

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, Denny Waltier, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmember Brett Wittner was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

Viafore MOVED to remove New Business Item #10E. Ordinance: Salaries of Non-Union Employees, Including Casual and Seasonal Employees; seconded by Waltier. George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).**

A. Pool and Community Center Project

Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported on the pool and bathhouse project update, commenting on the ground and rain water mitigation, pool excavation, plumbing installation, and bathhouse construction. After a brief discussion on incorporating the donated Kokich Larry Anderson statue into the pool area, Grover indicated he would provide consult with the contractor and bring back more information to Council. Grover confirmed the project schedule was not impacted by the abatement process and that the project was on schedule.

Pingel and George briefed the Council on the bond rating meeting, and Pingel stated the bond rating agency would provide the City its rating by October 17, 2019 and that the sale of the bond was tentatively scheduled for October 29, 2019.

Waltier requested an update to Council from the Capital Campaign Committee and there was a brief discussion on the grant applications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Reynolds had no report to provide.

B. Environment, Planning and Building

As Wittner was absent, no report was provided.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Viafore commented on staff’s work on the budget.

D. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Manager read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 213737 through Voucher Check No. 213815 in the amount of \$253,909.50; approval of Payroll Check No. 13731 through Payroll Check No. 13735 in the amount of \$107,011.78; approval of Payroll Check No. 13736 through Payroll Check No. 13739 in the amount of \$8,504.88; approval of Payroll Check No. 13740 through Payroll Check No. 13745 in the amount of \$88,431.53;

approval of the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes; approval of the September 16, 2019 Study Session minutes; approval of the September 24, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes; approval of the September 30, 2019 Special Meeting minutes; and setting a public hearing on November 12, 2019 to receive comments on 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Pingel noted the corrected Voucher Report and the Scribner’s error in the September 30, 2019 Special Meeting minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Waltier.** Viafore requested to remove Consent Calendar Item 7C. Setting a public hearing on November 12, 2019 to receive comments on 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. **The Motion Carried As Amended (6-0 with Wittner absent).** Viafore inquired about the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and Pingel stated the amendments would add the capital improvements plan and inquired if Council wanted a study session on this item. Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker indicated the Planning Commission made a recommendation to propose changes to the six-year capital improvement program and changing the wording from “center of local importance” to “countywide center.” **Viafore MOVED to set a public hearing on November 12, 2019 to receive comments on 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Preliminary 2020 Budget Revenue Sources

At 7:18 P.M., George opened the public hearing. Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the Preliminary 2020 Budget, stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the Preliminary 2020 Budget revenue sources. George invited councilmember comments; Viafore commented on the banking the 1% levy capacity for property and new construction. Viafore stated the 1% increase would bring in approximately \$21,494 and that the effect to the budget would be less, and recommended postponing the related New Business items. Reynolds and Nixon commented on their support for the proposal and for more information about the banking levy capacity. George invited public testimony; none were provided. At 7:27 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

B. Preliminary 2020 Budget

At 7:27 P.M., George opened the public hearing. Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the Preliminary 2020 Budget, stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the Preliminary 2020 Budget expenditures. George invited councilmember comments; Reynolds inquired on whether an additional public hearing would need to be held if the salaries of non-union employees ordinance was updated. Corcoran indicated no. George invited public testimony; none were provided. At 7:31 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Viafore MOVED to remove New Business Items #10A, B, C, and D; seconded by Reynolds. George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).**

F. Municipal Court Judge, Chief Examiner, and Information Services Manager Rate of Pay Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance that provides for a 1.7% COLA increase for the Municipal Court Judge, Civil Service Chief Examiner, and the Information Services Manager rate of pay effective January 1, 2020. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1642, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1625 and FMC 2.44.070 reestablishing the Municipal Court Judge monthly rate of pay, the Civil Service Chief Examiner rate of pay and the Information Services Manager rate of pay; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).**

G. Comfort, Davies and Smith, P.S. Contract Amendment Corcoran briefed the Council on amendment to the amending the contract for legal services with Comfort, Davies and Smith, P.S., indicating a 1.7% COLA increase and extension of the contract through December 31, 2020. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1607, authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract for Legal Services with Comfort, Davies and Smith, P.S. for City Attorney and City Prosecutor services in 2020; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).**

H. Issuance and Sale of Bonds Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance that would authorize the issuance, sale, and delivery of approximately \$10,000,000 in bonds, stating the ordinance would authorize the City Manager, or the Finance Director in the City Manager’s absence, to conduct the sale of the bonds in the manner and upon the terms deemed most advantageous to the City, and to approve the final terms of each series of the bonds. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1643, an ordinance of the City of Fircrest, Washington, relating to contracting indebtedness; providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of not to exceed \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of unlimited tax general obligation bonds to provide funds to finance pool, community center and parks projects as authorized by the qualified voters of the City at a special election held on April 23, 2019; fixing or setting parameters with respect to certain terms and covenants of the bonds; appointing the City’s designated representative to approve the final terms of the sale of the bonds; and providing for other related matters; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired about the term of the parameters. Pingel indicated the parameters were set up to 25 years but that the goal would be 20 years. Viafore inquired if about the interest rate terms; Pingel indicated the interest rate would be better with the shorter term and that he would include an updated amortization schedule in the weekly update. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).**

City Attorney Smith requested to add an additional new business item for the consideration of adoption for a six-month building moratorium regarding new development in certain areas of the City. **Reynolds MOVED to amend the agenda to add New Business Item #10I Ordinance No. 1644 regarding a six-month development moratorium in certain portions of the City; seconded**

by Surina. George invited councilmember comment; Waltier inquired for clarification on the motion. George indicated the motion was to amend the agenda to add the new business item for discussion. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent)**. Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed six-month moratorium, stating it would prohibit the submission or acceptance of any development applications for new development, additions, and alterations in the 44-acres of property located at the northwest corner of the City, bounded by 19th Street West and Mildred Street West and zoned Commercial Mixed Use and Residential-30. Stahlnecker indicated Pierce County Regional Council approved to amend its Countywide Planning Policies to designate the proposed area as a Countywide Center and that the Planning Commission recommended approval to amend the City’s Comprehensive Plan to designate this area as a Countywide Center. Stahlnecker indicated the moratorium would allow staff time to review how the designation would affect the City’s land use and zoning regulations. Stahlnecker indicated the proposed ordinance scheduled a City Council public hearing on November 12, 2019, and that the City would adopt the findings to either continue the moratorium or repeal it at the following meeting. After a brief discussion on impacts to current developments and applications, **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1644, adopting a six-month moratorium prohibiting the submission or acceptance of any development applications for new development, additions, and alterations in the property comprised of 44 acres, located at the northwest corner of the City, bounded by 19th Street West and Mildred Street West, zoned Commercial Mixed Use and Residential-30, and proposed to be designated as a Countywide Center in the Countywide Planning Policies, said moratorium to be in effect while the City performs the activities described in this ordinance; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore requested clarification for the term alterations; Smith referred to list of applications that would be exempt from the moratorium. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent)**.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Pingel indicated the upcoming 2019 Comprehensive Plan amendments would not need a study session. Pingel reported on the city insurance liability quotes and recommended the City remain with the City’s current provider as they continued to serve the City well and renewal fee decreased from \$208,000 to \$157,000.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Stahlnecker reported on a Department of Commerce grant the department anticipated applying for as it related to the potential rezoning amendments of the Countywide Center. Viafore inquired on the status of the streets sign at the 11th Tee condominiums; staff indicated the signs were installed. Waltier inquired on the status of the proposed dialysis center, staff indicated it was in progress.
- Corcoran invited councilmembers to an audit exit interview on October 28, 2019.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore commented on the infrastructure and capital improvements.
- Waltier thanked the audience for their attendance.
- Surina commented on the park bond, commented on the history of Fircrest Park, and commended Council and staff for their efforts.
- Nixon thanked the audience for their attendance.

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FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR 5

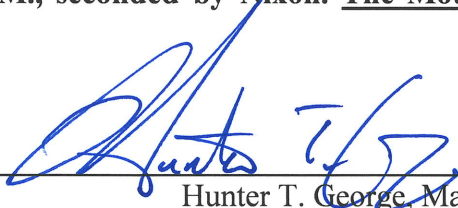
- Viafore inquired on the community center project timeframe; Pingel anticipated having the design phase ready for Council review by the November 12, 2019 Council meeting, construction documents by April 2020, and begin construction at the end of the pool season.
- George commended all those involved in the community center and pool project

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M., seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk