

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

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

A. Reappoint Kathy McVay to the Planning Commission

Mayor George introduced the reappointment and gave a brief overview of Ms. McVay's history as a Commissioner. **Reynolds MOVED to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kathy L. McVay to the City of Fircrest Planning Commission, position 1, effective June 16, 2020 through June 15, 2026; seconded by Viafore.** George invited Councilmember comment; Reynolds commented that Ms. McVay is an asset to the city and is happy to have Ms. McVay continue to serve on the planning commission. George invited public comment; none were received. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Proclamation: Honoring the Graduates

Mayor George read the proclamation honoring the 2020 graduates into the record. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation proclaiming May 30, 2020 as Fircrest Graduation Day in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; Viafore commented that the proclamation was one of the best he has seen and kudos to Community Events Specialist Schmidtke. Waltier commented that this is a great event for the graduates. George invited public comment; Lisa Kremer commented that she supports the event and will be attending the parade. **The motion carried 7-0.**

C. Pool & Community Center Update

City Manager Pingel introduced the endowment update and briefly updated the Council on the role of the City if the endowment was to be established. Fundraising consultant Briggs briefed the Council on the potential of establishing an endowment and the history of the interest of establishing an endowment. Briggs introduced Lisa Kremer and Richard Brady. Lisa Kremer and Richard Brady, both Fircrest residents, briefed the Council on why the endowment would be a gift to the residents and utilize the parks for multiple generations. City Manager Pingel again briefed the Council on the next steps to establish the endowment.

Briggs again addressed the Council with an update on the capital campaign efforts to date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; the following individuals provided written and/ or oral comment:

- City of Fircrest Civil Service Commission provided a letter signed by the commissioners commenting on the outstanding work the Fircrest Police Department has performed during this unprecedented time.
- Alina Yatsyuk, 702 Contra Costa Ave, commented that the City needs to open the playgrounds.
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, commented that the City needs to open the playgrounds.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

No report at this time.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported that the PCRC meetings have been cancelled.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Nixon reported that he has been in touch with Chief Cheesman about the State's guidance for the upcoming parade. Nixon reports that unemployment identity theft issues have hit Fircrest and there will be lateral police oral boards this Friday; there are five applicants. The following week there will be oral/ written tests for the sergeant position. Lastly, Nixon reported speeding has increased with the decrease in traffic on the streets.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

No report at this time

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 214776 through Voucher Check No. 215085 in the amount of \$1,245,328.20; approval of Payroll Check No. 13900 through Payroll Check No. 13904 in the amount of \$8323.38; approval of Payroll Check No. 13889 through Payroll Check No. 13894 in the amount of \$103,763.49; registering no objections to the Stina's Cellars liquor license renewal; registering no objections to the Royal Thai Bistro liquor license renewal approval of the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; approval of the May 18, 2020 Study Session Meeting Minutes; **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. To receive comments on the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan

At 7:53 P.M. George opened the public hearing. Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the updated draft transportation Improvement Plan. George invited Councilmember comment; Viafore commented that he would like staff to notify the City of Tacoma of our intent to improve the intersection of Orchard Street and Regents Blvd. to coordinate improvements. Wakefield reported that he has been in contact with City of Tacoma about joint grant application opportunities. George invited public testimony; none were provided. At 7:58 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1656: 2020 Budget Amendment #1, Second Reading and Adoption

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the budget amendment and highlighted that there this is the second reading and is up for adoption. Corcoran reported that the amendment reflects the professional services agreement and grant with regard to form-based code. It also moves funds from the salary/ benefits/ small tools line item to the IT department for the Professional Services provided by Right Systems. The budget amendment addresses the rollover for the Alameda grind & overlay grant, retainage for the high tank painting, and a new computer for the recording system. **George MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1656 authorizing expenditures of funds for matters not provided for in the Adopted 2020 Budget; seconded by Viafore.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0)**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the update of the pool construction and swim season that was posted to the city website today. Pingel also addressed the concern of reopening the playgrounds.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Police Chief Cheesman reported that he requested additional PPE today and that he has been coordinating with Parks & Recreation on the upcoming parade.

Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that he has been able to give a few tours of the pool and bathhouse. Grover also addressed the reopening of the playgrounds and he is working on a couple grants. Mayor George asked about what grants staff are applying for. Grover reported one of the grants is for lights at Fircrest Park, one for the tennis courts, and one for turf improvements. RCO has lowered the match, so we can leverage local funds. Viafore asked about the status of the other items under the park bond. City Manager Pingel reported that those will be coming back to Council at a later date.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore has mixed emotions about reopening our facilities in the midst of the pandemic. Viafore asked about the design of the Alameda roadway project. Wakefield reported that he will be receiving the 90% design this week and hopes to have it in Friday's agenda packet. Viafore asked about the curb line on the west side of Alameda. Wakefield reports that he met on-site with the contractor and will be getting cost information. Viafore asked about the sewer service request in Fircrest Acres. Wakefield reported that he has met with several people and has not received a formal request. Viafore asked about summer help and Pingel reported that Public Works summer help has started, and we still need to hire Parks summer help. Viafore reminded Council that voucher reports need signed and is concerned about the delay in signature. Mayor George agreed and asked City Clerk Westman to coordinate with Council to get the remaining signatures. Viafore requested consideration in expanding the fundraising committee to make it a Council committee to ensure we do not lose momentum with fundraising. Mayor George briefed the Council that the Fundraising Committee intends to involve Councilmembers Reynolds and Waltier when the time comes to look at brick and donor wall options.
- Reynolds would like to ensure that we are listening to the experts when it comes to opening the new pool and playgrounds and relying on scientific data when making these tough decisions.
- Wittner toured the pool the pool last week and agreed with Councilmember Reynolds that we cannot rush to open the pool this year. Wittner commented that closing playgrounds was a good idea due to people not social distancing back in March and hopes we can reopen soon. Wittner commented that he went through the 11th Tee development and has concerns with the drainage system and the unsightly open drains.
- Barrentine commented that we need to err on the side of safety when it comes to reopening the playgrounds. He also thanked Councilmember Waltier for his energy and time working on the Graduation Parade and thanked Chief Cheesman and his staff.
- Waltier commented that he has been staying in Mason County to protect his family and thanked Alina Yatsyuk for her public comment.

- Nixon commented that the social distancing requirements are working, and we need to remain committed, so we do not have to do this twice. Nixon wants staff to be cautious when reopening the playgrounds and asked Council to be aware of the issue of mail-in ballots and the legitimacy of that process as it has made national headlines lately.
- George commented that he toured the pool and bathhouse and it was exciting to see all the progress. George thanked the Council for listening to the endowment discussion and it will have a positive long-term impact on the City. George echoed the letter sent by the Civil Service Commission and thanked the Police Department for their visibility and continued hard work. He also thanked all those that are contributing to the Graduation Parade, it will be a great event. George commented that this was a great public health discussion and thanked Alina Yatsyuk for her comments. He commented that staff has not received any complaints about the shutdown of the playgrounds until this evening and we all want this to be over, but we do not want to regress and undo the progress we have made.

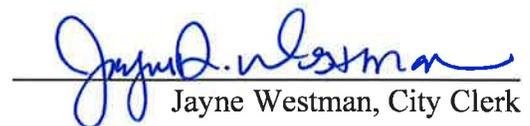
EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M., seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (7-0).


Hunter T. George, Mayor


Jayne Westman, City Clerk