JUNE 17, 2019 FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – STUDY SESSION 1

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hunter T. George called the special meeting to order at 6:00 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.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

2020 BUDGET EXPECTATIONS DISCUSSION

City Manager Pingel requested feedback from Council regarding 2020 budget expectations beyond maintaining a status quo budget, the pool and bathhouse construction, completing the community center design, parks projects associated with the bond, and software upgrades. Viafore commented on his support for the water meter upgrade and requested staff to research grant opportunities to fund the water meter upgrade. Viafore requested staff to solicit interest from part-time employees on benefits to determine the need. Viafore requested funds for emphasis patrol, particularly for traffic and truck enforcement. Reynolds commented on her support for a cyber security audit to identify gaps, and data architecture maps. Pingel indicated the City was in the process of obtaining a high-level cyber security scan and would report back on the results. Wittner commented on his support for the emphasis patrols and water meter upgrades, looking for funding for an additional police officer and pedestrian crossing safety improvements, and hiring a custodian instead of contracting those services. Waltier commented on his support for pedestrian crossing safety improvements, water meter upgrade phased-in plan, and emphasis patrol, and requested an electronic reader board at Alice Peers Park. Surina requested to include usage on the water utility electronic bill and to take efforts to encourage customers to convert from paper to electronic utility billing and use those postage savings to survey residents on pertinent topics. Surina requested staff to research a facility assessment for the police station to determine costs and options and funding set aside for the start-up of civic groups. Surina inquired on the funding status of the Parks and Recreation storage shed; Pingel indicated it was sufficiently budgeted in this year's budget and that staff was currently reviewing options to fulfill the need. Surina requested funds to evaluate the bicycle lanes and tie into the greater bicycle system. Nixon inquired on the water meter upgrade; Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the Department's recommendation for advanced metering infrastructure and a phased-in replacement approach. Nixon requested more information on emphasis patrol and determining the need for an additional officer, and commented on his support for the water meter upgrade, part-time benefits, cyber security. George commented on his support of the councilmembers' requests, and requested funding for the recreation registration software. George requested staff to consider submitting a legislative capital budget request for the water meter upgrade and pedestrian crossing safety improvements and a federal grant application for the additional police officer. There was a brief discussion on the Facilities Department and custodial services. Viafore inquired if the City would consider purchasing the vacant 9-acre lot on Mildred Street to be eligible to apply for Brownfield grants. Reynolds recommended adding an analyst to staff in the future to assist the City.

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ELECTRON WAY PARKING EVALUATION

Wakefield briefed the Council on the Electron Way parking evaluation and preferred channelization concept, which included reviewing opportunities for additional parking and traffic calming features along Electron Way adjacent to Fircrest Park. Wakefield indicated that the proposed concept would create approximately 17 additional parking stalls in front of the park and that the 45-degree angled parking with 9' wide parking stalls would allow for ease of access for drivers with expected high stall turnover rates. Wakefield stated that the proposed striping concept could be implemented without any major construction and be completed during 2019. Wakefield indicated this would be a \$30,000 project that could be completed via contract and that the maintenance would be done in-house. After a brief discussion on the parking concept, roundabouts, handicap parking, the need for additional parking, and maintenance costs, there was a general consensus to remove the two proposed parking stalls nearest Contra Costa Avenue, widen the parking stalls greater than the standard 9' x 18', and to initiate work now for completion later this year. Wakefield indicated he would return to Council at a later date with a modified concept and a plan to have the proposed parking completed in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).

Hunter T. George, Mayor

Jessica Nappi, City Clerk