would provide a balance for age groups and commented on her concerns regarding costs and affordability. Reynolds

indicated both options would capture the needs of the community and that programmatic solutions could enhance Option B's versatility.

- Viafore thanked the audience for their participation and commented on his concerns regarding a business plan, costs, affordability, and cost overruns. Viafore stated that he was committed moving forward and would remain open minded.
- Surina commented on pool capacity, facility size and his preference for Option B for cost and energy efficiency reasons, and stated the City would take cost saving measures.
- Nixon commented on the possibility of the new community center serving as an emergency shelter, which would open more funding opportunities. Nixon commented on incorporating energy efficiency elements through design. Nixon stated he was ok with either pool option and commented on affordability.
- Reynolds requested a point of clarification, inquiring if children would be permitted in the lap pool. It was confirmed children would be permitted in the lap pool.
- Councilmembers requested staff to provide the tax impact to residents based off the updated costs; Pingel indicated he could provide that information. Wheeler clarified that cost estimates included a 10% design contingency and a 7.5-10% construction contingency and that costs were estimated to bid in summer 2019.
- George thanked the audience for their participation and the Steering Committee for their work. George commented on moving forward with cost refinement and schematic design as well as seeking funding opportunities. George stated the City's legislative delegation was informed of the City's intent to submit a capital funding request for the community center project. George indicated Council, with the community's input, would select the project, which would determine the cost, and would move forward with construction of the pool in the fall upon approval of an April 2019 bond measure.

At the request of Waltier, the meeting recessed at 8:42 P.M. for a five minute recess. The Council reconvened at 8:48 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; there were none.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks and Recreation

Wittner reported that the Haunted Trails event was scheduled for October 25, 2018 and stated that it could be canceled due to rain.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds stated that she had missed the recent PCRC meeting due to illness and indicated that Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) completed its quarterly boards for the year.

C. Public Safety, Court

Viafore had nothing to report.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Surina reported that the lift station project was on schedule and was scheduled to be complete on November 7, 2018. Surina reported on the completion of the gas line on Princeton, enlargement of the meter in the dialysis center, and input from the schools for the City calendar. Surina indicated it was the responsibility of property owners to maintain sewer grates

clear of debris, and that a safe streets grant would be submitted by the City's Grant Writer. George requested event times to be evaluated prior to the finalization of the City's calendar.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 212026 through Voucher Check No. 212084 in the amount of \$430,811.46; approval of Payroll Check No. 13480 through Payroll Check No. 13484 in the amount of \$96,272.13; approval of the October 8, 2018 special Council meeting minutes; approval of the October 9, 2018 regular Council meeting minutes; setting a public hearing on November 27, 2018 to receive comments on amendments to the Fircrest Comprehensive Plan; setting a public hearing on November 27, 2018 to receive comments on amendments to FMC Title 22 relating to Use of a Hearing Examiner; setting Budget special meetings for September 30, October 7, October 14, October 28, and November 4, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.; setting February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. for study sessions; and approving the Rollin 253 liquor license renewal. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Preliminary 2019 Budget

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the major changes to the Preliminary 2019 Budget, stating this was the second public hearing to receive comments on the Preliminary 2019 Budget and that the total expenditures in all funds was \$24,263,651. At 8:55 P.M., George opened the public hearing. George invited public testimony; none were provided. George invited councilmember comments; none were provided. At 8:56 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Utility Billing Fee Adjustment – Title 17.04

Pingel requested to maintain Ordinance No. 1622 related to utility billing fee adjustment – Title 17.04 tabled for a future discussion due to the interest of time. George indicated unless there were no objections, Ordinance No. 1622 would remain tabled for a future discussion; no objections were noted.

B. Salaries of Non-Union Employees, Including Casual and Seasonal Employees

Reynolds MOVED to untable Ordinance No. 1624 related to salaries of non-union employees, including casual and seasonal employees; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0). Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed salary ordinance that would set the salary ranges for implementation starting on January 1, 2019 for non-union employees and hourly rate of pay for casual and seasonal employees. Corcoran indicated that the proposed ordinance included a proposed cost of living adjustment (COLA) for non-represented employees of 3.6%, and stated that some of the ranges were adjusted based off the salary survey performed in 2018. Corcoran indicated that the hourly rate for casual and seasonal employees was increased by \$1 in the first year of employment. George invited councilmember comment; there were none. George invited public comment; none were

provided. The motion made at the October 9, 2018 regular Council meeting from Wittner to adopt Ordinance No. 1624, seconded by Surina carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Murraysmith Contract Amendment

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment with Murraysmith, stating the third amendment to the professional services agreement would extend the term through December 31, 2019, update the schedule of fees, and update the additional on call services. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1552, authorizing the City Manager amend the professional services agreement with Murraysmith for providing on call engineering services for water and sewer type projects and additional services as needed; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Wittner commented on a Scribner's error in the resolution. George invited public comment; none were provided. The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. KPG, P.S. Contract Amendment

Wakefield briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment with KPG, P.S., stating the fourth amendment to the professional services agreement would extend the term through December 31, 2019, update the schedule of fees, and update the additional on call services. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1553, authorizing the City Manager to amend the professional services agreement with KPG, P.S. for providing on call engineering services for transportation type projects and additional services as needed; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. The Motion Carried (7-0).

C. Apex Engineering Contract Amendment

Wakefield briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment with Apex Engineering, stating the third amendment to the professional services agreement would extend the term through December 31, 2019, update the schedule of fees, and update the additional on call services. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1554, authorizing the City Manager to amend the professional services agreement with Apex Engineering for providing on call engineering services for surveying type projects and additional services as needed; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. The Motion Carried (7-0).

D. Greenleaf Landscape Contract Amendment

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment for landscape maintenance services with Greenleaf Landscape, Inc., stating the amendment would extend the term through December 31, 2019 and increase the amount of the contract to \$46,428.36 plus tax. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1555, authorizing the City Manager to amend the landscape maintenance contract with Greenleaf Landscaping, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance services for the City of Fircrest; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. The Motion Carried (7-0).

E. BIAS Software Agreement

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed renewal maintenance agreement with BIAS Software to provide software support for BIAS software applications for the year 2019, stating the cost for the BIAS software as \$9,822.28 for 2019, which was an increase of \$555.98 from

the 2018 agreement. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1556, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with BIAS Software to provide software support for BIAS software applications for the year 2019; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Pingel reported that the City's network, including email, were down due to the failure of a firewall and that temporary solutions were put in place in the meantime. Pingel anticipated the problem being resolved Wednesday or possibly during the weekend. George thanked staff for putting the notice on the City's website.

Pingel and Wakefield indicated the City and Tacoma were in discussions regarding the shared 19th Street center lanes, and that Tacoma proposed to maintain between the two islands up to the lane line instead of the center line. Viafore commented on reviewing the contract to ensure that the City was not giving up its development rights. After a brief discussion on the island on Orchard Street, Wakefield recommended raising the Orchard Street island separate from the 19th Street islands in order to proceed with an interlocal agreement and offering the City to maintain the area in question on 19th Street instead of Tacoma.

Pingel commented on the second regular Council meeting of December, stating it was currently scheduled for Wednesday, December 26th due to the December 25th holiday and recommended using the December 17th study session instead to take care of action items. George and Viafore commented on canceling the December 2018 study session and changing the December 26th starting time from 7:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Pingel commented that the January 2019 study session fell on a holiday and would move to the following day per the Council Rules, which would fall on the second regularly scheduled Council meeting of January. Pingel stated the study session could start at 6:00 P.M. and regular meeting start at 7:00 P.M. George indicated he would like to review upcoming items before making a decision.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Grover commented on the upcoming Haunted Trails event and the possibility of canceling the event due to rain.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore requested more information regarding the bulletproof glass and what could be done for the Municipal Court and scheduling a meeting with the City Manager and Police Chief regarding a court security plan. Viafore thanked the administration on the budget, and commented on working on safety drills preparation. Viafore indicated interviews were being held for the Court Clerk positions.
- Reynolds commented on the pool options, affordability, and her preference for Option B.
- Wittner had no comment.
- Waltier thanked the audience and boy scouts for their participation, and commented on his appreciation for the Steering Committee for their work.
- Surina commented on shrubs affecting the visibility of a stop sign in a shopping center parking lot that needed pruning. Viafore indicated it was on private property.

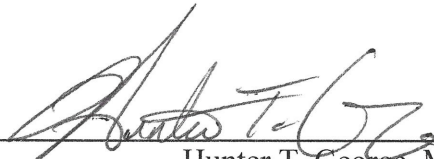
- Nixon inquired about the status of making Council meeting audio available on the City’s website; City Clerk Nappi indicated the software was being purchased and would be done soon. Nixon commented on his safety concerns regarding northbound and southbound drivers on Orchard Street turning onto Center Street, indicating drivers were making illegal turns and not turning into their designated lane. Nixon requested it be an enforcement priority and Viafore indicated it was in the City of Tacoma’s jurisdiction. Sergeant Villamoor recommended contacting Tacoma Police Department’s Traffic Unit.
- George reported he attended the steeple dedication at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on October 21st and that the Church appreciated his attendance and representation of the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk