

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. Police Sergeant Promotion**

Police Chief briefed the Council on Police Officer Josh Miller's promotion to Police Sergeant, and Sergeant Miller's family pinned his badge. Sergeant Miller thanked the City and Council congratulated Sergeant Miller.

B. Community Center and Pool Project

City Manager Pingel stated the special election ballot measure explanatory statement was underway and being handled by the City Attorney and bond counsel. Pingel indicated staff was working with ARC Architects on obtaining the photovoltaics' return on investment and that information would be passed along to Council once obtained. At Viafore's request, Waltier briefed the Council on his tour of the Eastside Community Center and LEED certification rating system. There was a brief discussion on the certification, rating system, and cost, and Pingel indicated staff would do more research on the LEED certification.

C. Capital Campaign Update

Linda Kaye Briggs briefed the Council on the capital campaign efforts, stating fifteen interviews had been conducted to date for the development of the case statement. Briggs briefed the Council on the proposed recommendations from the interviews to the draft case statement and stated those recommendations would be incorporated into the case statement by the internal team in order to make the statement more comprehensive. Briggs indicated that the updated case statement would be sent to the Briggs Group for final edits for the development of a brochure, and that website content for an educational focus of the statement for the City website would be developed in March. Surina recommended changing "water leak" to "water loss." George indicated the City's grant writer was working on making the recommended changes to the case statement and that the updated case statement would then be shared with Council.

George requested to postpone New Business item D. Approval of Special Election Ballot Measure For and Against Committee Forms, and there was a brief discussion on the procedures to add this item to the February 19, 2019 Study Session and committee members' selection process.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**A. Administration**

Reynolds indicated she had not met with the City Manager due to the snow.

B. Environment, Planning and Building

Wittner reported that passports services had resumed and would be handled through the Planning and Building Department.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Viafore reported that he and the Finance Director had had discussion on the financial status of the City and future revenue structure, and stated that the Finance Department was completing year end reports. Viafore stated that he planned on requesting the City to move a portion of ending fund balance into the cumulative reserves for emergency funds if the City was financially solvent. Surina inquired about the government shutdown impacts to local government; Viafore indicated there could be an impact on the City's passports from Homeland Security. Viafore stated he spoke with Chik-fil-A and they indicated they anticipated opening in September 2019.

D. Other Liaison Reports

George stated he went to a mayor's forum on affordable housing the prior week and stated they discussed options under state law, and he would share the documents with councilmembers via email.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Manager read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 212524 through Voucher Check No. 212612 in the amount of \$506,194.17; approval of Payroll Check No. 13554 through Payroll Check No. 13558 in the amount of \$107,275.35; approval of Payroll Check No. 13559 through Payroll Check No. 13562 in the amount of \$9,150.29; approval of Payroll Check No. 13563 through Payroll Check No. 13569 in the amount of \$89,985.52; approval of the January 14, 2019 Council study session minutes; approval of the January 17, 2019 Council special meeting minutes; approval of the January 22, 2019 Council regular meeting minutes; and approval of the January 23, 2019 Council special meeting minutes; and setting a special meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 P.M at the Roy H. Murphy Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Avenue, Fircrest, Washington for the sole purpose of discussing the Fircrest community center and pool project. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Surina. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING**A. Proposed Solid Waste Adjustment**

George opened the public hearing at 7:32 P.M. Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed new solid waste rates due to the disposal fee adjustment and the annual CPI adjustment, stating the notice of public hearing was advertised in the January 29, 2019 Tacoma Daily Index. George invited councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public testimony; Neil Holden from Westside Disposal commented on the recycling commodity surcharge request and City of Tacoma's recycling proposed actions. After a brief discussion on the recycling commodity industry and Westside Disposal's community efforts, George invited additional public testimony. Roger Gruener, Westside Disposal, commented on the recycling commodity industry and local government efforts. After a brief discussion on the contract terms between the City and Westside Disposal, George invited additional public testimony. Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniel Drive, commented on granting Westside Disposal's recycling commodity surcharge request. Viafore commented the City's history with Westside Disposal and the

purpose of the public hearing. Holden commented on previous negotiations outside of the contract. After no additional comments, George closed the public hearing at 7:58 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS**A. MCImetro Franchise Agreement, 2nd Reading**

Waltier departed at 7:58 P.M. and returned at 7:59 P.M.

Pingel briefed the Council on the second reading of the proposed franchise agreement with MCImetro and stated a representative from MCImetro was present for questions. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1632, granting a twenty-year franchise to MCImetro Access Transmission Service Corp., d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, to provide a telecommunications system within the City of Fircrest; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Amy Ledvina, a contract with Verizon, briefed the Council on the process on proposed scope of work. George invited councilmember comment; Viafore commented on his concerns on the impacts to the City's right of ways and potential roadway deterioration exposure. Ledvina commented on the efforts in Seattle and meeting the City's requirements and satisfaction. Ledvina stated she would provide Council maps of the areas of work, and George recommended tabling the item until staff obtains this information and reviews it for a future Council meeting. **Reynolds MOVED to table Ordinance No. 1632; seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Acceptance of Donations

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance regulating the acceptance of donations to the City. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1633, adding Chapter 3.50 to the Fircrest Municipal Code providing for the acceptance of donations; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Surina inquired on the process of donation inquiries. Pingel stated the Capital Campaign consultant would help the City would help the City through this process. Viafore commented on a potential donor and how he communicated that information to the City Manager to follow up. George commented on his appreciated of the Council notification in the ordinance. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Humane Society Contract

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed agreement with the Humane Society for furnishing and maintaining a suitable shelter for the handling of stray, impounded, and unwanted companion animals turned over to the Humane Society by Fircrest residents. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1576, authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement between The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County and the City of Fircrest for animal sheltering and related services for 2019 and 2020; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

D. Approval of Special Election Ballot Measure For and Against Committee Forms

George indicated there would be no action on this item as this item was postponed to the February 19, 2019 Study Session.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**A. Earth Day Event**

Pingel commented on staff's approach to cosponsor the April 14, 2019 event. City Attorney Smith recommended requiring not waiving the rental fee due to the presence of a for-profit organization and recovering the costs associated with the facility usage. Waltier commented on his concerns regarding gifting of public funds and the precedent that would be set if the City waived the rental fees. George commented that MetroParks waives the rental fees in exchange for sponsorship exposure, and stated it was not a gifting of funds as it was a business exchange. Sydney Doherty, 507 Spring Street, organizer of the event, commented that it would not be a problem if the City did not waive the rental fee and that she had hoped the City would be a partner in this event. Viafore commented on his agreement with the City Attorney's recommendation and of the costs the City would incur on a day that the Parks and Recreation Department would be normally closed on. George requested a consensus on the event and whether to waive the fee; there appeared to be no objections for the event and to require a rental fee.

B. February 27th Steering Committee Meeting

Pingel requested to set the February 27, 2019 Steering Committee meeting a special meeting due to the anticipated presence of more than three councilmembers. **Reynolds MOVED to set a special meeting of the City Council on February 27, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Roy H. Murphy Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Avenue, Fircrest, Washington for the Pool, Community Center, and Parks Steering Committee;** seconded by Waltier. George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Special Election Ballot Measure Explanatory Statement

Pingel indicated the explanatory statement was underway and being handled by the City Attorney and bond counsel.

Pingel recognized the Public Works crew and City staff for their snow removal efforts.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Chief Cheesman commented on an event on February 25, 2019 the Police Department was cohosting with Pierce County on Psychological First Aid Class at the City recreation center, and thanked the Public Works crew for their snow removal efforts. George inquired about incidents related to the snow; Cheesman commented on accidents and domestic violence incidents.
- Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the snow removal efforts and resources used, and recognized the Public Works crew for their efforts. Wakefield commented on a sewer line backup that occurred during the snowfall and the efforts the crew took to remedy it. Wakefield commented on researching alternative methods to read meters and working with the County to obtain more brine.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover commented on the upcoming Daddy Daughter dance and recent meeting he had with ARC Architects.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore commented on the staff's efforts while the City Manager was on leave.
- Reynolds provided no comments.
- Wittner thanked the audience for their attendance.
- Waltier thanked the audience for their attendance and commented on the Public Works crew snow removal efforts.
- Surina commented on his appreciation of the Community Event Specialist going door to door visiting businesses, and stated that there was a new martial arts studio in the mall. Surina commented on a recent ride-a-long he had and his appreciation of the crew's efforts.
- Nixon thanked the audience for their attendance.
- George thanked the crew for their efforts, congratulated the Sergeant for his promotion, and welcomed Pingel back from leave.

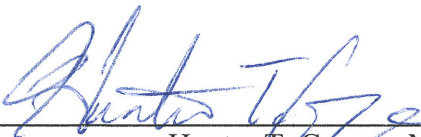
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 P.M., George reported that Council would take a three minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 9:18 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 9:09 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk