

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, Hunter T. George, Joe Barrentine, and Denny Waltier were present. Jamie Nixon was absent and excused.

Chief Cheesman introduced Jeffery Johnson, the new police officer. Johnson is returning to Fircrest and is excited to be back.

George addressed the Council to discuss Coronavirus (COVID-19). George briefed the council on Governor Inslee's call for social distancing and cancelling senior events. City Manager Pingel reported the police department needs gowns and masks. He reported that Chief Cheesman and himself have been attending conference calls to discuss further needs.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Proclamation: Arbor Day

George introduced the Arbor Day proclamation and Reynolds read the proclamation into the record. **Waltier moved to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming the last Friday of April as Arbor Day in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; George commented that Councilmember Reynolds has been working hard to make progress towards earning a Tree City designation. George invited public comment; there were none. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

B. Hunt Middle School Injection Wells

Jenny Saltonstall representing Tacoma Public Schools, briefed the Council on the geological conditions that exist around the Hunt Middle School project and how those conditions relate to the City's Wellhead No. 9. Discussions included the 5-year time of travel, aquifer depths, and soil conditions. Zachary Crum, representing Tacoma Public Schools briefed the Council on water treatment, the process to remove sediments, and testing after installation. Discussions included drawing contaminants during droughts and the ground water flow, notification requirements, and similar systems in the area. There was consensus to allow City Manager Pingel and the City Attorney to draft and review the required correspondence between the City and Tacoma Public Schools and bring it back to Council.

C. Community Center Project LEED Discussion

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the grant history and explained the LEED accreditation points. Ola Jarvegren, representing FSI Engineers, briefed the Council on variable refrigerant flow (VRF) systems and the advantages of installing a heat pump/ heat recovery system over a gas rooftop package unit. Discussions included long term operating costs, maintenance, operation during winter months, and installing a gas range over an electric range in the Community Center. There was consensus to have staff gather cost data on bringing in a gas line for the Community Center kitchen range.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; the following individuals provided comment:

- Kit Burns, a Tacoma resident, commented on the privatization of public broadband.
- Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, commented on the privatization of public broadband.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Viafore reported the City Manager will be meeting with Westside Disposal to discuss the garbage contract and believes we need to expedite Councilmember Barrentine's photo. Councilmember Viafore also expressed concern over the maintenance and staffing of the new Community Center and Pool.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Waltier had no report at this time.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Nixon was absent; no report given.

D. Finance, IT, Facilities

Barrentine reported he and Colleen met but had no report at this time.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Reynolds reported Parks and Recreation Director Grover has been busy with the Community Center business plan. They have discussed kiddie pool fees and the possibility of using wristbands to segregate the two pools. Councilmember Reynolds reported Grover will be providing monthly employee reviews and providing a training plan for the new software leading up to the pool opening. They also discussed have an on-staff lifeguard trainer.

George reported that the Investment Committee met and with the current market condition, there was a unanimous decision to keep the funds in the LGIP. The Committee will meet again in 90 days unless something comes up in the interim.

Viafore reported that the Investment Committee discussed transferring an additional \$250,000 from the undesignated fund balance into cumulative reserves. That would isolate the funds and require a five-councilmember approval. George asked the Council if there were any objections to Finance Director Corcoran preparing the budget adjustment to reflect the \$250,000 transfer to cumulative reserves. There were no objections. Reynolds commented that she supports the move and in uncertain times, the funds could be used to ensure employee salaries are paid.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 214457 through Voucher Check No. 214526 in the amount of \$67,884.55; approval of Payroll Check No. 13837 through Payroll Check No. 13840 in the amount of \$8,538.17; approval of Payroll Check No. 13841 through Payroll Check No. 13846 in the amount of \$116,260.93; approval of Payroll Check No. 13837 through Payroll Check No. 13840 in the amount of \$8,538.17; approval of Payroll Check No. 13847 through Payroll Check No. 13852 in the amount of \$90,882.33; approval of the February 18, 2020 City Council study session meeting minutes; approval of the February 20, 2020 special meeting minutes; approval of the February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1647: Estate Place Lift Station Consultant Services Agreement

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would execute a professional services agreement with S & B, Inc. for providing final design and bid call services for the Estate Place Lift Station Project. Wakefield reported the bid amount is much less than allowed for in the budget. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1647, authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with S & B, Inc. for providing final design and bid call services for the Estate Place Lift Station Project in an amount of \$13,443.00.; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided; George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

B. Resolution No. 1648: Fun Days Vendors and Entertainers Agreements

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would allow the City Manager to execute agreements with 2020 Fun Days vendors and entertainers. Grover reported that **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1644, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with vendors and entertainers for 2020 Fun Days not to exceed \$12,000; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore asked if the Blues Brothers will be returning. Grover reported that a different musical group will performing and should be equally as good. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel reported that the moratorium adopted by Ordinance No. 1644 is set to expire in April. Pingel requested that we set a public hearing on March 24, 2020 to receive comments on a 6-month extension.

George MOVED to set a Public Hearing on March 24, 2020 to receive comments on a 6-month extension on the moratorium adopted by Ordinance No. 1644; seconded by Wittner. George invited councilmember comment; there was none. George invited public comment; there was none. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

Pingel also reported that the interviews for the Maintenance Lead internal recruitment will be Thursday. There are two Public Works crew members interested in the position.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Public Works Director Wakefield presented the renderings for the Alameda Ave and Regents Blvd. round-a-bout. He briefed the Council that these are concept drawings and there may be grant possibilities. Discussions included the funds already spent to improve and maintain the current islands, the age of the signals, and the potential traffic impacts. Consensus was to keep the current streetscape and traffic signal.
- Planning & Building Administrator Stahlnecker reported that there will be a public hearing on Monday. With regard to the potential rezoning of the area currently under the moratorium, was there interest in the potential of rezoning the R-30 area into Mixed-Use Urban and Mixed-Use Neighborhood. Brief discussions included that there would need to be visuals provided to fully understand the potential changes and the possibility of having two phases.

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COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

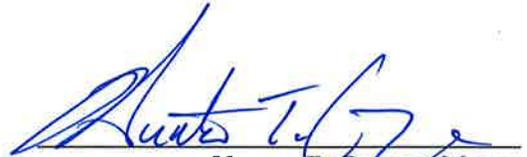
- Viafore; none at this time.
- Reynolds commented that with the COVID-19 developments, the virus may become more contagious and if Council meetings need canceled, how would the City get the notice out?
- Wittner; none at this time.
- Barrentine; none at this time.
- Waltier; none at this time.
- George commented that Governor Inslee reportedly will be restricting large crowds and is weighing school closures. George reported that the Fundraising Committee is pausing the fundraising efforts at this time in order to fully understand the endowment process and research the legalities. George also commented on remotely attending Council meetings and asked staff to pursue how the City can accommodate that from a technology standpoint, reevaluating Council rules, and consulting MRSC for guidance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

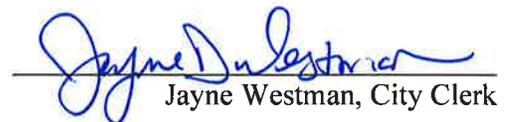
No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter F. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk