

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

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

George invited Honorable Judge Miller to comment on the 2020 budget. Judge Miller commented on the progress made with the City Manager regarding personnel matters, which included reclassification and court clerk salary.

A. Proclamation: Dysautonomia Awareness Month

At the request of George, Reynolds read the proclamation into the record. Reynolds MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on a proclamation proclaiming the month of October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month; seconded by Nixon. George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Wittner absent).**

B. Pierce Transit Update by Nancy Henderson

Pierce Transit Board Commissioner Nancy Henderson presented an update on Pierce Transit, which included history, ridership information, service area, boarding statistics, operating statistics, revenues, and expenditures, organizational staffing, partnerships, renovations, and major initiatives. There was a brief question and answer session on reserves, I-976 impacts, bus rapid transit, and Board composition, which included input from Alexandra Mather from Pierce Transit.

C. 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, plumbing installation, and setting the foundation. Pingel reported on the community center project schedule, stating the schedule built in extra lead time for the permitting and review process and that he anticipated construction beginning in September 2020 and completion in August 2021. Wittner inquired on the impact of weather on the construction of the foundation; Grover indicated the final finish of the concrete would be mostly weather dependent. Pingel reported that S&P Global rating agency issued the City an AA+ initial bond rating.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks and Recreation

As Waltier was absent, no report was provided.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported that the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) had passed up an opportunity to add a PCRC member to the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Committee as it would dilute the overall strength of the PCRC voting power on the committee.

D. Public Safety, Courts

Surina commented on the passing of Carl Cheesman.

E. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Nixon had no report to provide.

F. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Reynolds departed at 8:06 P.M. George requested to remove Consent Calendar 7C. Setting a public hearing to receive comments on sewer rates on December 10, 2019 at 7:15 P.M. or soon thereafter; there were no objections. George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as amended: approval of Voucher No. 213816 through Voucher Check No. 213878 in the amount of \$1,088,254.09; approval of Payroll Check No. 13746 through Payroll Check No. 13750 in the amount of \$103,565.98; approval of the October 7, 2019 Special Meeting minutes; approval of the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes; and approval of the October 14, 2019 Special Meeting minutes. **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as amended; seconded by Surina. The Motion Carried As Amended (5-0 with Waltier and Reynolds absent).** Reynolds returned at 8:07 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Preliminary 2020 Budget

At 8:07 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. George invited councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public testimony; none were provided. At 8:09 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Salaries of Non-Union Employees, Including Casual and Seasonal Employees

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed salary ordinance for implementation January 1, 2020, stating the proposal provided for a 1.7% COLA increase, a reclassification, and restoration of the Parks and Recreation Director's salary. **Reynolds MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 1645, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1624 and FMC 2.44.050 relating to salaries of non-union City employees and amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1624 and FMC 2.44.090 relating to hourly rate of pay for casual and seasonal employees; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired on the reclassification job description. Pingel indicated he would share that with Council. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

NEW BUSINESS

A. Alameda Avenue Grind & Overlay Project Acceptance

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the Alameda Grind and Overlay Project completed by Tony Lind Paving, and recommended approval. **Reynolds MOVED the City Council accept the contract for the Alameda Grind and Overlay Project completed by Tony Lind Paving, LLC in the final contract amount of \$120,696.86; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Surina inquired on the WSDOT close-out process.

Wakefield indicated final approval by WSDOT would take approximately 30-60 days. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

B. Farallone Avenue Sanitary Sewer Connection Close-Out Change Order #1

Wakefield briefed the Council on the Farallone Avenue sanitary sewer connection close-out change order #1 and stated the change order would result in a net decrease to the contract of \$589.92. **Reynolds MOVED the City Council approve Close-Out Change Order #1 to Pape & Sons Construction Inc. for the Farallone Sanitary Sewer Connection Project decreasing the contract total by \$589.92 for the project for an adjusted total contact price of \$105,622.66 and acceptance of the project; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Surina inquired on when the project began. Wakefield indicated it began in April 2019. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

C. Creating a Park Bond Debt Fund

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance that would establish a fund to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to park bond debt services. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1646, establishing a fund to be used for all proper Park Bond Debt services and adding section 3.20.301 of the Fircrest Municipal Code; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

D. Creating a Park Bond Capital Fund

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance that would establish a fund to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to park bond capital projects. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1647, establishing a fund to be used for all proper Park Bond Capital Project purposes and adding section 3.20.302 of the Fircrest Municipal Code; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired on payments to Kassel & Associates. Corcoran indicated a budget adjustment would be made. Viafore inquired when the bond would be sold; Pingel indicated October 29, 2019. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

E. BIAS Software Agreement

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed professional services agreement with BIAS Software to provide software support for BIAS software applications for the year 2020. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1608, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with BIAS Software to provide software support for BIAS software applications for the year 2020; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

F. DAC Contract Amendment

Court Administrator Perry briefed the Council on the proposed agreement for Public Defense Services with Pierce County through the Department of Assigned Counsel and stated the agreement incorporated the City's contracted services for the Ruston municipal court services, extended the contract through December 31, 2020, and updated the compensation. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution 1609 No. 1643, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for Public Defense Services with Pierce County for indigent legal defense services; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were

provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

G. Boers & Associates Contract Amendment

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment to the professional services agreement with Jeff Boers and Associates to extend the date of the agreement to December 31, 2020 and stated there would be no rate changes. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1610, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #7 to the agreement with Jeff Boers and Associates for current and long-range planning consulting services; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

H. NW GIS Contract Amendment

Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment to the professional service agreement with NW GIS Consulting, LLC extending the term of said agreement through December 31, 2020 and stated there would be no rate changes. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1611, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #5 to the professional services agreement with NW GIS Consulting, LLC to provide on call GIS support services through December 31, 2020; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

I. Morris Law Contract Amendment

Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment to the agreement with Morris Law, P.C. extending the date of the agreement to December 31, 2020 and stated there would be no rate changes. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1612, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #13 to the professional services agreement with Morris Law, P.C. for special legal counsel services in land use matters and environmental law; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; George inquired if staff anticipated increased usage of land use legal counsel in 2020. Stahlnecker indicated no as much of the rezoning efforts would be more on planning than legal. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

J. Sound Inspection Contract Amendment

Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the proposed contract amendment to the professional services agreement with Sound Inspection LLC to extend the date of the agreement to December 31, 2020 and stated there would be no rate changes. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1613, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #7 to the agreement with Sound Inspection LLC for inspection services; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Pingel requested feedback from Council regarding the scheduled October 28, 2019 and November 4, 2019 budget special meetings. After a brief discussion, **Viafore MOVED to cancel the October 28, 2019 and November 4, 2019 budget special meetings; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).**

Pingel provided an update to the traffic congestion at Wainwright Intermediate School, stating staff were in the process of collecting information and reviewing the traffic impact analysis submitted at the time of construction of the school. Pingel indicated staff would report back to Council once the information was assembled and evaluated. Viafore commented on illegal parking enforcement on Alameda Avenue. George indicated the Tacoma School District Board would be taking action to put in February for a construction bond package, which included the replacement of Whittier elementary school, and stated a representative from the school district would make a presentation to the Council in November.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Grover reported on the upcoming Haunted Trails event.
- Wakefield reported on the painting of the crosswalk at Alameda Avenue and Darmouth Street, and on the security measures the City would be taking to address the break-ins at the High Tank site. Viafore commented on installing security cameras on site.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

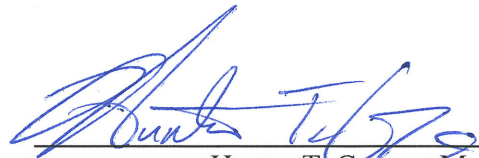
- Viafore commented on the passing of Carl Cheesman and on pool project sales tax revenues, and requested a copy of the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures manual.
- Surina requested to keep architect Wittmeyer in mind for the opening remarks of the new community center.
- George commented that he and Linda Kay would be approaching Columbia Bank for a sponsorship opportunity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0 with Waltier absent).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk