

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. Councilmember David M. Viafore was absent and excused. Viafore arrived at 7:09 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. New Hire Introduction

Parks and Recreation Director Grover introduced the new Community Event Specialist, Judy Schmidtke, and Schmidtke briefed the Council on her background. Council welcomed Schmidtke.

B. Police Sergeant Promotion

This item was postponed to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

C. Community Center and Pool Project

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the project reporting process to Council, stating typically the Steering Committee would meet, then a public meeting, and the Council would be provided a report by ARC. Given the councilmember participation at recent Steering Committee and public meetings, Pingel requested feedback on whether the Council would want to a report at its regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 12, 2019. After a brief discussion on the January 17, 2019 Steering Committee meeting, there appeared to be no objections to not scheduling a Council report on February 12, 2019. Surina requested Pingel to inform the Council of any major updates and Wittner requested that postcards notifying residents of public meetings be sent out earlier.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks and Recreation

Waltier provided an update on the windstorm cleanup efforts, tot lot toy cleanup, bocce courts, youth basketball, the new Community Event Specialist, and yoga participation. There was a brief discussion on the hiring process of referees and collaborating with Tacoma schools for student growth opportunities. Viafore arrived at 7:09 P.M.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds stated she was unable to attend the PCRC January meeting as it conflicted with the January 17, 2019 Steering Committee meeting.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Surina commented on long range planning, ordinances addressing homelessness, current crimes, and public safety.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Nixon commented on a recent flush of the system, stating a towel was found in the system.

E. Other Liaison Reports

George reported that Tacoma Mayor Woodards and Pierce County Executive Dammeier were holding a meeting for mayors to discuss affordable housing on February 6, 2019.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 212458 through Voucher Check No. 212523 in the amount of \$160,422.81; approval of Payroll Check No. 13548 through Payroll Check No. 13553 in the amount of \$106,591.07; approval of the January 8, 2019 regular Council meeting minutes; and setting a public hearing on February 12, 2019 to receive comments on a proposed solid waste rate adjustment. George commented on a Scribner's error in the February 12, 2019 minutes, stating "January 17, 2018" should read "January 17, 2019." **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Surina. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS**A. MCImetro Franchise Agreement, 1st Reading**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed franchise agreement with MCImetro, stating the proposed agreement would mainly serve businesses and government customers. George stated this item was the first reading of the proposed franchise and invited councilmember comment; Viafore and Wittner commented on their concerns and requested more information, timeline, and scope of work. Public Works Director Wakefield stated MCImetro had not submitted a detailed plan and that the University Place and Lakewood had not received detailed plans either. Wakefield indicated the franchise would allow MCImetro to utilize the City's right of ways subject to obtaining right of way permits, and that the detailed plans would be submitted and reviewed during the permitting process. Viafore commented on his concerns regarding the preservation of the City's right of ways, and inquired to the City Attorney whether the City had to grant a franchise or if the franchisee had to demonstrate the need of a franchise. City Attorney Smith stated he did not researched this topic but believed that the City did not have to grant a franchise. Pingel indicated the City could request more information, and there was a brief discussion regarding potential revenues, cost recovery, and beneficiaries. After a brief discussion, Waltier requested more information and Viafore indicated he would vote no based on the limited information.

B. City of Tacoma Interlocal Agreement – S. 19th Street Median Islands Maintenance

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Tacoma to establish maintenance responsibilities for South 19th Street medians between the entrance to the Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID) and Mildred Street West, stating the City would be responsible for the Chick-fil-A median and Tacoma would be responsible for the median adjacent to TACID. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1573, authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Tacoma establishing maintenance responsibilities for South 19th Street medians between the entrance to the Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID) and Mildred Street West; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Wittner inquired about public safety regarding the U-turns at TACID. Chief Cheesman stated the U-turns were legal during the day so long as they were done safely and not interfering with traffic and commented that he was looking forward to the new medians. There was a brief

discussion on potential impacts from traffic stacking from Chick-fil-A and the maintenance of the Tacoma median on Orchard. Viafore inquired about the initial costs of the Chik-fil-A median; Pingel indicated that Chik-fil-A would be responsible for the costs of building the median and the City would be responsible for maintaining the median. Waltier recommended councilmembers voice their TACID traffic concerns at the TCC Future Summit on January 30, 2019. Viafore recommended the Chik-fil-A median be designed similar to the river rock median on Puyallup Road; Pingel indicated he would share an initial rendering of design. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Fircrest Pool, Community Center and Parks Steering Committee

Pingel requested the Council consider continuing the mission of the Fircrest Pool, Community Center and Parks Steering Committee through the term of the project, which was established in 2018 to guide the Roy H. Murphy Community Center and Community Pool project scope and design. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1574, establishing the Fircrest Pool, Community Center and Parks Steering Committee; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

D. WSDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Agreement

Pingel briefed the Council on the Title VI Nondiscrimination Agreement, stating the agreement was required by the Washington State Department of Transportation in order to be eligible for federal funds and be in compliance with federal laws. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1575, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Washington State Department of Transportation Title VI Nondiscrimination Agreement; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired if was an overdue agreement. Public Works Director Wakefield indicated that although it was overdue, the City had been in compliance with the Title VI requirements as it pertains to advertisements, contracts, and project execution. Surina commented on updating budgeting numbers and maps. George invited public comment; there were none. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Recycling Commodity Surcharge Request

Pingel reported on Westside Disposal Services' request for a recycling commodity surcharge, stating this request was outside of the existing contract, and requested Council feedback on whether there was interest from Council to consider the request. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to not open the contract and consider the request.

B. AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

Pingel briefed the Council on the AWC Center for Quality Communities scholarship opportunity and requested councilmember participation to serve on an internal application review committee and prepare a recommendation to Council at its February 26, 2019 meeting. After a brief discussion, Surina and Reynolds volunteered to serve.

Pingel briefed the Council on the Pierce County guide for establishing committees for For/Against statements for the special election ballot measure, stating the jurisdiction has the first opportunity to appoint members and if the jurisdiction does not, then the County Auditor would solicit participation for statement submittal. After a brief discussion, the general consensus was for the

City Manager to inform the public and seek participants via the website, Steering Committee and upcoming public meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Grover reported on the cleanup efforts at Thelma Gilmur park and Whittier park and thanked the conservation groups for their assistance. George requested that the groups be mentioned and thanked in the upcoming Town Topics.
- Chief Cheesman reported that the Police Department would be participating in a Tip a Cop fundraiser for Special Olympics on January 24, 2019.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore requested a status report on the capital campaign case statement; Pingel indicated Linda Kaye Briggs needed to conduct two more interviews and that the campaign team would meet soon after, and report back to Council.
- Reynolds commented on the wage threshold for median household incomes for the family wage jobs incentive and types of business that could be eligible.
- Wittner thanked the audience for their attendance.
- Waltier commented on the community center and the toddler gym program, and encouraged others to see the activities that occur during the day.
- Surina provided an update on the shopping center, commenting on business development progress, repaving of the parking lot, and possible installation of new LED lights.
- Nixon commented on the recent Steering Committee meeting and his appreciation of the public process and community involvement regarding the project.
- George commented on the recent passing of The News Tribune's editor, Randy McCarthy.

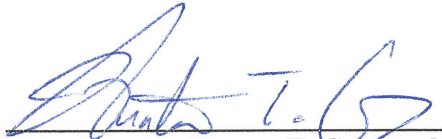
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 P.M., George reported that Council would take a three minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:43 P.M., to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110. George noted that only councilmembers would convene into Executive Session and that no further action would take place other than adjournment.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:21 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk