

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

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, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

**A. Pool & Community Center Project**

Parks & Recreation Director Grover updated the Council on the current state of construction at the Community Center. He noted that roofing is starting, and the side walls are going up. Grover reports that the project is currently on schedule. There was a brief discussion on the donor wall installation at the Pool. The donor wall art piece will be installed on May 12, 2021.

**B. Pool Grand Opening Celebration & Committee Appointments**

Pingel reported that with the County being in Phase II we must limit capacity and we will improvise by hosting semi-private tours for the donors. There was a discussion held on the event complying with current State guidance and the potential to cancel should the guidance change. There is a 50-person capacity while in Phase II and the staff plans to open the pool on Memorial Day weekend. Lastly, there was a discussion held on COVID-19 lifeguard training and safety protocols.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Pingel reported that the Grant Writer, Arlette Burkhart, is now on board and she will split her time between Public Works and grant writing. Pingel briefed the Council that he will be out of the office from Wednesday, April 27 through May 5 and he will be presenting updated Pool and Community Center costs at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

There were no comments provided.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore commented he would like a Cash Flow chart for the upcoming Pool & Community Center costs discussion and Pingel reported that he will be reviewing that data at the May 11, 2021 meeting. Lastly, Viafore would like to know if there will be room to install a building plaque near the donor wall. Pingel reported that there will be room.
- Reynolds reported that the vaccine utilization rate is low and asked how we can encourage the public to get vaccinated. There was a discussion held on leading by example and sharing information with the public.
- Wittner commented that he will be getting his second vaccine dose before the next regular meeting.
- Barrentine commented that two places in Fircrest are administering the vaccine and that with Pickle Ball being a growing sport, could the City stripe the tennis court with pickleball lines? Grover reported that as part of the RCO grant, we will be resurfacing the tennis courts and that may be the time to address adding Pickleball lines. There was a brief discussion on outreach to the tennis groups before any restriping.
- Waltier did not provide a comment.

- Nixon commented on vaccine hesitancy and that we should be relying on science and the data when making decisions and not rely on the opinions of others.
- Mayor George thanked the staff for the recycling event and thanked the meeting attendees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

George invited public comment. The following individual provided public comment:

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19<sup>th</sup> Street W #C, expressed concern about the outreach to renters in the community and believes that the City has not done enough building code compliance. City Manager Pingel reported that there is a newly created tenant information page on our website and will be reaching out to tenants in the future.
- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, asked if there will be a car charging station at the new Community Center. Pingel reported that while there are no current plans to have a charging station, we can add one in the future.

### **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **A. Parks & Recreation**

Barrentine reported that baseball practices start next week, and swim lessons will start at the end of June. There will be an Arbor Day event this weekend and that will help us towards earning the Tree City designation.

#### **B. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reported that PCRC is reconciling accounts as part of the biennial budget and there many Climate Change discussions taking place.

#### **C. Public Safety, Courts**

Reynolds reported that we made a conditional employment offer to Killian Larson, who is currently employed by the City of Kirkland. We are happy to have him join our team. Lastly, there will be limited impacts on our Police Department from the legislative session. The impacts may affect our partner agencies.

#### **D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain**

Waltier reported that hanging baskets should be ready at the end of May and that the Estate Place lift station repairs are on schedule. Lastly, April 26-30 is National Work Zone Awareness Week.

#### **E. Other Liaison Reports**

There were none provided.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 216369 through Voucher Check No. 216422 in the amount of \$138,518.30; approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$119,922.04; approval of the April 13, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes; approval of the April 19, 2021, Study Session minutes; registering no objections to the Royal Thai liquor license renewal. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

No Public Hearing was scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Motion: Acceptance of Fircrest Community Pool and Bathhouse Project**

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the motion to accept the Pool & Bathhouse project stating that the City will now consider the project complete and move forward with filing the appropriate paperwork with the State. Pingel reported that the total project budget was \$6,046,557. **Reynolds MOVED that the City Council accept the Fircrest Community Pool and Bathhouse project for the total final contract price of \$5,467,945.00 plus sales tax and acceptance of the project for a total project cost of \$6,009,271.56, and to extend the final completion date for the project to April 27, 2021; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; There was a Council discussion on the gratitude to the residents, staff, and current and past Councils for helping make the dream a reality. Many generations will have the opportunity to use the pool and make memories. George invited public comment; Yolanda Brooks, 6464 19<sup>th</sup> Street W, #C, commented that the pool looks great and good job. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. Comprehensive Water System Plan Discussion**

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the history of the Water System Plan. The Plan is still in draft form and there will be more information coming to future meetings. The Plan, once approved, will be valid for 10 years and demonstrates to the Department of Health that we meet their requirements. Consultants from Murraysmith provided a brief overview of our water system. There was a brief discussion held on the capacity of the system if there was to be growth along the Mildred corridor. It was reported that we will have an adequate water supply even if there is growth in the future. There was concern about the cost of the unfunded mandates and the potential cost to the City. The financial portion of the Plan will be at the May Study Session.

**C. First Quarter Financial Review**

Corcoran briefed the Council on the first quarter review of the 2021 financial report as of March 31, 2021. Corcoran indicated General Fund revenues for the first quarter of 2021 were close to anticipated. Corcoran stated the total General Fund revenue was only at 17.6% of budget due to the property tax not being received by the City until May 2021. Corcoran briefed the Council on General Fund expenditures, stating that the City should be at 25% or less in expenditures of the total General Fund budget by the end of the first quarter. Corcoran provided a comparison of Operating revenue to expenditures, indicating operating revenue was \$130,827 less than expenditures, and when including capital and non-revenues and expenditures the ending fund balance at the end of the first quarter decreased by \$197,057. There was a brief discussion held on getting a breakdown of retail sales tax between brick & mortar locations and online businesses.

**CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

Viafore asked for the status of the funding for the water meter replacements. Pingel commented that the water meter replacements were funded through the legislature for a total of \$171,000. Viafore also asked the staff to remain on the lookout for grant opportunities for unfunded mandates.

Waltier commented that there are channels between courts at Whittier Park that are full of weeds and may pose a tripping hazard.

Finance Director Corcoran reported that a Councilmember is required to review the State reports before submission. Councilmember Wittner said that he will review the reports as the Department Liaison.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

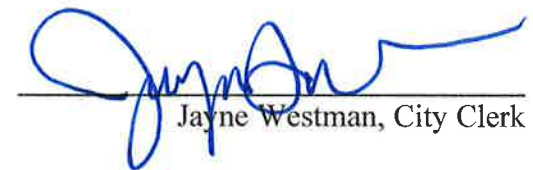
- A. At 8:44 P.M. George reported that the Council would take a four-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed 20 minutes to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

At 9:09 P.M., the Council reconvened into regular session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jayne Westman, City Clerk