

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. Pierce Transit Long Range Plan Update

Planning Manager Tina Lee presented the Destination 2040 plan and highlighted that with the expected population and employment growth, ridership will increase as well as new routes and frequency. There will be a required update in 2022 to align with PSRC's Vision 2050 and they are keeping a close eye on the Four Corners development at Mildred and 19th.

B. Pool and Community Center Project

City Manager Pingel reported that the bid documents are posted and there will be two site visits/job walks with potential bidders in late July. Pingel plans to present the bid award at the August 25, 2020 meeting. Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the pool construction and reported that the tiling is underway after being delayed and the Staff will be attending a water quality webinar this week. Pingel briefed the Council on the construction timeline and hopes for substantial completion in 2-3 weeks and have the final signoff by Labor Day. Pingel reported that due to the current COVID case numbers, our swim season will more than likely be canceled, and the Community Center will not likely reopen before demolition. There was a brief discussion on allowing small group tours or creating a contest to allow the winners to partake in an inaugural swim and the risks and permitting associated with opening the pool. Lastly, Pingel reported that the endowment option is taking shape, the donor wall options will be presented at the July 28th meeting, and presented the brick color option for the plaza. The City staff is still waiting for a sample with the engraving color and the final cost information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Alina Yatsyuk, 702 Contra Costa Ave, commented that the City needs to open the playgrounds.
- Yolanda Brooks, 6448 19th Street Apt B, commented that she would like the name of the concrete contractor at the Pool and Bathhouse.
- Angel Beard, a Fircrest homeowner, commented that she is concerned about the sanitary sewer access plan near West Creek Estates
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, commented that Councilmember Nixon's comment was rude.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Viafore reported that he would like to see limited Fircrest sponsored gatherings and sales tax reports are better than expected. Viafore also reported that he is encouraged by the Public Works bid numbers and that the City is financially solvent.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Waltier has not had a chance to connect with Planning & Building Administrator Stahlnecker but the weekly update provided a good update.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Barrentine reported that the 2021 budget has been handed to the Department Heads and staff planned to discuss the first two-quarters financials at the August 28th meeting. Barrentine encouraged staff to provide a financial update at the Study Session to facilitate an informed discussion. Right Systems has completed the Wi-Fi transition and the police Wi-Fi will be coming soon.

D. Other Liaison Reports

No other reports provided

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 215181 through Voucher Check No. 215236 in the amount of \$89,110.59; approval of Payroll Check No. 13919 through Payroll Check No. 13922 in the amount of \$8,215.99; approval of Payroll Check No. 13923 through Payroll Check No. 13928 in the amount of \$79,422.98; approval of Payroll Check No. 13929 through Payroll Check No. 13930 in the amount of \$109,953.31; approval of the June 23, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes; **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Viafore. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1657: Competitive Bidding Requirements

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the amendment and highlighted that the ordinance will allow the Staff to purchase in-state and out-of-state to find the best prices. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1657 amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1127 and FMC 3.12.070 relating to exemptions to competitive bidding requirements; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0)**

B. Resolution No. 1660: Purchasing agreement with OMNIA Partners, Public Sector

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the agreement and reported that OMNIA is the company that we will be ordering the chairs and tables for the party room of the bathhouse. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1660 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with OMNIA Partners, Public Sector to provide participation in a joint purchasing cooperative program; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0)**

C. Resolution No. 1661: RecDesk Recreation Software Agreement

Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported that the staff has researched the available options and liked RecDesk the most. RecDesk is a subscription-based software that renews yearly. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1661 authorizing the City Manager to**

execute an agreement with RecDesk LLC for Recreation Software for the City of Fircrest Parks & Recreation Department; seconded by Waltier. George invited Councilmember comments; Discussions included having a presentation at a Study Session and that a software program is needed to streamline business and cash follow controls. There was a brief discussion on delaying the purchase due to canceled programs and how the software will integrate with our website. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0)**

D. Resolution No. 1662: Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the Use of Force Investigation Team that stemmed from the passing of Initiative No. 9. The investigation team will conduct an independent, unbiased investigation of officer-involved use of force. The City will have two members of the public be representatives, Ms. Yolanda Brooks and Ms. Venus Dean-Bullinger. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1662 authorizing and directing the City Manager to have the Police Chief sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Pierce County Law Enforcement Executives with regards to investigating officers use of deadly force; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Councilmember comments; there was a brief discussion on investigations of use of force incidents including off-duty incidents and any FBI investigations would run concurrently with the local processes. Discussions also included appreciating the extra level of scrutiny due to our jurisdictions working so closely and the confidentiality of case materials. George invited Ms. Yolanda Brooks to comment; she commented that she has a background in law enforcement and has a long history of community engagement. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0)**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel reported that the upcoming study session will be budget projections and discussion about Council goals from the 2018 workshop. The staff has started looking forward to the 2021 budget.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Police Chief Cheesman reported that there will be interviews for the sergeant position opening and plans to have the updated Use of Force policies to the City Attorney within the next couple weeks. Viafore asked if the staff plans to create another eligibility list since only two candidates moved forward on the current list. Cheesman reports that the staff intends to hire one candidate right away and conduct another round of oral boards. The staff will continue to conduct background investigations.

Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that he would be happy to provide a RecDesk tutorial if any Councilmembers would like to see the software.

Public Works Director Wakefield updated the Council on the bid openings for the Alameda Overlay Project and the Emerson Sidewalk Extension Project. Wakefield reports that the bids were favorable and plans to bring the bid awards to the August 28th meeting. George asked if the curb and gutter are eligible for grant funds and staff reports it is not authorized in the grant funding but

there is a match option. Wakefield also reported that the new Administrative Assistant, June Wheeler, has started and has jumped right in to help the department.

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council that the notices have went out for Form-Based Code and she has not received any comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore; expressed thanks to Yolanda Brooks and offered condolences for her house fire. He was impressed with Planning & Building Administrative Assistant, Suzie Cappiello, and is pleased with the new hires throughout the City. He is very excited about the financial outlook moving forward.
- Reynolds commented on her concern about the COVID-19 7-day rolling trend going up and the ICU beds are filling up. Reynolds would like to see the City use CARES funds to help struggling residents.

Viafore left the meeting at 9:01 pm and returned at 9:03 pm.

- Wittner; commented that he will be absent for the next regular meeting and he would like to explore the option of letting a few youths swim in the pool once complete
- Barrentine; commented to wear your masks and would like staff to contact him about yard waste making its way into the street.
- Waltier; commented that he sends his condolences to Ms. Yolanda Brooks for her apartment fire. He thanked Ms. Yatsyuk for her comments and expressed that we are trying to help Fircrest and not to be discouraged.
- Nixon: no comment provided.
- George: commented that Fircrest has a measure on the August 4th primary ballot and asked staff to promote the election. He commented that he may be home late ahead of the Study Session and to wear your masks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

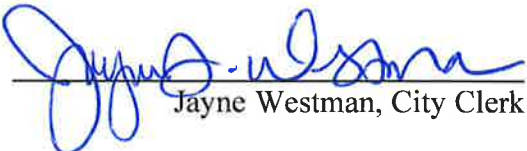
No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Waltier MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 P.M., seconded by Viafore. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk