

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Brett Wittner, Hunter T. George, Joe Barrentine, and Jaime Nixon were present. Councilmembers Shannon Reynolds and Denny Waltier were absent.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Resolution No. 1649: Council Rules of Procedures

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed resolution to rescind Resolution 1542 and adopt new Council Rules of Procedures. Pingel highlighted the proposed changes to Rule 7 and Rule 22 that would allow remote attendance. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1649, rescinding Resolution No. 1542 relating to City Council Rules of Procedures and adopting new City Council Rules of Procedures; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore asked about the process to allow remote attendance and if that motion would be required at prior meetings. Brief discussion was held on determining the necessity for remote attendance, requiring the Presiding Officer to be present in Council chambers, and meeting requirements per the Fircrest Municipal Code; George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

Viafore MOVED to allow Councilmembers to attend City Council meetings remotely for the next forty (40) days; seconded by Wittner. George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided.

Councilmembers Shannon Reynolds and Denny Waltier joined the meeting at 7:16 P.M.

B. Civil Service Commissioner Appointment

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on reappointing Commissioner Bechtholt to the Civil Service Commission. **Chair MOVED to reappoint John Bechtholt to the Civil Service Commission for the term of April 4, 2020 to April 4, 2026; seconded by Viafore.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None were provided

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

None were provided

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 214527 through Voucher Check No. 214593 in the amount of \$904,468.98; approval of Payroll Check No. 13853 through Payroll Check No. 13854 in the amount of \$1,120.78; approval of Payroll Check No. 13855 through Payroll Check No. 13859 in the amount of \$110,981.80; approval of the

March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; **Viafore MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Extension of the 6-month Moratorium adopted by Ordinance No. 1644

At 7:20 P.M., George opened the public hearing. Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the 6-month moratorium extension and work plan George invited Councilmember comment; Viafore asked if we have received any public comments with regard to the moratorium. Stahlnecker stated that she has had conversations with representatives of Sunrise Center however has not received any for or against statements. George invited public testimony; none were provided. At 7:24 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1654: Extension of the six-month moratorium

Nixon MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1654, renewing the six-month moratorium adopted on October 8, 2019 for an additional six-months, prohibiting the submission or acceptance of any development applications for new development, additions, and alterations in the property comprised of 44 acres, located at the northwest corner of the city, bounded by 19th Street West and Mildred Street West, zoned Commercial Mixed Use and Residential-30, and proposed to be designated as a countywide center in the countywide planning policies, said moratorium to be in effect while the city performs the activities described in this ordinance; seconded by Wittner. George invited councilmember comment; Viafore commented that he will support the adoption of the ordinance due to the lack of community concern to date; George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Ordinance No. 1655: PROS Plan Update Approval

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on PROS plan history and gave a brief overview of the updates. Grover also updated Council that there will be a more robust PROS plan evaluation update in two years. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1655, adopting the 2020 Park Recreation and Open Space Plan and amending FMC 10.02.010 and Section 1 of Ordinance 1066; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; George commented that we are committed to revisiting the PROS plan and engaging the community when we update the plan. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Resolution No. 1650: Project Inspection and Reporting Services Contract

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would allow the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract that will allow Parametrix to provide services until the end of the Pool and Bathhouse project. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution 1650, authorizing the City Manager to execute amendment #1 to the contract for project inspection and reporting services for the Fircrest Pool and Bathhouse project with**

Parametrix; seconded by Wittner. George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel reported that we still plan to have Mr. Rangwala return for the April study session and the Pierce County Council has suspended all their meetings until May 1st. Pingel also updated Council on the staffing throughout the City over the next few weeks. Viafore asked about overtime pay for utility callouts for the Public Works crew.

Pingel also briefed the Council on the Families First Relief Act and how the city plans to comply with the new Federal regulations. George commented that he will be on a call with Congressman Heck tomorrow and he will be discussing possible public employer reimbursements for the FFCRA mandates that are available to private employers.

Wittner asked about the impacts to the construction of the pool and bathhouse and will construction be able to continue. Pingel informed Council that he has asked for that clarification and will report back once he hears from the State.

Waltier asked about how the Police Department plans to address the potential public gatherings that are in violation of the Stay at Home order. Cheesman responded that he plans to provide education to those who may violate the order and as a last resort could cite an RCW but prefers to educate the public.

Barrentine commented that State has implemented a moratorium on evictions and expressed that if the State does not extend the moratorium, that the City have a plan in place to be ready to act.

Brief discussion was held on that the authority might be at the State level and the City may not be able to act, however, may make a proclamation to show support.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council about the lunch program at Whittier Elementary and that the teachers of Whittier Elementary will be conducting a parade of cars and plan to drive by bus stops and neighborhoods. Our Police Department will be apart of that parade.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore asked if staff has heard from ARC with an update on the cost of the gas line to the Community Center kitchen and that the Census 2020 has listed Fircrest addresses as Tacoma addresses. Viafore commented that he appreciates the intent of the working with our utility customers and not perform utility shut offs but does not believe that staff has the authority to waive that fee in the Fircrest Municipal Code. He requested follow-up. Viafore also commented that our revenues may be down this year and the City needs to be prepared.
- Reynolds: none at this time.
- Wittner; none at this time.
- Barrentine commented that he would like to thank staff with the Census 2020 outreach and also wanted to thank Viafore for making the motion to allow remote attendance for the next forty (40) days.
- Waltier commented that he is concerned that the Census lists our addresses as Tacoma and the effects that may have.

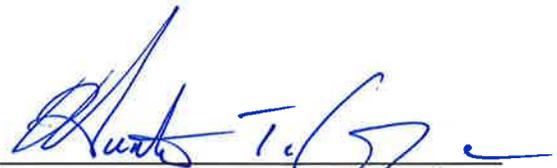
- Nixon commented that he would like to thank staff for the meeting setup, and he is pleased that staff is relaying accurate information. He would like to express his concern that COVID-19 will not be ending soon and we need to take this seriously to keep people safe.
- George commented that he would like to thank Chief Cheesman for participating in a live book reading online and would also like to thank staff for being proactive with the response to COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk