# CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tempore Denny Waltier 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, and Blake Surina. Mayor Hunter T. George and Councilmember Jamie Nixon were absent and excused.

## PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

### A. Community Center and Pool Project

City Manager Pingel called attention to the Pierce County Elections special election ballot measure flyer, stating a condensed version of the information had been posted on Facebook.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Waltier invited public comment; Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Avenue, commented on the upcoming Earth Day event scheduled on April 14, 2019 and thanked the City for the support.

## COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

### A. Administration

Reynolds reported on a recent meeting between Mayor George, Councilmember Wittner, Pingel, and Senator O'Ban where they discussed the \$1 million request for the community center and pool project to be included in the final Capital budget. Reynolds reported that preliminary work was underway regarding exploring liability insurance options and City software applications, and that staff was working on budget forecasts. Reynolds indicated staff would be soliciting bids for a recreation online registration system after the special election measure, and that the Tree City discussion would take place at the upcoming study session.

## B. Environment, Planning and Building

Wittner stated he had no new report to provide other than what was detailed in the weekly update.

#### C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Viafore reported that the transition to Office 365 was underway, the painting of the interior of the Public Safety building was almost complete, the installation of the Public Safety building railings was underway, and that pricing of the bullet proof glass for the Court and Public Safety building was being researched.

## **D.** Other Liaison Reports

Surina reported that the Environmental Protection Agency released soil sample testing results for the condominium project on Regents and commented on the dry cleaner clean-up was completed.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Waltier requested Pingel read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 212795 through Voucher Check No. 212876 in the amount of \$67,281.45; approval of Payroll Check No. 13601 through Payroll Check No. 13605 in the amount of \$110,094.62; approval of Payroll Check No. 13606 through Payroll Check No. 13609 in the amount of \$8,398.52; approval of Payroll Check No. 13610 through Payroll Check No. 13616 in the amount of \$110,656.52; approval of the

March 18, 2019 City Council Study Session minutes; and approval of the March 26, 2019 City Council Regular meeting minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected; seconded by Surina**. Viafore requested to remove Accounts Payable No. 19031 to US Bank, Recreation Dept Account in the amount of \$1,038.24 for discussion and to be voted on separately. <u>The Motion Carried As Corrected and Amended (5-0)</u>. Viafore commented on his concern regarding the \$2.00 late fee; Pingel stated that it was being addressed and that the City would recover the cost. Reynolds MOVED to authorize payment of Accounts Payable No. 19031 to US Bank, Recreation Dept Account in the amount of \$1,038.24; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (4-1) with Viafore casting the dissenting vote.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Budget Amendment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Adoption

Pingel briefed the Council on the request for additional appropriations for anticipated revenues and expenditures not provide for in the Adopted 2019 Budget, stating that the only thing that had changed from the first reading was the addition of the \$250,000 transfer from General Fund to Cumulative Reserves-General from the 2018 excess fund balance to assure funds for the community center and pool project were available. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1635, authorizing expenditures of funds for matters not provided for in the Adopted 2019 Budget; seconded by Reynolds**. Waltier invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Waltier invited public comment; none were provided. Waltier requested a roll call vote: Reynolds – Yes; Surina – Yes; Viafore – Yes; Wittner – Yes; and Waltier – Yes. <u>The</u> <u>Motion Carried (5-0)</u>.

## **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

#### A. Summer Jobs

Pingel briefed the Council on the summer jobs available this year and requested assistance in disseminating the summer employment opportunities.

Pingel reported that information on the Street Light LED Conversion program was provided in the weekly update and that once the conversion was completed, staff would meet with Tacoma Public Utilities to obtain the City's per light cost reduction. Reynolds inquired if the summer jobs opportunities had been shared with the local colleges; Pingel confirmed. Viafore commented on prioritizing the timing of the completion of the LED conversion program and TPU's budget to obtain the rebate. Pingel reported on the staff recommendation to request the City's on-call engineering firm, KPG, provide options for crossing controls at Electron Way and Contra Costa Avenue intersection, and that in preliminary discussions with the State, it appeared the previously awarded grant would not limit potential options for angle-in parking. Viafore inquired about the issuances of the SEPA for the community center and pool project and whether it identified any traffic or pedestrian concerns; Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker indicated the SEPA had been issued and that the SEPA document did not evaluate those concerns. Stahlnecker

indicated parking would be evaluated during the preliminary site review, and stated that no formal comments were received during the issuance of notice of application to the public within 500-feet and that a notice of a public hearing would be issued to the public within 500-feet soon. Viafore commented on his concerns regarding the process; Pingel commented on the planning process and reaching out to the community being a separate process.

# **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported that staff would like to continue directing proceeds from the car show to park projects with this year's proceeds going towards the community center and pool project. Viafore inquired if the proceeds could be directed towards something specific within the project; Grover indicated they could identify something within the \$5,000 range. Waltier inquired about the proceeds estimate and agreed with Viafore regarding earmarking the money; Grover indicated that the net proceeds estimated between \$4,500-\$5,000. Surina commented on an individual interested in donating a bench for the project and would pass that information to Grover. Grover commented on the upcoming Earth Day event.
- Police Chief Cheesman commented on the car show, and indicated that he spoke with representatives from the Washington State Patrol and Toxicology Lab regarding the blood analysis turnaround time who stated that they anticipate hiring nine additional employees if funding was approved in the state budget. Cheesman indicated a letter from Pingel to the City's legislative delegation was mailed expressing support for additional personnel to aid in the processing of DUI blood analyses. Reynolds inquired if the additional funding would help the toxicology lab in other analyses; Cheesman stated additional funds would help, however there was grant funding available for testing rape kits and crime scene blood analysis but not for DUI toxicology.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore commented on the dead tree on the south end of Emerson Street and leaning trees on the north end of Emerson Street. Viafore commented on the upcoming Earth Day event and applauded Atwood and her committee on their efforts. Viafore requested the community center and pool project webpage be more easily visible on the City's website; Pingel and Stahlnecker indicated it could be done. Viafore welcomed Acting Finance Director Lindsay Davis, and reported 35% of the necessary ballots had been returned to date.
- Reynolds commented on the upcoming Earth Day event and encouraged all to support and attend the event.
- Wittner thanked the audience for their attendance and commented on his appreciation of the dialogue taking place regarding the community center and pool project.
- Waltier commented on the community center and pool project and his appreciation of the facility.
- Surina commented on the upcoming Earth Day event and expressed his condolences of the passing of Bonnie Ashcraft and Dona Pfeifer.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was none.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M., seconded by Wittner. <u>The Motion</u> <u>Carried (5-0)</u>.

Denny Waltier, Mayor Pro Tempore

Jessica Nappi, City Clerk