

**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, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

**A. Community Center and Pool Project**

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the progress of the pool and bathhouse construction project and discussed signage options for the community center building and the pool and bathhouse.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

George invited public comment; the following individuals provided comment:

- Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, commented on the privatization of public broadband.
- Troup 216, Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts of America, commented on volunteer opportunities and community service options within the City.
- Neil Holden, Westside Disposal, commented on submitting a request for a contract extension.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Administration**

Viafore briefed the Council on the upcoming contract with Westside Disposal and the request for information from Westside Disposal before the Study Session next week. Viafore has requested an updated financial report with regard to the community center and the pool and bathhouse

**B. Environmental, Planning and Building**

Waltier briefed the Council on the land use attorney interviews and anticipated bringing a recommendation before Council at the next meeting.

**C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

Barrentine briefed the Council on upcoming staff training to help with the May deadline for filing state reports. The City had a bond mature in January and the City now has one outstanding bond maturing in August. The investment committee will be meeting soon.

**D. Other Liaison Reports**

Reynolds briefed the Council on an upcoming PCRC meeting scheduling conflict with the parks open house on February 20, 2020.

A brief discussion was held on LEED certification and the heating source of the community center.

Council discussed electric car charging and when the bid documents will be prepared.

George briefed the Council on a Mayoral Forum on affordable housing and anticipates bringing more information to the next meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 214315 through Voucher Check No. 214389 in the amount of \$155,013.46; approval of Payroll Check No. 13817 through Payroll Check No. 13821 in the amount of \$112,379.53; approval of Payroll Check No. 13822 through Payroll Check No. 13825 in the amount of \$8,484.48; approval of Payroll Check No. 13826 through Payroll Check No. 13831 in the amount of \$111,336.63; approval of the January 23, 2020 Special Meeting minutes; and approval of the January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution No. 1642: Refugee Resettlement Program**

**Reynolds MOVED to untable Resolution No. 1642; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).** Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed updated resolution granting consent for the Federal government to resettle refugees within the municipal boundaries of the City of Fircrest. George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds inquired if the Resolution No. 1642 has been reviewed by the City Attorney; Acting City Attorney Comfort confirmed legal review of the documents for Council consideration of approval. George invited public comment; there was none. Per the amended motion on the table from the January 28, 2020 regular meeting (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; AND 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 (7-0).**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Solid Waste Rate Adjustment**

Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance setting new solid waste rates due to the disposal fee adjustment and the annual CPI adjustment. The amount is based upon the collection charge listed in the contract plus 85% of the percentage change of the West-B/C Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers Consumer Price Index (CPI). The notice of public hearing was advertised in the January 17, 2020 Tacoma Daily Index. A public hearing was held on January 28, 2020 to accept public comment on the proposed new solid waste rates. No comments were received.

**Nixon MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1653 amending Ordinance No. 1634 and Fircrest Municipal Code 6.08.130 relating to the schedule of rates and charges for solid waste collection; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds requested confirmation of the amending ordinance number. George invited public comment; there was none. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Pingel requested Council feedback on scheduling the Council photographs, indicating February 25, 2020 and March 10, 2020 were available. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to schedule the Council photographs on March 10, 2020.

Pingel reported that the March study session would include an updated presentation on form-based code from Rangwala and requested Council feedback on scheduling a public meeting prior to the 6:00 P.M. study session in order to accommodate an informal meeting for the public. After a brief discussion, **Viafore MOVED to set the March 16, 2020 study session time to 5:30 P.M.; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; there was none. George invited public comment; there was none. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

George reported that Council did not declare a public meeting with regard to the Community Center special meeting. **Viafore MOVED to set a special meeting on February 20, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at Roy H. Murphy Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Ave, Fircrest, Washington for the purpose of presenting the design and permitting for the Community Center and Pool; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; there was none. George invited public comment; there was none. **The Motion Carried (7-0)**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Public Works Director Wakefield reported staff met with Tacoma School District about the storm management program for the Hunt Middle School Project. Tacoma School District is proposing groundwater injections of their treated stormwater back into the aquifer. We are within the 5-mile radius of the project and per the Well Head Protection Program and are asking for our acceptance of that proposal.  
Brief discussions were held on the water protection plan and how often this type of stormwater treatment is used. Concerns were raised over the potential drawbacks. Council requested a presentation from the Tacoma School District for a future meeting.
- Police Chief Cheesman reported there is a new officer, Mr. Jeff Johnson, and he is signed up for the next academy class. Staff is continuing to conduct background checks on the other applicant and is anticipating having that process complete by the end of February. The police department completed lockdown drills February 11, 2020 at both elementary schools.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore expressed excitement for the newly hired officer. Viafore commented on his concern of the well head protection plan and would like a copy of the Department of Ecology report for the Hunt Middle School project.
- Reynolds expressed thanks to the City Clerk, Jessica and would like to know more about the water meters and the financial effects.
- Wittner thanked the audience for their attendance and specifically Troop 216. Wittner commented on having Troop 216 help with Earth Day festivities.
- Barrentine thanked Troop 216 for their attendance and staff for doing a great job on the Daddy Daughter Event.

- Waltier thanked Troop 216 for their attendance and thanked the audience for their attendance. He thanked Jessica for her hard work as City Clerk.
- Nixon thanked Jessica for her time as city Clerk and wished her luck.
- George reminded everyone about the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. George also commented on the proposed Metro Parks development at Tacoma Community College. The school bond appears to have the needed percentage to build a new Whittier Elementary. George thanked Jessica and wished her well and thanked Troop 216 for their attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:51 P.M., Council convened into Executive Session after a five-minute recess, not to exceed the hour of 9:30 P.M., to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110. George noted that City Manager Pingel would join Council in Executive Session and that no further action would take place other than adjournment.

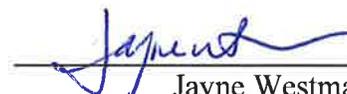
At 9:30 P.M., George announced Council would continue the executive session until 9:45 P.M.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 9:41 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jayne Westman, City Clerk