

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 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, and Denny Waltier were present. Councilmembers Joe Barrentine and Jaime Nixon were absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Pool and Community Center Project

Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported that the contractor continues to complete punch list items and make progress. PSE will be connecting the meter Friday and the pool startup training will be next Tuesday. Grover has contacted a salvage company and plans to be out of the building by September 19th. A brief discussion was held on lifeguard certification renewals, engaging the public on social justice issues, and setting a standard or protocol for safely conducting in-person meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited Public comments; the following individuals provided comment:

Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, has concerns about people blackberries on Emerson if they are sprayed with pesticides. Staff reported that the City does not spray chemicals on the blackberries.

Nikki Buford, 1405 Evergreen Drive, has concerns about the crosswalk on Emerson with the rate of speed of some drivers and asked if the City will install a flashing light. Staff reported that a new crosswalk will be installed soon and it will have a flashing light to warn cars.

Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Avenue, commented that the City is doing a great job during this health crisis.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

No report at this time.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported that the last PCRC meeting was June 18th and there may be a meeting next month

C. Public Safety, Courts

Nixon was absent; no report provided

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Wittner reported that residents have raised concerns on Facebook about their utility bills and there was a brief discussion on how to inform residents about their utility bills. Public Works Director Wakefield reports that new residents are sent a welcome packet and his staff will look at the website to ensure information is clear. The Alameda Grind and Overlay Project has started, and the traffic impacts have been minimal.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Waltier reported that the last four, of 34 total units, for 11th Tee Condos were issued permits and 10 units are occupied

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 215341 through Voucher Check No. 215391 in the amount of \$793,002.57; approval of Payroll

Check No. 13945 through Payroll Check No. 13946 in the amount of \$101,464.77; approval of the August 11, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes; **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (5-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Award of Construction of Community Center Project

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the bid opening and reports that Kassel & Associates, Inc. was the lowest, responsive bid. Pingel also reported that the anticipated notice to proceed will be scheduled for September 21st. **Wittner MOVED to authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the Community Center project to Kassel & Associates, Inc. for \$7,629,258 plus a contingency amount of \$694,200 for a total of \$8,323,458 to prepare and execute the required contract documents, and to give the “Notice to Proceed” to commence construction of the project.; seconded by Waltier.** George invited Councilmember comments; There was a brief discussion held on this being a monumental occasion and how the Council came together to support the project. The Council thanked the Steering Committee and is proud of the work the City has completed. George invited public comment; Nikki Buford asked if there was consideration for minority-owned businesses or if it was the lowest bidder. Pingel reported that we must award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder. **The motion carried (5-0)**

B. Resolution No. 1667: Approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract with Parametrix for Inspection and Reporting Services

City Manager Pingel introduced the amendment and reported that Parametrix has been very valuable thus far and is happy to have them early in the planning stages. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1667, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #2 to the contract for project inspection and reporting services for the Fircrest Pool and Community Center project with Parametrix.; seconded by Wittner.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0)**

C. Resolution No. 1668: Approval of Amendment #1 to the Contract with MTC-Inc. for Special Inspection and Materials Testing Services

City Manager Pingel introduced the amendment and reports that the Community Center phase is much less complex than the pool phase. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1668, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 of the contract for materials testing and special inspection services for the Fircrest Pool and Community Center project with Materials Testing & Consulting, Inc.; seconded by Viafore.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0)**

D. Resolution No. 1669: Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Flood Control District for use of the Opportunity Fund

Public Work Director Wakefield briefed

the Council on the agreement that enables the City to access the opportunity funds for upcoming stormwater projects. The available funds can be used as a match for the Department of Ecology grant. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1669 authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Flood Control District for the Opportunity fund Program; seconded by Viafore.** George invited Councilmember comment; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0)**

E. Resolution No. 1670: Approval of the RCO applications

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the applications for resurfacing the tennis courts as well as the Fircrest Park turf renovation and LED light conversion. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1659, authorizing the City Manager to act as the authorized representative/agent on behalf of the City of Fircrest and to legally bind the City of Fircrest concerning the Fircrest Park improvement and Tennis Court projects for which we seek grant Funding Assistance through the Recreation and Conservation Office; seconded by Viafore.** George invited Councilmember comments; There was a discussion on the name used for the tennis courts, the desire to increase the matching funds, and changing the wording in the application to address the increase in matching funds. **Viafore MOVED to increase the matching funds to 50% of the overall cost; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited Councilmember comments; Wittner asked to include language addressing that large amount of matching funds. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0).** George again invited councilmember comment on the amended resolution; none were provided. George invited Public Comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0)**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel updated the Council that we need a motion to set a special meeting for the September 1st Joint Meeting. **Viafore MOVED to set a joint public meeting with the Planning Commission at City Hall on September 1st at 6 pm for the sole purpose of a Form-Based Code discussion and presentation; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0).** Pingel reported that the staff intends to have closed bids for the assets in the Community Center. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the City Manager to prepare and execute all required contracts to surplus the Roy H. Murphy Community Center building and its assets; seconded by Wittner.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0).** Lastly, Pingel updated the Council on the Pierce Transit Board open seat nomination and asked for consensus as to how to move forward with a nomination. Discussions included coordinating with Mr. Keel and alternating seats with University Place. Councilmember Reynolds expressed interest in the seat should it become available. **Viafore MOVED to nominate Councilmember Reynolds for a position on the Pierce Transit Board for the University Place/ Fircrest seat and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documentation; seconded by Waltier.** George invited Councilmember comment; Viafore commented that he supports Reynolds and would like to ensure coordinating with Mr. Keel. George commented that he will follow-up with Mr. Keel. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (5-0).**

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Police Chief Cheesman reported that we have extended a conditional employment offer to Mr. Robert O'Meara and we will interview another candidate tomorrow. The Covid-19 testing

concluded today, and results are taking roughly 24 hours. Cheesman also reported that last night an officer's tire was slashed, and City Hall's American Flag was cut in half. Police will continue to be diligent in seeking information to find this person.

Public Works Director Wakefield reported that the art contest for the calendar are due on September 4th but may be delayed. Wakefield would like to have outreach on our Facebook.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore commented that he supports posting the videos of the prowler on Facebook to help find the suspect and he would like an update on the Whittier School construction. Viafore expressed concern with the design guidelines currently in the FMC and would like to know if the staff intends to bring amendments to the Council. Pingel reported that staff does intend to bring amended design guidelines to the Council in the future. Viafore would also like to address the landscape guidelines as it relates to street trees and the requirements for private developers burying the sewer drain lines due to the way the 11th Tee Drive Condos open drainage turned out.
- Reynolds commented that she would like to see our landscaping guidelines and our Tree City proposal include bee-friendly trees and plantings.
- Wittner commented that an Eagle Scout who lives here in Fircrest has built a bee aviary at the church community garden off Emerson Street.
- Barrentine was absent; no comments were provided.
- Waltier commented that the lady who has commented at Council meetings in the past has sold her home and he will be in contact with Grover about the reader board.
- Nixon was absent; no comments were provided.
- George thanked those who attended the meeting.

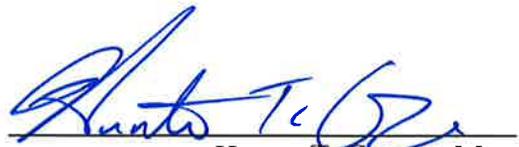
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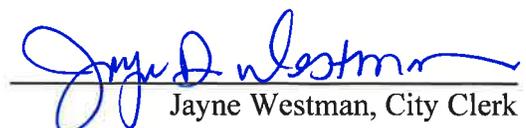
At 8:35 P.M. George reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed 9:00 P.M., to discuss labor negotiations per RCW 42.30.110. George noted that Pingel and City Clerk Westman would be joining Council in the Executive Session.

At 8:45 P.M., the Council reconvened into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (5-0).


Hunter T. George, Mayor


Jayne Westman, City Clerk