

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Meeting was held primarily by remote attendance)**

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

None were provided

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

None were provided

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Parks & Recreation**

Reynolds reported that Parks has pivoted towards moving online for events. It has worked out so far.

**B. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reported that PCRC has not met for the past three months and Reynolds does not anticipate meeting until the Stay Home order is lifted.

**C. Public Safety, Courts**

Nixon was absent.

**D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain**

Wittner reported that the grant applications were submitted for the 2023-2024 street improvement projects.

**E. Other Liaison Reports**

None were provided.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: Setting a Public Hearing on May 26<sup>th</sup> to receive comments for the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan; approval of Voucher No. 214694 through Voucher Check No. 214724 in the amount of \$181,502.49; approval of Payroll Check No. 13875 through Payroll Check No. 13879 in the amount of \$107,082.72; approval of the April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; approval of the April 20, 2020 Study Session 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. Contract Award for the Water meter upgrade purchase**

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the contract award to Correct Equipment. Correct Equipment was the only bidder and the bid was within the budgeted amount.

At 7:11 PM Councilmember Nixon joined the meeting.

Wakefield reported that the initial order will be for 100 meters and we will install them with our Public Works crew. **Wittner MOVED to authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the Water meter upgrade purchase to Correct Equipment in the amount of \$296,730.00 to purchase water meters for the 2020 upgrades; seconded by Reynolds.**

George invited councilmember comment; Viafore requested that staff ensure the sales tax is reported to Fircrest, not City of Redmond. George asked about how the grant funds effects the timeline to complete the upgrade. Wakefield reported that staff is approximately two years ahead of schedule; George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies**

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council on history of the Countywide Planning Policies and gave a brief overview of the updates. **Viafore MOVED to support the amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore inquired if any other jurisdictions registered any objections. Stahlnecker reported that there haven't been any opposition to the amendments. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Pingel reported that at this time we are still unclear as to when the Stay home order will be lifted and the current end date to allow remote attendance will not extend until the next regular Council meeting. Nixon briefed the Council that he expects the Stay Home order will be extended past May 4<sup>th</sup>. **Viafore MOVED to allow Councilmembers to attend City Council meetings remotely until June 30, 2020; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

Pingel reported that at a prior meeting, staff was directed to move \$250,000 from the Ending Fund Balance to the Cumulative Reserves for the budget amendment. With the potential shortfall, does Council still want to make that move for the first amendment or would Council like to wait for a future budget amendment? Viafore requested that Council rescind the consensus to move the funds to the Cumulative Reserves and leave it in the Ending Fund Balance. George agrees that the funds should remain in the Ending Fund Balance and wait to see where we are at the end of the year. Council consensus was to leave the funds in the Ending Fund Balance at this time.

Pingel reported that he received the grant paperwork from the Department of Commerce for the \$200,000 water meter project grant. He also reported that the Governor announced that he will release stimulus funds to the counties and cities within the State with a minimum distribution to cities of \$25,000. Currently, staff is unsure how the funds will be distributed and what the criteria will be to receive funds. There will be more information in the coming days.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker reported that the Governor has partially reopened construction projects and staff will be conducting inspections. Staff will be returning to the office to process permits and inspection reports.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported that he continues to meet with ARC and Kassel for progress updates and about the new requirements for construction. The tile and paint are nearly complete. Grover also reported that staff has not received a new estimated completion date.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

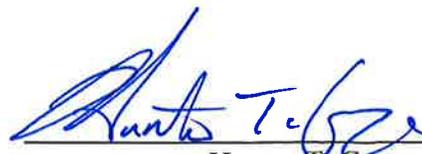
- Viafore complimented the landscaping company that is maintaining the Regents and Alameda island. They are doing a tremendous job. He also asked that the reader board be updated and inquired about the summer help job status. Pingel reported that staff has been reaching out to past seasonal workers about bringing them back for this summer.
- Reynolds: none at this time.
- Wittner thanked Mr. Rybolt for attending the meeting.
- Barrentine commented that he would like to thank staff for their efforts. He also thanked the citizens of Fircrest for continuing the community feel even though we cannot be together and for helping keep spirits up.
- Waltier commented that he is disappointed in the response received from the City of Tacoma about the intersection change at Alameda Ave and Columbia Ave. He also thanked Chief Cheesman for the public outreach via Facebook. Waltier also reported that lots of people will miss visiting Viafore's Delicatessen.
- Nixon apologized for his tardiness and congratulated Councilmember Viafore on the closing of his business. He thanked him for the good food and memories over the years.
- George recognized Councilmember Barrentine on the fundraising him and his family are doing during this time and donating proceeds to a really good cause. George also thanked Councilmember Viafore for all the contributions to the City and the City will not be the same.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was scheduled.

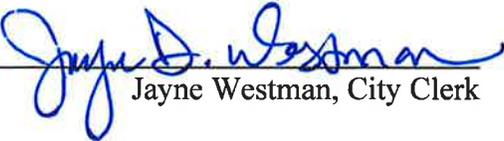
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 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