

**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.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

**A. Proclamation: National Night Out**

George read the National Night Out proclamation into the record. **Reynolds MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on a proclamation proclaiming August 6, 2019 as “National Night Out” in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Nixon.** Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the National Night Out August 6, 2019 event, stating the proclamation demonstrated support of the program. George invited councilmember comment; Surina commented on his appreciation of the event organizational efforts and of all the other community engagement activities the Police Department undertakes. George commented on his appreciation of how the event draws the community together. George invited public comment; Yolonda Brooks, 6448 19th Street W. #B, commented on her appreciation of the inclusion of the Buffalo Soldiers into the National Night Out event. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. Pool and Bathhouse Bid Award and Contract Discussion**

City Manager Pingel reported on the community center and pool budget worksheet, which included the estimated pool and bathhouse construction costs, soft costs, community center, reimbursement of parks projects, and potential parks projects. Pingel indicated that approximately \$12.19 million would be needed from bond funds according to current estimates, and that any additional funding raising funds would continue to lessen the amount needed from the bond. Viafore inquired whether the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation fee was included in the budget estimates; Pingel stated the fee was not included, however he anticipated that interest on the funds kept with Greater Tacoma Community Foundation would be sufficient to cover the fees.

George commented on the passing of former City of Tacoma Mayor and Tacoma School Board President Karen Vialle. Viafore commented on Vialle’s support for the City of Fircrest.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

George invited public comment; Yolonda Brooks, 6448 19th Street W. #B, commented on her concerns regarding trees blocking commercial signage on S 19<sup>th</sup> Street. There was a brief discussion on the new commercial construction and existing signage. Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniel Drive, requested information posted on the City’s Facebook also be posted on the City’s website as the City’s website should host the primary information.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Parks and Recreation**

Waltier reported on the Fun Days event, and stated that P1 reports on the recent events would be released soon.

**B. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reported on the PCRC VISION 2050 priority policy topics and requested feedback from Council. After a brief discussion on the topics, growth management areas, and forecasts, there was a general consensus:

- Expressing shared concerns regarding mass transit locations being a requirement for growth and development and the limitations of opportunity for small areas;
- Be in support of mass transit as it relates to reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Be in support for the following priority topics: Act collaboratively and support local efforts; Increase housing choices and affordability; and Sustain a strong economy.

**C. Public Safety, Courts**

Surina reported the Police Department's presence at the Fun Days event, his and Reynolds' participation in the Fun Days watermelon eating contest, and of an upcoming police officer's retirement. Pingel reported that a Civil Service appointment would be brought before Council soon.

**D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain**

Nixon had no report to provide.

**E. Other Liaison Reports**

George reported that the Investment Committee recently discussed a possible investment opportunity and ultimately decided to keep the funds in the Local Government Investment Pool. Yolonda Brooks, 6448 19th Street W. #B, recommended doing due diligence towards the City partnering with the City of University Place regarding mass transit. George clarified the proposal, stating University Place was proposing to utilize the Sound Transit planning funds for identifying where the new rail would terminate and the transit center be located so that both the public and private sectors that will be affected by it can plan around it.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 213336 through Voucher Check No. 213421 in the amount of \$210,384.53; approval of Payroll Check No. 13669 through Payroll Check No. 13673 in the amount of \$8,276.75; approval of Payroll Check No. 13674 through Payroll Check No. 13680 in the amount of \$91,495.47; approval of Payroll Check No. 13686 through Payroll Check No. 13691 in the amount of \$127,024.98; approval of the June 17, 2019 Study Session meeting minutes; approval of the June 25, 2019 Regular meeting minutes; approval of the July 1, 2019 Special meeting minutes; and approval of the July 10, 2019 Special meeting minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Nixon.** Viafore requested to remove the July 1, 2019 Special meeting minutes and the July 10, 2019 Special meeting minutes. **The Motion Carried As Amended (7-0).** Viafore requested to postpone the approval of the July 1 and July 10, 2019 special meeting minutes and to allow him the opportunity to discuss possible corrections with staff; there were no objections.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Pool and Bathhouse Project Bid Award and Contract Approval**

Pingel briefed the Council on a proposed bid award and recommended including the parking alternative in the contract award. Pingel stated that including the parking alternate in the contract award would still amount to less than the architect's estimate. **Reynolds MOVED the City Council authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the Pool and Bathhouse project to Kassel & Associates, Inc. for \$5,542,257 plus a contingency amount of \$504,300 for a total of \$6,046,557 to prepare and execute the required contract documents, and to give the "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction of the project; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Surina commented on the pool and bathhouse project being one of the largest projects to date the City has undertaken. George thanked staff for their efforts. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. August 13, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Location Change**

Pingel briefed the Council on a proposed resolution to authorize the change of the August 13, 2019 City Council regular meeting location to the Community Center. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1598, designating the location of the August 13, 2019 City Council regular meeting at the Roy H. Murphy Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Avenue, Fircrest, Washington; seconded by Reynolds.** George commented it would be a great opportunity to engage the public in a different setting, and that audio recording of the meeting would not be available, recording the meeting would not be difficult for staff. George invited councilmember comment; Surina commented on his support for the meeting location change and requested consideration for an outdoor venue. Viafore expresses caution against outdoor venues in concern for ADA accessibility. Wittner inquired about the number of users accessing the meeting audio on the City's website; City Clerk Nappi indicated approximately 600 different users accessed the meeting audio since October 2018. Nixon commented on his support for a meeting location change and requested staff to look into ways to record the meeting audio for future opportunities. Viafore stated he would be voting against the proposed resolution due to accessibility, providing a professional setting for a business meeting, acoustics, and the inability to record the meeting. Reynolds inquired if staff could use City issued devices to record the meeting; Pingel indicated there were options available to record the audio but expressed there would difficulty in having a seamless, quality audio stream. George commented on utilizing the Senior Room; Waltier concurred with utilizing the Senior Room. George clarified that the Council's intent was to host the meeting in the Senior Room and requested staff to see if the Senior Room would be available. George invited public comment; Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Avenue, commented on her difficulty in hearing the councilmembers, audio accessibility, and requested improved microphones. Viafore commented on the agenda items relating to the pool and bathhouse project that were tentatively scheduled for the August 13, 2019 meeting and inquired on the necessity of the audio recording for those items. Pingel stated cellular phones or a laptop could assist in recording the meeting and commented on his concern regarding the quality of the recording. George requested a vote by roll call: Nixon – Aye, Reynolds – Abstain, Surina – Aye, Viafore – Nay, Waltier – Aye, Wittner – Nay, and George – Aye. **The Motion Carried (5-2 with Viafore and Wittner casting the dissenting votes).**

**C. Cumulative Reserve Transfer**

At the request of Waltier, the meeting recessed at 8:15 P.M. for a five-minute recess. The minute reconvened at 8:19 P.M. Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the April 9, 2019 Council authorization a Budget Amendment to move \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Cumulative Reserve Fund. Corcoran stated the proposed ordinance would authorize the transfer of \$250,000 General Fund Undesignated Fund to Cumulative Reserve Fund (General Fund portion) and allow funds to be set aside to fund the Pool/Community Center project if needed. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1641, transferring \$250,000 from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance to the Cumulative Reserve Fund (General Fund Portion); seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Surina commented on his reservations regarding the transfer. Wittner commented on his support for the proposed transfer. George clarified that the intent of those funds would be put towards the Pool/Community Center when the final costs are determined. Viafore commented on prudent bookkeeping and on the accessibility of the funds. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**D. Adoption of Financial Policies**

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed written, adopted financial policies for the City of Fircrest, stating the written policies would have benefits, such as, engendering public confidence, providing continuity over time as elected officials and staff members change, and helping with the bond rating process. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1599, adopting financial policies for the City of Fircrest; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore thanked staff for the document improvements and stated the document reflected current practices. Wittner and George commented on their appreciation for the changes made. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**E. Columbia Bank Contract Amendment #1**

Viafore referenced the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine and stated he was a stockholder of Columbia State Bank and recused himself from this item and left the Council Chambers at 8:30 P.M. Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed amendment to the Columbia Bank May 24, 2016 banking services contract, stating this contract amendment would waive fees if the City maintains a minimum monthly ledger balance of \$500,000 with an earned service credit of 2.48%. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1600, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the May 24, 2016 Banking Services Agreement with Columbia Bank to provide uninterrupted banking service to the City; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Viafore recusing himself).** Viafore returned at 8:33 P.M.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Pingel reported that as part of the process of preparing for the repainting and installing of new carpets in City Hall, staff was looking into hosting a public “yard sale” to dispose of unneeded furnishings and equipment. Pingel reported that Marilyn Kokich was in the process of getting her sculptures appraised and that the City would need to obtain the sculpture within sixty days of the appraisal completion. Pingel stated the soccer sculpture may be available and inquired if the City would be interested in obtaining that one as well. After a brief discussion, there was a general consensus to obtain the available sculptures. Viafore recommended hiring a professional to move

the sculptures. Pingel reported he received many positive comments from the community regarding the High Tank painting, and referenced one from the City's Insurance Broker and resident, Dan DeLorenzo.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Police Chief Cheesman commented on his appreciation for Parks and Recreation Director Grover for his efforts for the recent Fun Days event.
- Public Works Director Wakefield reported on the Electron Way parking, stating that the update included 27, 10-foot stalls. Wakefield indicated the project could be done under \$15,000 with Stripe Rite completing the project for \$10,000 and the City providing traffic control. Wakefield reported Stripe Rite would perform the annual city-wide striping starting on August 14, 2019 and complete this project towards the end of August. There were no Council objections. George requested the City provide advance notice to the public.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

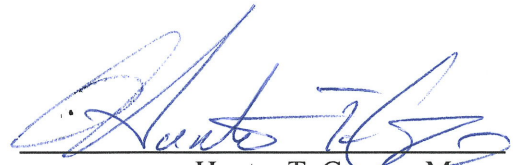
- Viafore and Reynolds thanked staff for their efforts regarding Fun Days.
- Wittner thanked the audience for their attendance.
- Nixon commented on the beer garden component of the Fun Days event, and inquired if there would be an impact from the proposed soccer complex. George stated he would ask the Metro Park project manager to speak to the Council regarding the project. Viafore commented on his concerns, stating the complex's traffic should ingress on S 19<sup>th</sup> Street and exit on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to lessen the congestion on S 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

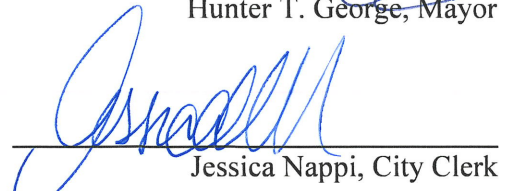
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M., seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

  
Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
Jessica Nappi, City Clerk