

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 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Joe Barrentine, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmember Denny Waltier was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Pool and Community Center Project

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the construction progress and reports that punch list items are being addressed and there may be a few plants that need to be replaced but otherwise, it is nearing completion. Grover updated the Council on the Community Center Project and reports that the staff has been going through records and assets. They have made progress towards being ready for the demolition. City Manager Pingel reported that we received 10 bids for the Community Center Project and the apparent low bidder came in under the engineer’s estimate. At this time, the staff does not have a substantial completion date or final cost for the pool phase. There was a brief discussion held on the northside landscaping, assets being sold or retained, and the screening of the roof appliances on the Pool House.

Mayor George reported the potential endowment foundation is selecting the leadership positions and will be filing the appropriate papers. The fundraising efforts have resumed. George also provided an update on the donor recognition event and the potential to test the pool systems before the swim season ends. Councilmember Viafore provided a suggestion to offer a photobook to those who cannot view the project progress in person and there was a discussion on the potential for a video tour of the project.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

No report was provided.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Waltier was absent; no report was provided.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

No report was provided.

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. 215291 through Voucher Check No. 215291 in the amount of \$5,315.92; approval of Voucher No. 215292 through Voucher Check No. 215340 in the amount of \$61,545.82; approval of Payroll Check No. 13933 through Payroll Check No. 13934 in the amount of \$106,796.39; approval of Payroll Check No. 13935 through Payroll Check No. 13938 in the amount of \$8,215.98; approval of Payroll Check No. 13939 through Payroll Check No. 13944 in the amount of \$99,253.45; approval of the July 28, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes; **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1665: Rescinding Emergency Powers

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the recommendation to rescind the emergency powers as the staff has been able to bring any pressing issues to the Council and follow the proper procedures. Wittner **MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1665 rescinding Resolution No. 1651, which certified the existence of an emergency relative to COVID-19; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (6-0)**

B. Resolution No. 1666: Approval of Addendum #1 to the Contract with The Briggs Group for Capital Campaign

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the contract amendment and explained that The Briggs Group would help with any final celebratory events in the future. Wittner **MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1666 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the professional services agreement with The Briggs Group for capital campaign consulting services for the pool and community center project; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Councilmember comments; there was a brief discussion on the terrific work completed thus far by The Briggs Group. There was concern about The Briggs Group's involvement with the potential endowment foundation. Viafore requested a legal opinion. City Attorney Michael Smith stated that he previously recommended that the endowment be separate from the City and recommended a set term and limit to The Briggs Group contract. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (4-2) with Viafore and Reynolds dissenting.**

C. 2nd Quarter Financial Review

Finance director Corcoran reported that the review period was through June 30, 2020, and highlighted that we should be at or around 50% of spending and revenue. Corcoran briefed the Council on the COVID-19 budget impacts and explained that as previously reported, the City has had minimal impacts thus far. A couple of areas that have been impacted is the intergovernmental revenue category, Court revenue, passport revenue, and the Other Services and Charges category. George commented that he is very pleased with the current outlook and asked about the second half property tax payments and any potential impacts. Corcoran reported that even with any delays or foreclosures, we will still receive the back payments when the property is sold.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel recommended that the upcoming study session be canceled and postpone the Park Project discussion until September. Staff will have more information once we have more concrete pool costs. There was a discussion held on the importance of prioritizing the project list to maximize staff time and waiting until the Council has all the information to make an informed decision. **The Chair MOVED to cancel the August 17, 2020 Study Session Meeting; seconded**

by Wittner. George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. The motion carried (6-0).

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council that the large storage containers on Arondale Drive have been removed. Stahlnecker recommended making the September Planning Commission Meeting a joint meeting and have Mr. Rangwala present via teleconference as we are still not close to Phase III. Council consensus was to move forward with a joint meeting on September 1, 2020, via Zoom.

Police Chief Cheesman reported that in conjunction with Pierce County will hold a free COVID-19 testing mobile site at Regents Park on August 25, 2020. The walk-up testing will be held at the tennis courts and will be open to the public.

Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that he is working with donors who have items in the Community Center to get those items back to them before demolition. Grover also reported that the Fircrest Soccer Club would like to construct a shed to store their equipment since their current storage at the Community Center is no longer available. The building would be a semi-permanent woodshed and may stay there for a long period depending on the plan for Whittier Park. There was a discussion on concerns with the location and the potential for vandalism, notifying neighboring properties, and rent and ownership clarification. Stahlnecker reported that zoning would allow for public and quasi-public structures and the definition of whom the building belonged to may change the allowed use. Grover lastly reported that staff is still having water issues at the bocce ball courts at Whittier Park and there was discussion about reaching out to those who donated to the bocce ball court before moving forward with any changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None were provided.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore; commented that in last year's budget the topic of Council Compensation was in the workplan and it has not been addressed yet for the year. He also looks forward to resuming in-person meetings and would like to continue to be fiscally conservative. Viafore is concerned about how the City approaches contracts. City Manager Pingel reported that Council compensation did not seem like a high priority, especially with COVID-19, and was pushed out. Staff can make it a priority if the Council desires and get it done this year. There was Council consensus to remove Council compensation from the 2020 workplan.
- Reynolds; No comment provided.
- Wittner; commented that many people are suffering from the lapse in Federal benefits and asked about how many assistance applications staff have received. Pingel reported that staff has received four or five applications for each category and reported that Pierce County also has a robust assistance program.
- Barrentine; commented that he would like to remind staff about finding diversity, equity, and inclusion training and would like to move forward engaging the public via Zoom about racial

inequity. Pingel reported that staff will add it to the 2021 training list, and we have been in contact with our insurance about available offerings.

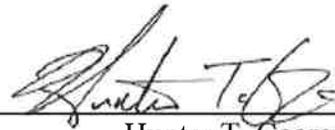
- Waltier; Absent; No comment provided.
- Nixon: commented that many employers are making cuts and furloughs and called for progressive taxation. Nixon would like to have Council draft a letter to the State delegation to encourage them to look at taxing options to prevent the economic impacts that may surpass the recession of 2008.
- George: thanked voters for approving the EMS levy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

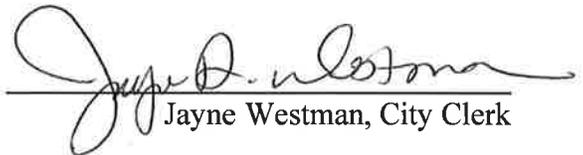
No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk