

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 Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon were present. George indicated Councilmember David M. Viafore had notified him that he would be late and was excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Legislative Delegation Session Report

George presented Senator O’Ban and Representatives Kilduff and Leavitt briefed who the Council on the 2019 legislative session report, which included topics on mental health and substance abuse disorder; Western State Hospital; public safety; homelessness; expansion of property tax exemptions; special education funding; health care billing; public infrastructure; supporting local community and school projects; supporting veterans, service members, and families; car tab tax reduction; medical and consumer debt; and workforce development.

Viafore arrived at 7:19 P.M.

Council thanked the legislative delegation for their support on the capital budget, which included \$1 million for the Fircrest pool and community center project. There was a brief discussion on the homestead exemption, the location of the new mental health facilities and their impacts to the nearby communities and schools, restructuring the state’s tax system, tax reduction, and health care affordability. Council thanked O’Ban, Kilduff, and Leavitt for their report.

At the request of Waltier, the meeting recessed at 8:01 P.M. for a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:06 P.M.

B. Resolution of Appreciation for Karen Patjens

George briefed the Council on Planning Commissioner Patjens’ twenty years service to the Planning Commission and read the resolution of appreciation into the record. **Viafore MOVED to approve Resolution No. 1592, recognizing Karen Patjens for twenty years of dedicated service to the City of Fircrest Planning Commission; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore, Surina, and George thanked her for her service and commitment. George invited public comment; Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker commented on her appreciation of Patjens’s contribution to the Planning Commission. Patjens thanked the City for the opportunity to serve and commented on her appreciation of the acknowledgements. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Community Center and Pool Project

City Manager Pingel reported on the community center and pool bids received on June 25, 2019, stating four bids were received and ranged from \$5.0 to \$5.6 million and that due diligence would be done before a staff recommendation would be brought before Council. Pingel indicated this item would be brought before Council for discussion at the July 9, 2019 regular meeting and for approval at the July 23, 2019 regular meeting. There was a brief discussion on process and next steps, documentation, and communicating to the public on the shortened swim season. Parks and Recreation Director Grover indicated August 18, 2019 has been communicated as the scheduled last date for the pool season. George reported that a grant

application was submitted with the Cheney Foundation and Pingel indicated he would include the Foundation's application process with the weekly update.

George read into the record a thank you note from Mary Lewis regarding the City's appearance and flower baskets, and commented on thank you note from Tacoma Public Utilities Regional Relations Manager, LaTasha Wortham. George reported that he and Pingel had recently met with Tacoma School District Executive Director of Planning & Construction and Transportation, Morris Aldridge, and Parametrix Project Manager, Jim Dugan, regarding the school district's bond package for February 2020. George indicated they were developing a list of projects and stated the replacement of Whittier Elementary School was on the proposed list. George indicated the proposed list would be presented to the school board in July 2019 and that the school district representatives would present to Council after the July 2019 school board meeting. Viafore requested staff to research what could be built on the existing site and ensure that the City's codes were reflective of the City's vision. Surina inquired if there were opportunities to partner with Tacoma on the field maintenance and improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; there were none.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks and Recreation

Waltier had no report to provide and commented on the recent Strawberry Feed event and swimming lessons. Grover reported that swimming lessons were nearly sold out and that there were 90 registrations for the swim team.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds had no report to provide as Pierce County Regional Council meeting was canceled.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Surina reported on the safety glass installation, police presence at the community center, a July 10, 2019 workshop for the Police Department on carrying and administering Narcan, and police vehicle laptop replacements. Viafore commented on looking into whether the leftover safety glass could be used.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Nixon reported that the bids for the Alameda Grind and Overlay project would be opened on June 28, 2019 and be brought before Council for an award on July 9, 2019. Nixon reported on the PSE work on Alameda Avenue and the status of the High Tank painting project, and stated that construction on the Farallone Avenue sewer connection project would begin late summer 2019. Nixon indicated that the water main projects on the 400 block of Summit Avenue and 600 block of Contra Costa Avenue would begin after July 4, 2019. Nixon indicated that the crack sealing, street painting and completion of LED conversion would be completed late summer. Nixon reported that the water use efficiency and consumer confidence report was included in the current recent utility bill. Nixon reported that as part of water conservation efforts, City services include landscape moisture readings for residents and that a water conservation booth would be included at the upcoming Fun Days event. There was a brief discussion on the LED conversion project and related cost savings, and Viafore requested staff to look into the road service at the 1200 block of Farallone Avenue.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Reynolds commented available grants through Pool Safety Grant Program, which provides local governments with assistance to help implement enforcement and education programs, with the goal of preventing drownings in pools.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 213204 through Voucher Check No. 213261 in the amount of \$302,433.52; approval of Payroll Check No. 13663 through Payroll Check No. 13668 in the amount of \$115,979.28; approval of the May 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes as corrected; and approval of the June 11, 2019 Regular meeting minutes. George briefed the Council on the corrections made to the May 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes. **Viafore MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected and as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried As Corrected and As Read (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution: Fun Days Fireworks Display Agreement

Grover briefed the Council on a proposed resolution that would authorize an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide a firework display for the City's July 20, 2019 Fun Days event. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1593, authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics for a firework display on July 20, 2019; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Resolution: National Night Out Fireworks Display Agreement

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on a proposed resolution that would authorize an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide a firework display for the City's August 6, 2019 National Night Out event. Cheesman indicated the cost of the fireworks display was \$6,700 and would be paid for with donated funds. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1594, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics, for a fireworks display on August 6, 2019; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired on the contract payment terms. Staff and City Attorney Smith confirmed payment was customarily made after the event. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Resolution: Pierce County Brine Agreement

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed amendment to the memorandum of agreement between Pierce County and the City of Fircrest for the purchase of road supplies primarily brine used for deicing the roads, stating this amendment amends the agreement due to changes in Pierce County's compensation and billing procedures. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1595, authorizing the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement CC-91901 between Pierce County and the City of Fircrest; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Nixon commented

on a concern from the Public Works Director regarding potential supply shortages at the county level. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Pingel reported that the City was in process of transitioning to Office 365 and would send instructions to Council on the Office 365 Outlook web app for access. Pingel requested Council feedback regarding the Kokich Larry Anderson statues, stating Marilyn Kokich's preference was for the City to accept the baseball statue and place it in the park overlooking the baseball fields. After a brief discussion on the need to develop a policy on receiving donated art and decommissioning, there was a general consensus to accept the baseball statue. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the City Manager to receive a donated sculpture from the Kokich family; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Wittner inquired if the motion should specify the baseball statue. Viafore indicated that although staff was aware of Council's preference for the baseball statue, there was a possibility the baseball statue would not be available and so the Council would still prefer to accept a statue. Council requested staff to communicate on behalf of Council its appreciation of Kokich's generosity. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

Viafore inquired on the status of the IT security scan; Pingel indicated the report would be completed within the next few weeks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None were provided.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore thanked employees and management team for their City beautification efforts.
- Reynolds reported that she would be on vacation September 1-6, 2019.
- Wittner commented on the Strawberry Feed event.
- Waltier commented on the community sponsorship donation form included in the recent Town Topics issue and on the Regence Boulevard island status.
- Surina welcomed Waltier to his neighborhood.
- Nixon thanked the audience for their attendance and indicated he would be absent from the July 9, 2019 regular Council meeting.
- George requested councilmembers to provide staff notice of any upcoming meeting absences and vacation schedules, and reported that he would be absent from the July 9, 2019 regular Council meeting. George thanked the audience for their attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 P.M., George reported that Council would take a three-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 9:50 P.M., to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110. George noted that Pingel would be joining the Executive Session and that no further action would take place other than adjournment.

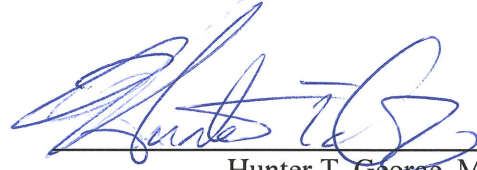
The Council reconvened into regular session at 9:26 P.M.

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ADJOURNMENT

Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk