

**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**

Tacoma Fire Department Operations Bureau Deputy Chief Mitchell briefed the Council on the recent fire at the Wellington Apartments, reporting on the response efforts, damage, investigation, property loss, and resident displacement.

**A. Pool and Community Center Project**

Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported on the pool and bathhouse project update, commenting on the construction schedule and progress to date. City Manager Pingel reported on the bond proceeds, stating the deposit was on schedule.

**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**

Wittner reported on the condominium progress and commented on a commercial owner’s concerns regarding the sign regulations.

**C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

Viafore commented on staff’s work on the budget and priority spending of bond proceeds.

**D. Other Liaison Reports**

There were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Manager read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 213879 through Voucher Check No. 213964 in the amount of \$137,452.13; approval of Payroll Check No. 13751 through Payroll Check No. 13754 in the amount of \$102,631.46; approval of Payroll Check No. 13755 through Payroll Check No. 13758 in the amount of \$8,558.58; approval of Payroll Check No. 13759 through Payroll Check No. 13763 in the amount of \$87,314.22; approval of Payroll Check No. 13764 through Payroll Check No. 13769 in the amount of \$104,218.08; approval of the October 21, 2019 Study Session minutes; approval of the October 22, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes; setting Budget special meetings for September 28, October 5, October 12, October 26, and November 2, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.; setting a public hearing to receive comments on 2021 Revenue Sources on October 13, 2020 at 7:15 P.M. or soon thereafter; setting a public hearing to receive comments on 2021 Budget on October 13, 2020 at 7:15 P.M. or soon thereafter; setting a public hearing to receive comments on 2021 Budget on October 27, 2020 at 7:15 P.M. or soon thereafter; and setting study sessions for January 21, February 18, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and

December 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

Reynolds departed at 7:16 P.M. and returned at 7:17 P.M.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

At 7:16 P.M., George opened the public hearing. Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the proposal to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan to identify the 19th and Mildred Countywide Center and updating the six-year Capital Facilities Improvements Plan. George invited councilmember comments; Viafore expressed caution and requested clarification on the implications of becoming a countywide center. Stahlnecker commented it would not impact the City's autonomy, opened up grant opportunities, and encouraged complementary planning efforts with adjacent jurisdictions. George invited public testimony; none were provided. At 7:24 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

### **B. Ordinance No. 1644 Relating to the Six-Month Moratorium**

At 7:24 P.M., George opened the public hearing. Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the Ordinance No. 1644 Relating to the Six-Month Moratorium, stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the on the six-month moratorium that prohibited the submission or acceptance of any development applications for new development, additions, and alterations in the property comprised identified on Exhibit "A" of the adopted ordinance. Stahlnecker commented on the proposed work plan and stated that an extension of 3-5 months may be needed due to schedule requirements. George invited councilmember comments; Viafore inquired if the property owners were notified. Stahlnecker indicated no, but stated that some were aware of the moratorium and that notices would be issued in early 2020 for the charettes. George invited public testimony; none were provided. At 7:31 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. 2020 Regular Tax Levy**

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to establish no increase in the amount and percentage increase of the 2020 regular property tax levy over the 2019 regular property tax levy. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1614, establishing no increase in the amount and percentage increase of the 2020 regular property tax levy over the 2019 regular property tax levy; seconded by Surina.** George invited councilmember comment; George thanked Viafore for bringing up the banking levy capacity for consideration. George invited public comment; Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, thanked the Council for their efforts. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

### **B. 2020 EMS Tax Levy**

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to establish the amount and percentage increase of the 2020 EMS Property Tax Levy over the 2019 EMS Property Tax Levy. **Waltier MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1615, establishing the amount and percentage increase of the 2020 EMS property tax levy over the 2019 EMS property tax levy; seconded by Surina.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**C. 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Levy**

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance that would allow the City to levy the necessary amount to fund 2020 City operations. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1648, fixing the amount of the annual Ad Valorem tax levy necessary for the fiscal year 2020 and repealing Section 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1623; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Surina inquired on the levy rate. Corcoran indicated that as the assessed value increased, the rate would go down as revenue could only grow by 1% per year. Pingel indicated that once the EMS levy was renewed, the rate would reset to fifty cents per thousand of assessed value. Viafore inquired if management would consider a permanent EMS levy; Pingel indicated staff could look into it. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**D. 2020 Regular Property Tax and Regular EMS Levy Certification Forms**

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed the 2019 levy certification forms for Regular Property levy and Regular EMS levy and called attention to the Excess Property Levy amount to be levied for the payment to the bond. **Surina MOVED to authorize the City Manager sign the 2020 Regular Property Tax and EMS Levy Certification forms; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**NEW BUSINESS****A. ARC Contract Amendment – Community Center**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed amendment of the agreement with ARC Architects to provide professional services to the City of Fircrest to continue and complete the design and construction of the Fircrest Pool and Community Center project, stating the proposed combined fees for the Community Center construction documents through project close-out totaled \$720,889. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1616, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #2 of the professional services agreement with ARC Architects to continue and complete the design and construction of the Fircrest Pool and Community Center project; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore expressed concern regarding the utilization of the City Council and Steering Committee, and food consulting services. Pingel indicated the scope would be updated to include two City Council meetings and one public meeting and the price would not be impacted. George recommended inviting the Steering Committee to the City Council meetings to maintain citizen involvement. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. Geotechnical Services Change Order**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed contract change order for additional geotechnical services needed for the Pool and Bathhouse project, stating the additional work and cost estimate still fell within the architect's estimate for the work. **Surina MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1617, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract change order for additional geotechnical services for the Fircrest Pool and Bathhouse project with GeoEngineers, Inc.; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**C. Art Donation Agreement**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed agreement to accept two sculptures from Marilyn Kokich. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1618, authorizing the City Manager to**

execute an agreement with the Kokich family to accept two bronze sculptures and adhere to the conditions of the art donation; seconded by Surina. George invited councilmember comment; Surina extended his appreciation for the donation and requested assurance that the infrastructure could support the sculptures. Waltier commented on the Kokich bronze sculpture installed at the Chambers Bay Park. There was a brief discussion on George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**D. December 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Date/Time Change**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to change the date and time of the December 24, 2019 7:00 P.M. regular Council meeting to December 30, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1619, changing the date of the December 24, 2019 regular meeting to December 30, 2019 and the time of the said meeting from 7:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; seconded by Surina.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore requested clarification on the Council Rules. City Attorney Smith indicated that the Council Rules permitted a regular meeting to be moved. Reynolds indicated there would be a chance she would be absent or bring a special guest to the meeting. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**E. Landscaping Maintenance Services Contract Amendment**

Corcoran briefed the Council on amendment to the landscape maintenance contract with Greenleaf Landscape, Inc., stating the amendment would extend the term through December 31, 2020 and increase the amount of the contract to \$47,241 plus tax. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1620, authorizing the City Manager to amend the landscape maintenance contract with Greenleaf Landscaping, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance services for the City of Fircrest through December 31, 2020; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore complemented staff on the administration of the contract and commented on his appreciation of the landscaping services. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Pingel indicated the November 18, 2019 study session would include a presentation from the Tacoma School District on the proposed bond measure, which would include the replacement of Whittier Elementary School. Pingel indicated the November 26, 2019 regular meeting would a presentation from ARC Architects on the design development review for the Community Center. Pingel indicated the Steering Committee would be invited to attend the regular meeting for the presentation. Pingel reported staff obtained an evaluation from another company to assess the City's information technology services, stating the City now had two proposals and that an RFP for IT Services would be issued. After a brief discussion on budget impacts, Pingel indicated that the Information Services budget would not be impacted and the ERR would be initially, and that the operation budget would not be negatively impacted. Pingel indicated staff would provide more information. Pingel indicated he had not received any proposals from Westside Disposal to address their request to be compensated for the recycling commodity surcharge. Pingel reported that Westside Disposal indicated Reynold's recommendation to increase recycling options to residents would be a viable option, and Pingel requested Council feedback. After a brief discussion, there was a general consensus for Pingel to move forward with Westside Disposal to negotiating a contract amendment.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Public Works Director Wakefield provided an update on the Tree City application, stating it was an award that the City would need to apply for annually. Wakefield indicated the City met three of the four standards, and that the City would need to hold an Arbor Day celebration and approve a proclamation. After a brief discussion on timeline, there was a general consensus for staff to hold a celebration and bring a proclamation for Council approval in 2020 for a 2021 award application.
- Police Chief Cheesman reported on the November 14, 2019 workshop on earthquake hazards and risks to residents in Western Washington cohosted by the City with Washington Emergency Management.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore commented on his concerns regarding the 2020 Budget, and requested an update on staff's efforts regarding the nuisance parking at Wainwright Intermediate School and enforcement of no parking/no standing signage. Cheesman indicated staff was monitoring the situation during peak times at the school and looking into options.
- Reynolds commented on a 2016 conference she attended and mascots.
- Waltier thanked the audience for their attendance and congratulated councilmember-elect Joe Barrentine.
- Waltier commented on the length of a vehicle permitted in the angle-in parking on Electron Way. Pingel indicated staff would research options, including making certain parking compact size and installing signage.
- Surina commented on Crime Stoppers track records and on the ordinance that made the Kwanzan cherry tree the official tree of Fircrest.
- Nixon thanked the audience for their attendance.
- George indicated he received a preview by Tacoma School District (TPS) on their proposed bond measure, and stated that he requested TPS present detailed information to the City Council at their November 26, 2019 presentation. George requested staff take efforts to promote and increase public outreach regarding the TPS November 26, 2019 presentation.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None scheduled.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk