

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hunter T. George called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Joe Barrentine, and Denny Waltier were present. Councilmember Jaime Nixon was absent and excused.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

2020 DEPARTMENT WORK PLANS

Pingel introduced the 2020 Work Plan and staff presented their department work plans, which included briefings from:

- Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker: Planning and Building
- Police Chief Cheesman: Police, Emergency Management
- Pingel: Administration
- Court Administrator Perry: Municipal Court
- Finance Director Corcoran: Finance, Information Systems, Facilities
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover: Parks and Recreation
- Public Works Director Wakefield: Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Street

There was a brief discussion on middle-income housing, potential housing affordability legislation, streetlight design guidelines, the soon to be formed Pierce County Deadly Force Investigation Team, and the Wellfound programs. Also discussed was the Ruston court collection amnesty program, participation in the pilot project for the state-wide court management system, recreation software collaboration between the Finance Department and the Recreation Department, Tot Lot swings upgrade, Community Center & Pool business plan completion, and the LED streetlight conversion program.

WESTSIDE DISPOSAL SURCHARGE REQUEST DISCUSSION

Neil Holden with Westside Disposal briefed the Council on the history of the declining recycling commodity market and the monetary effects the decline in the market had on Westside Disposal.

Mr. Holden would like to propose a surcharge to minimize the monetary impact to Westside Disposal. Mr. Holden presented a spreadsheet comparing the rates of other localities and the City of Fircrest. Discussions included the current contract end date, the possibility of renegotiating the current contract, and the potential benefit to the citizens and Westside Disposal by extending the current contract. Council consensus was to move forward with discussions between staff and Westside Disposal on extending the contract.

WATER METER UPGRADE DISCUSSION

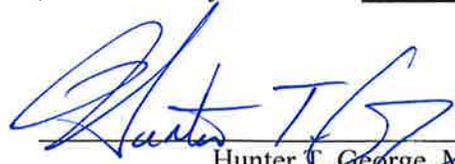
Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the history of meter reading software that brought to light the need for new meters to replace the current outdated and inconsistent meters currently installed. Wakefield explained the difference between an AMI and an AMR system and the different meter options available for residential and commercial applications as well as which local jurisdictions have transitioned to the Kamstrup meter. Wakefield discussed the installation process and the impact on the budget by installing the new meters with the Public Works crew. Discussions included the cost of replacement, multi-phase implementation, potential grant funds to offset the cost, and the potential impact to rates and revenue.

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ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0 with Nixon absent).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk