

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, Joe Barrentine, and Denny Waltier were present. Councilmember Jamie Nixon was absent and excused. City Manager Pingel was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Mayor Pro Tempore Motion

George briefed the Council on the motion needed to formalize the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tempore. **George MOVED to appoint Councilmember Brett Wittner to the position of Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Fircrest City Council for a two-year term; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; there were none. George invited public comment; there were none. **The Motion Carried (6-0 with Nixon absent).**

B. Community Center Design Presentation by ARC Architects

Parks and Recreation Director Grover introduced ARC Architect Emily Wheeler, who presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the community center design, LEED update, site design update, and signage update. There was a brief discussion that included kitchen size concerns, flag pole and donor paver location concerns, donor paver cost affordability, energy, maintenance and operating costs, inclusion of councilmembers in the donor paver policy, access to the dumpster, electric vehicle station option, signage, using the actual names in the renderings, and placement of the donated bronze sculptures. There was a general consensus regarding signage to modify street number signage from Option 1 and centered above the entry as well as the non-wrapping, signage face from Option 2 with Roy H. Murphy signage beneath the Fircrest Community Center signage. There was a general consensus to incorporate the brown/orange/red toned accent pole from Option 3.

C. Community Center and Pool Project

Grover briefed the Council on the progress of the pool and bathhouse construction project, and recommended coordinating with staff for tours available to councilmembers and Steering Committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Reynolds provided no report.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds briefed the Council on the first meeting of the PCRC of the year and provided dates on upcoming events that Council would be interested in.

C. Public Safety, Courts

As Nixon was absent, no report was provided.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Wittner provided no report.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Waltier reported on the status of the Land Use Attorney RFP and stated interviews would be held the following week. George and Waltier stated they would be participating on the interview panel.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 214268 through Voucher Check No. 214314 in the amount of \$447,720.42; approval of Payroll Check No. 13812 through Payroll Check No. 13816 in the amount of \$113,712.61; approval of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as corrected; approval of the January 21, 2020 Study Session minutes; approval of the January 22, 2020 Special Meeting minutes; and approval of the January 23, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. George removed the January 23, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. City Clerk Nappi indicated that the January 23, 2020 minutes would be revised to reflect the lack of quorum. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected and amended; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0 with Nixon absent).**

PUBLIC HEARING

George opened the public hearing at 7:57 P.M. Acting City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed new solid waste rates due to the disposal fee adjustment and the annual CPI adjustment and stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments on items included in the contract, which only included the annual rate adjustment and tipping fee. George invited councilmember comments; there were none. George invited public testimony; there were none. George invited public testimony; there were none. George closed the public hearing at 7:58 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution: Refugee Resettlement Program

George briefed the Council on the proposed resolution granting consent for the Federal government to resettle refugees within the municipal boundaries of the City of Fircrest. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1642, declaring an intent to grant consent for the relocation of refugees within municipal boundaries per United States Executive Order 13888; seconded by Barrentine.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore requested to amend the motion to include authorization for the Mayor to sign the letter to Secretary of State Pompeo consenting to refugee resettlement in the City of Fircrest. **Viafore MOVED to amend the motion to include authorization for the Mayor to sign the letter to Secretary of State Pompeo consenting to refugee resettlement in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (6-0 with Nixon absent).** George invited councilmember comment on the amended motion; Reynolds inquired if the documents had been reviewed by the City Attorney. City Attorney Smith indicated he had not reviewed the documents. After a brief discussion regarding the lack of legal review, **Waltier MOVED to table Resolution No. 1642; seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (6-0 with Nixon absent).** George requested staff to coordinate with the City Attorney to review the refugee resettlement documents.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were none.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker thanked the Council for their participation in the form-based design charettes and stated summary information would be provided at the upcoming City Council/Planning Commission joint meeting.
- Public Works Director Wakefield provided an update on the water meter upgrades, stating Phase 1 would include 500+ single-family water meter replacements and that staff had submitted a grant application for state funds to cover 50% of the anticipated costs. There was a brief discussion on what other meters, infrastructure, and technology localities use, and Viafore expressed concerns regarding staff's recommendation and requested additional information. Staff indicated more information would be provided. Wakefield reported on the status of Well #4 and stated it would be repaired soon. Wakefield reported on the 44th Street and Commons lift stations and stated they would be repaired soon.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

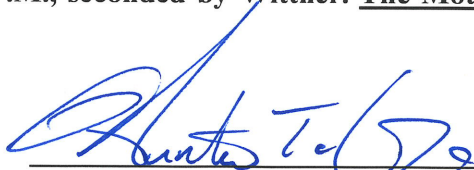
- Viafore expressed concern about the lack of Council feedback regarding his comments.
- Reynolds expressed concern about vetting documents with the City Attorney.
- Wittner thanked the audience for their attendance and commented on his appreciation of Viafore's comments.
- Barrentine inquired on the City's Census outreach and thanked the audience for their attendance.
- Waltier thanked Viafore for his comments and welcomed Sergeant Miller.
- George complimented staff on the design charettes and citizen engagement, and looked forward to the upcoming report. George indicated Planning Commissioner McGinnis announced his resignation due to family schedule conflicts and that there were now two vacancies on the Planning Commission. George thanked the audience for their attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

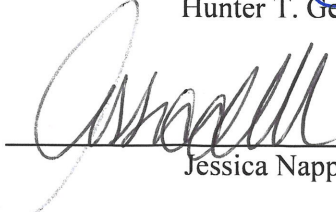
At 8:21 P.M., Council convened into Executive Session after a three-minute recess, not to exceed the hour of 8:54 P.M., to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110. George noted that no further action would take place other than adjournment. The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:32 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0 with Nixon absent).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk