

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

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Viafore encouraged Councilmembers to read the provided packets but had no report at this time.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Waltier had no report at this time.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Barrentine reported that Finance Director Corcoran, City Manager Pingel, and himself plan to meet ahead of the study session.

D. Other Liaison Reports

Reynolds reported the PCRC will not be holding meetings; therefore, no report at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 214594 through Voucher Check No. 214693 in the amount of \$111,339.57; approval of Payroll Check No. 13860 through Payroll Check No. 13864 in the amount of \$107,354.49; approval of Payroll Check No. 13865 through Payroll Check No. 13868 in the amount of \$8,108.58; approval of Payroll Check No. 13869 through Payroll Check No. 13874 in the amount of \$85,183.21; approval of Payroll Check No. 13875 through Payroll Check No. 13879 in the amount of \$106,797.03; approval of the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; **Viafore MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1651 Emergency Declaration

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would certify the existence of an emergency due to COVID-19 and explained the impacts of COVID-19 on the City's operations. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1651, certifying the existence of an emergency relative to COVID-19.; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Waltier commented that he would like to see an end date in the resolution. Pingel

reported that the Resolution is in effect until Council rescinds it; Viafore expressed concerns about the Resolution being retroactive. Pingel reported that under Section 2, the Resolution clarifies the Ratification of Actions Taken to date. Viafore also expressed the concern as to the necessity to pass the Resolution. Viafore requested a legal opinion. City Attorney Michael B. Smith addressed the Council and expressed his support of the Resolution and clarified that Council has the option to rescind the Resolution at any point. Pingel also reported that if the Federal Government allows us to recoup the costs of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, we would need to have the Resolution in place to qualify for the potential aid. Brief discussions were held on Coronavirus cases count in the City of Firecrest. George invited public comment; Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, expressed opposition to the resolution and encouraged Councilmembers to vote against the Emergency Declaration. George invited Council Comment; George commented that he anticipates transparency by staff and hopes that future stimulus packages include relief for local governments. Viafore expressed his opposition for the Resolution. Reynolds expressed hesitation to support the Resolution and feels at this time in the pandemic, it does not seem necessary to move forward with an Emergency Declaration. She also stated concern with maintaining the democratic process. **The Motion Carried (4-3) with Viafore, Reynolds, and Waltier dissenting.**

B. Resolution No. 1652 EMS Levy on the 2020 Primary Election Ballot

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the EMS Levy renewal that expires every six (6) years. The Resolutions would allow the City to place the EMS Levy renewal on the primary and general election ballots. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1652, authorizing the placement of an Emergency Medical Care and Services levy for the years 2021 through 2027 on the primary election to be held August 4, 2020; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired about the current levy rate and is concerned that the raise in taxes could affect our homeowners, especially senior residents. Finance Director Corcoran reported that the current EMS Levy rate is \$.3404. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Resolution No. 1653 EMS Levy on the 2020 General Election Ballot

Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1652, authorizing the placement of an Emergency Medical Care and Services levy for the years 2021 through 2027 on the general election to be held November 3, 2020; seconded by Reynolds. 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 the Stay at Home order extends past the forty (40) days that were approved for remote Council attendance and inquired about interest to extend the date to allow remote Council attendance. Council consensus was to address the topic at the next Council meeting when there may be more information to base a decision upon.

Council was briefed on the Countywide Planning Policy amendments and inquired if Council would like staff to present the amendments at a future meeting or if there was interest in making a motion to support the Policies and take no further action. Consensus was to have staff present at a future meeting.

Pingel reported on the For and Against Committees for the EMS Levy and the process to select those volunteers. Consensus was that if staff receives more than three interested parties, then Council would want to confirm the committee members.

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Council was briefed on the Community Center bidding updates and inquired if there was concern with proceeding as planned. No concerns were received.

Lastly, Pingel reported that staff would like to discuss potential budget impacts from COVID-19 at the next scheduled Study Session.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported that he has a meeting set with Kassel next week and that Ian is back on-site at the Pool and Bathhouse Project.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore; expressed thanks to staff for the efforts in setting up the meeting. Viafore expressed concern with the traffic light at the intersection of Alameda Ave and Columbia Ave and the revision of the turn lanes/ turn signals.
- Reynolds commented her concern about the financial impacts of COVID-19 and would like to look at ways to stretch funds to avoid staff changes.
- Wittner; commented that he is also concerned with the traffic intersection of Alameda Ave and Columbia Ave and expressed that the intersection is quite dangerous. Wittner reported that Public Works Director Wakefield was unaware of the City of Tacoma changing the intersection turn lanes or light.
- Barrentine; thanked Staff and especially the Police, Parks, and Public Works departments for their efforts.
- Waltier; thanked Mr. Rybolt for his attendance and participation. He also expressed concern about the audio of the Zoom meeting.
- Nixon: thanked staff for setting up the meeting. He also expressed how cool it was to see Councilmember Reynolds care for her child while partaking in the Council Meeting. Lastly, Nixon gave tribute to his Grandfather, Walter Hyatt, who recently passed away. Mr. Hyatt played an influential role in Councilmember Nixon's life and he will be missed.
- George thanked Mr. Rybolt for his patience with setting up the remote meeting. George thanked staff for their efforts and for maintaining a positive environment during these times.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

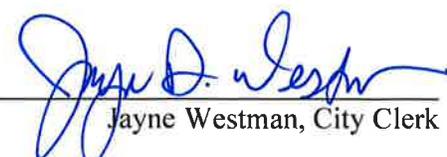
No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M., seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter P. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk