

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 7:03 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Joe Barrentine, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmember David M. Viafore was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Presentation of Options for Major Donor Recognition

Lance Kagey from Rotator Design Studio presented the two design options for the Community Center and pool area donor walls. The anticipated number of donor nameplates is between 24-30 but could increase depending on the chosen design. Discussions included changing the backdrop of the Fir Tree Mosaic, the overall costs and maintenance of each design, and the desire to have the donor recognition be prominent. There was Council consensus to move forward with the Splash concept and the Fir Tree Mosaic concept with modifications to the backdrop.

A. Pool and Community Center Project

City Manager Pingel reported that the concrete work is almost complete, and a new substantial completion date is coming soon. The staff has been researching online brick fundraising options and have narrowed down to one company, which is being vetted to ensure the quality and customer service matches a local option. The staff is proposing two brick sizes 4”x8” and 8”x8” with price points in the \$100 to \$200 range depending on brick size. Discussions included having a portion of the brick funds collected go towards the future endowment fund and whether or not we make it an option or a requirement as well as having the staff do their due diligence to ensure we are complying with state regulations. Lastly, Pingel reports that the contract with The Briggs Group is reaching its monetary cap and asked for feedback on bringing a contract amendment back to the Council to close out the Capital Campaign. Council feedback was that Linda Kaye brings great value to the Campaign, and that a contract amendment allowing the contract to go over \$50,000 would be welcomed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; the following individual provided a written comment:

- Mark Petrie, 1346 Boise Street, commented that he appreciates staff maintaining and patrolling the City and Fircrest is a nice, friendly community.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Reynolds; No report provided.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds; No report provided.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Nixon reported that we made a conditional offer for the lateral police officer position that unfortunately fell through and that there will be another round of oral boards tomorrow. Nixon lastly reported that our police officers have completed crisis intervention training.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Wittner; No report provided.

E. Other Liaison Reports

No other reports provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 215237 through Voucher Check No. 215290 in the amount of \$906,247.86; approval of Payroll Check No. 13931 through Payroll Check No. 13932 in the amount of \$113,944.01; approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes; approval of July 20, 2020, Study Session Minutes. **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Reynolds. 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 Alameda Ave. Overlay Project

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council that the City received six bids and due to the favorable bids, we can move forward with the curb and gutter bid alternate that will utilize funds from REET. **Wittner MOVED to authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the Alameda Ave. Overlay Project to Miles Resources, LLC in the amount of \$334,421.75 to prepare and execute the required contract documents, and to give the “Notice to Proceed” to commence construction of the project; seconded by Nixon.** George invited Councilmember comments; George asked about the cost of the curb and gutter portion and Wakefield reported the cost will be \$74,320. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (6-0)**

B. Contract Award for the Emerson Street Sidewalk Extension Project

Public Works Director Wakefield reported that we received 14 bids and the project amount is under the TIB awarded grant amount. **Wittner MOVED to authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the Emerson Street Sidewalk Extension Project to R.L. Alia Company in the amount of \$335,042.50 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; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (6-0)**

C. Resolution No. 1663: Business Assistance Program Approval

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed assistance program and reports that the review board, who includes Councilmember Viafore, City Manager Pingel, and Finance Director Corcoran, intends to award funds in September. Pingel reports the award amounts may change depending on the number of applications received. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1663 establishing the COVID-19 Related Business and Tenant Assistance Program; seconded by Reynolds.** George invited Councilmember comments; Discussions included the rationale on the proposed award amounts, the number of rentals in the City, and the review board team may want to include a nonresident to dispel favoritism. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (6-0)**

D. Resolution No. 1664: Department of Commerce Community Grant Contract Approval

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed contract and explained that the wording will now include the Community Center portion of the project. **Nixon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1664 authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant contract with the Washington Department of Commerce for \$1,000,000 for Community Center phase of the Fircrest Community Pool project as approved by the Washington State Legislature through the State Capital Budget; seconded by Wittner.** George invited Councilmember comments; George thanked our legislative delegation and staff for their efforts. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (6-0)**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel reported that the Fircrest Soccer Club has asked about their ability to utilize our fields if at some point the County moves into Phase III. Discussions included being consistent with our policies as the facilities and playgrounds are closed. Pingel also updated the Council that he intends to bring a resolution to the Council rescinding the emergency powers resolution currently in place. Discussions were held on the ability to shut down for cleaning should an employee test positive for COVID-19 and reopen the next day to not disrupt operations. Pingel reports that we have that capability currently in place.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Police Chief Cheesman reported that his staff watched videos on implicit bias and Mayor George asked if he would include the links in the Friday Update.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore; absent.
- Reynolds shared the latest data on COVID-19 and explained how the economy may contract. She also reported that the data suggests that women and minorities are struggling the most throughout the pandemic.
- Wittner; commented that there were issues with Zoom throughout the meeting.
- Barrentine; encouraged everyone to be kind to one another.
- Waltier; commented that he enjoyed the donor wall presentation and the City is headed in a good direction. The City of Fircrest is still vibrant in these dark times.
- Nixon: Commented to try to stay cool during the current hot weather.
- George: congratulated Detective Celis on being selected as Sergeant. George also commented that with all the schools moving to the online model to be kind, as many kids are hurting. George is happy with the City's financial position throughout the pandemic and lastly, George asked the City Attorney to explain the stance to not promote the upcoming election. City Attorney Smith reported that the staff could post reminders, but history has shown that we passed the prior levies without issue and the county does a great job reaching citizens. Council consensus was to have staff post reminders on our website and social media sites.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

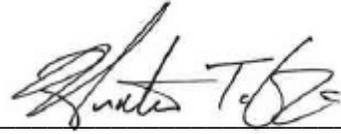
No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

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Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk