

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. Pool and Community Center Project

Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported on the pool and bathhouse project update, commenting on the short-term schedule, demolition progress, sidewalk closures, groundwater mitigation, and installation of onsite cameras. Grover reported trace amounts of asbestos was found in the original roof of the poolhouse and commented on the abatement process. Grover stated there would be a ten-day waiting period and the abatement process would not affect the project schedule. There was a brief discussion on community feedback on the striped parking and traffic counts on Electron Way, and City Manager Pingel reported that the preliminary official statement and proposed bond ordinance would be brought before Council at the October 8, 2019 regular meeting. George reported on the latest progress of the Fundraising Committee, which included the development of the donor list, gift approaches, and scripts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; the following individuals provided comment:

- David Pesce, 211 Alameda Avenue, inquired on the status of his concerns regarding the Alameda Avenue grind and overlay project not being done in the parking bulb-out areas on Alameda Avenue. George indicated this was an administrative, not legislative, issue in nature and requested staff to provide Council more information about the issue to include cost estimates and a staff recommendation. Pingel and Public Works Director Wakefield reported on the project status, stating the project was suspended until September 18, 2019 to complete the project and perform a final inspection per WSDOT rules. George and Viafore recommended Pesce continue his conversation with staff to address his concerns and that Council would address his concerns once staff brought forth information and a recommendation to Council.
- Dan Trotter, 111 Alameda Avenue, inquired on the Alameda Avenue grind and overlay project not being done in the parking bulb-out areas on Alameda Avenue and commented sewer concerns. Viafore commented on the WSDOT preservation grant limitations limiting the scope of work to the traveled right-of-way and requested staff to provide Council information on the sewer conditions of Alameda Avenue.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Reynolds had no report to provide.

B. Environment, Planning and Building

Wittner had no report to provide.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Viafore reported on the City Hall painting project, stating it was acceptable to approve. George reported that the State Auditor was present for the annual audit and that the entrance interview was scheduled for the end of week.

D. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 213618 through Voucher Check No. 213686 in the amount of \$220,434.71; approval of Payroll Check No. 13712 through Payroll Check No. 13716 in the amount of \$117,947.95; approval of Payroll Check No. 13717 through Payroll Check No. 13720 in the amount of \$8,182.69; approval of Payroll Check No. 13721 through Payroll Check No. 13726 in the amount of \$110,030.02; and approval of the August 19, 2019 Study Session minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Contract

Pingel briefed the Council on a proposed contract with Principal Life Insurance Company for Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance, stating. This change would increase the maximum life insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$150,000 while reducing the overall cost of life insurance to the City. Pingel indicated the proposed policy included age benefit reductions and recommended to grandfather in those that were currently over the \$150,000 benefit maximum or that fall into the age reduction category. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1605, to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Principal Life Insurance Company for Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore commented on the premium costs and unfunded liability. Pingel indicated the annual premium would be \$7,147. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Insurance Broker Services Contract Amendment

Pingel briefed the Council on amendment to the Leavitt Group NW contract for insurance broker services, indicating there were no rate changes and that the amendment would extend the contract through December 31, 2020. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1606, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #8 to the agreement with Leavitt Group NW for insurance broker services; seconded by Surina.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Pingel reported on the pool business plan progress and stated the sorting services would be included in the weekly updates to obtain Council feedback. Pingel indicated the Naming Policy would be included in the weekly update to obtain Council feedback. Viafore requested to bring the Naming Policy be brought to a study session.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Wakefield reported on the storm water capital improvements preliminary design report and requested Council feedback to move forward with the projects listed, stating the document would help the City apply for Department of Ecology grants. There was a brief discussion on impervious surface requirements, mandated capital improvements, outfall improvements, and matching grant requirements. There were no objections to the project list and to proceed with the Department of Ecology grants. Wakefield reported on the pedestrian traffic signal failure at Contra Costs and Regents and stated it would need to be replaced or modified in the long-term and would look at alternatives. Wakefield reported on the University Place 67th Avenue West grind and overlay project from 37th to 44th and George requested to put project information on the City’s Facebook to notify residents. Viafore inquired on whether the Well #9 improvements were covered by the City’s insurance; Wakefield indicated no due to the City not renewing the boiler insurance and commented on the life cycle of a well pump.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore commented on his concerns regarding potential traffic congestion from the proposed sports complex concept at Tacoma Community College. Viafore inquired on the status of the dead trees at Wainwright and Whittier schools; Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker commented she would inquiry a status update with the schools. Viafore inquired on the status and spelling of the street signage at the condominium project; Stahlnecker indicated the private street would be named “11th Tee Drive” and did not find any policy that would prohibit numbered named streets. Viafore commented on the quality of work at Whittier fields, and inquired on the status of the High Tank cellular lease negotiations; Pingel indicated there were no updates.
- Reynolds commented on her concerns regarding public comment disruptions and time limits, and inquired if the Council Rules and Procedures could be refined to address those concerns. Viafore commended on George’s handling of the public comment disruption, and George commented on he handled the disruption and philosophy regarding public comments.
- Wittner thanked the audience for their attendance and the police for their presence at the schools during drop-off. Wittner inquired if the reader board could be updated as it reflected an outdated event, and inquired if the plaque at the rhododendron memorial garden in Masko Park could be restored. Grover indicated the reader board had been updated earlier that day and that he would coordinate with the Parks Supervisor regarding the plaque.
- Waltier commented on his recommendation to upgrade the reader board to an electronic reader board, and reported that the house on Summit Avenue undergoing remodeling was going through the permitting process. Waltier commented on his relief of the minimal groundwater infiltration at the pool.
- Surina reported on a citizen’s concerns regarding the lack of defined bicycle lanes on Electron Way, and Pingel stated it would be shared lane with pavement markings. Surina offered to act as a liaison between citizens and staff to help mitigate citizen concerns; Pingel indicated staff had spoken with Pesce earlier that day regarding his concerns and that staff would provide Council options to address the citizen concerns regarding the Alameda Avenue grind and overlay. Surina commented on restoring all the plaques at the rhododendron memorial garden in Masko Park; Viafore expressed support for this project.
- Nixon thanked the audience for their attendance.

- George reported on the Tacoma Weekly article on the Names Family pledge and that that article would be included in the donor packet. George thanked the audience for their attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

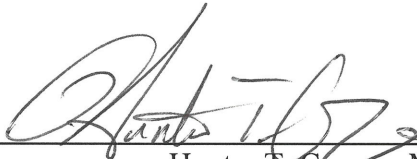
At 8:05 P.M., George reported that Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:40 P.M., to discuss current or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). George noted that Carol Morris, Michael Smith, Pingel, and Stahlnecker would be joining Council in the Executive Session.

At 8:37 P.M., George returned and announced that the Executive Session would reconvene no later than 8:50 P.M.

At 8:41 P.M., the Council reconvened into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M., seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk