

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. Metro Parks Tacoma/Tacoma Community College Field Development Update

Metro Parks Chief Strategy Officer Joe Brady and Tacoma Community College (TCC) President Dr. Harrell briefed the Council on the Sports Village Feasibility Study, presenting information on the goals of the study, development of workstreams, assessments, estimated project costs, and master planning. Brady stated the proposed recreational sports field complex at TCC was not considered a project until the governing agencies took action. There was a brief discussion on timeline, public accessibility to facilities, partnerships, educational opportunities, and traffic, parking, and environmental impacts and mitigation.

B. Bond Market Discussion by Jim Nelson (D.A. Davidson)

Waltier departed at 7:42 P.M. and returned at 7:44 P.M.

D.A. Davidson & Co. Senior Vice President Jim Nelson briefed the Council on the voted bond information, which included a summary of options and updates to estimated bond levy rates. Nelson recommended the City should take advantage of the low long-term bond interest rates and max out the first bond issue while remaining bank-qualified. After a brief discussion on the City’s cumulative reserves, City contribution, AA rating system, and financing term scenarios, there was a general consensus to pursue additional information for the analysis of the \$9.95 million at a 25-year financing term scenario. Pingel recommended pursuing the second issuance of the bond in 2021 for the development of the community center and to coordinate with ARC Architects to meet the planning and design schedule for 2021 construction; there were no objections.

Reynolds departed at 8:10 P.M. and returned at 8:12 P.M.

C. Civil Service Commissioner Appointment

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the recommended appointment of John Bechtoldt to the Civil Service Commission, stating this appointment would fill the seat vacated by Dominique Jinhong and would be through the end of Ms. Jinhong’s term, which would end April 1, 2020. **Viafore MOVED to confirm the City Manager’s appointment of John Bechtoldt to the Civil Service Commission filling the term ending April 1, 2020; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

D. Pool and Community Center Project

Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported on the pool and bathhouse project, stating demolition had begun and that water infiltration was accumulating at a manageable rate. Grover commented on a pre-construction meeting, tests and observations, construction hours, weekly construction meetings, project progress documentation, irrigation, and cameras. Viafore commented on a flatbed trailer on Contra Costa Avenue and George requested weekly project updates on the City’s website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; the following individuals provided comment:

- Christine Beasley, 221 Alameda Avenue, commented on the water meter replacement/installation in her driveway.
- David Pesce, 211 Alameda Avenue, commented on his concerns regarding the Alameda Avenue grind and overlay project not being done in the parking bulb-out areas on Alameda Avenue and the recent utility work, and inquired on why the scope of the project was not curb to curb and if the City could budget extending the project to the parking bulb-out areas. Public Works Director Wakefield provided a background on the scope of the project, the WSDOT right-of-way preservation grant limitations, and budget limitations. There was a brief discussion on the budgeting process and the costs related to expanding the scope of work.

Reynolds departed at 8:24 P.M. and returned at 8:27 P.M.

- Christine Beasley, 221 Alameda Avenue, commented on the traffic backups affecting the ingress/egress to her home during the Wainwright Intermediate School peak times and requested mitigation.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks and Recreation

Waltier reported on the master schedule for the pool and bathhouse construction, time-lapse camera, P1 reports, and the upcoming Concert in the Park event.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds indicated that Nixon attended the recent meeting in her absence and that she had transmitted a letter communicating the City’s perspective on the PCRC VISION 2050 priority policy topics. Nixon provided a summary of the meeting and stated he presented the letter.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Surina reported on the Chick-fil-A opening and lateral police officer oral board interviews, and commented on Officer Deal earning a silver medal in the 2019 World Police and Firefighter’s Olympics.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Nixon reported on the Alameda Avenue grind and overlay project, angle-in parking striping project on Electron, converting services on Farallone, and status of the flowers and flags.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 213540 through Voucher Check No. 213616 in the amount of \$185,579.07; approval of Payroll Check No. 13707 through Payroll Check No. 13711 in the amount of \$131,921.81; approval of the August 13, 2019 Regular meeting minutes; registering no objections to the OMG Food Market, Pint Defiance, and Viafore’s liquor license renewals. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the**

Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. Viafore requested to remove 7C. Liquor License Renewals from the Consent Calendar. **The Motion Carried As Amended (7-0).** Viafore commented on a conflict of interest and recused himself from this item and left the Council Chambers at 8:44 P.M. Reynolds MOVED to approve the liquor license renewals for OMG Food Market, Pint Defiance, and Viafore’s; seconded by Waltier. George invited councilmember comment; Nixon commented on Pint Defiance’s advertisement. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Viafore recusing himself).** Viafore returned at 8:45 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Six-Month Financial Review

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the second quarter review of the 2019 financial report, which included information on revenues and expenditures. Corcoran indicated General Fund revenues for the 2nd quarter of 2019 were close to anticipated. Corcoran stated the total General Fund revenue would see an increase in November due to the property tax not being received by the City. Corcoran briefed the Council on General Fund expenditures, stating expenditures by department 46.6% of the total General Fund budget. Corcoran provided a comparison of Operating revenue to expenditures, indicating operating revenue was \$647,649 more than expenditures and when including capital and non-revenues and expenditures the ending fund balance at the end of the second quarter decreased by \$14,426. Corcoran indicated there was an undesignated fund balance of \$809,307 and that all the funds were doing well. George invited councilmember comment; there were none.

B. Whittier Sprinkler Project Close-Out

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the Whittier sprinkler project close-out, stating a final inspection was conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Close-Out and Acceptance of the Whittier Sprinkler project to Soundview Landscape and Sprinkler for a total price of \$73,367.75 including tax and acceptance of the project; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Wittner commented on the quality of the grass and Viafore commented on improving the baseball fields. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

Viafore departed at 8:57 P.M.

C. Tank Painting Site Project Close-Out

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the tank site painting project close-out, stating the project was completed ahead of schedule. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Close-Out and Acceptance of the High Tank Site Painting Project to Long Painting Company for a total contract price of \$165,257.00 including tax and acceptance of the project; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; George and Waltier

commented on the quality of the work. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Viafore absent).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Pingel commented on the proposed amendments to the Pierce Transit bylaws, stating the proposed changes to the section on amendments would provide written notice and that staff had no other concerns. There were no Council objections.

Pingel commented on the Sorting Services worksheet, stating the final draft would be distributed to Council soon for feedback.

Reynolds departed at 9:01 P.M.

Pingel commented on staff’s work on the Naming Policy and that a draft would be distributed to Council soon for feedback.

Pingel indicated that the September 16, 2019 study session would provide 2.5-hour training on the Incident Command System Overview for executives/senior officials and requested Council attendance to confirm a quorum. Nixon inquired if a motion would be required to extend the two-hour meeting; Pingel confirmed. George commented on the importance of this training.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Cheesman commented on a vehicle speed monitoring and traffic counting device the City recently received and that the Department would be coordinating with the Public Works Department to locate it on Emerson, Claremont, and 19th Street. Cheesman indicated the information would help the City procure future grants.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

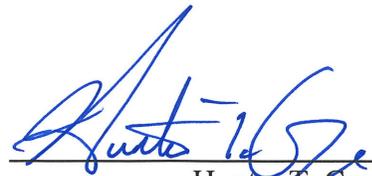
- Waltier thanked the audience for their attendance.
- George thanked the audience for their attendance and commented on his appreciation of the meeting’s presentations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Waltier MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M., seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (5-0 with Reynolds and Viafore absent).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk