

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor 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, Joe Barrentine, and Denny Waltier were present. Councilmember Jamie Nixon was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Proclamation: Honoring the 2021 Graduates

Mayor George read the proclamation honoring the 2021 graduates into the record. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the proclamation proclaiming May 22, 2021, as Fircrest Graduation Day in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Wittner.** George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds congratulated all the graduates, especially her husband who is graduating with his bachelor’s degree. George expressed excitement for the parade and that it is a fun event for the graduates. George invited public comment; no comments were provided. **The motion carried 6-0.**

B. Community Center and Pool Project

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the progress of the Community Center construction project and reported that the electrical and the roofing is being installed. There was a brief discussion held on the project timeline and Grover reported that the project is on schedule or slightly ahead of schedule.

George reported that he attended a virtual meeting regarding HR 2037, the Environmental Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. George reported that he has asked for more information and that other elected officials have endorsed the legislation. Lastly, George briefed the Council on the American Rescue Act distribution of funds and the City will receive funds from the State of Washington due to our population being under 50,000 residents.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Pool & Community Center Financial Update

City Manager Pingel reported the updated financial outlook for the Pool and Community Center Project. He reported that the overall project will not exceed the estimated cost and the City will not need the total bonds funds as approved by the voters. Pingel reviewed the proposed parks projects under the bond. Lastly, Pingel reviewed the Cumulative Reserves balances and the anticipated 3-year interfund loan. It is anticipated that the interfund loan will start in August. There was a brief discussion regarding future park needs and the condition of the Whittier Park tennis courts. Pingel reported that there are no finalized plans for renovations to Whittier Park and the future school will be ready for the 2027-2028 school year.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Cheesman reported that the lateral officer has completed his testing and is on track to start with the department on June 2, 2021. Cheesman thanked the Council for allowing Detective Deal to complete background checks and reported that Mr. Larson will need a special cage in his car to accommodate his height.
- Parks and recreation director Grover reported that the donor wall will be installed tomorrow and that baseball practices started, and he is seeing Covid compliance. There was a brief discussion about a slow pitch league and Grover reported that a season will be opened in late June through the summer.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Waltier; no comments provided.
- Barrentine; no comments provided.
- Wittner reported that he recently received his second Covid vaccination and is doing well.
- Reynolds commented that Pierce County is still considered high risk and vaccination utilization is still low. We have higher rates of positive cases and hospitalizations. Lastly, Reynolds reported that there may be a considerable number of unreported Covid related deaths through the pandemic.
- Viafore, no comments provided.
- George thanked the attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Viafore; no report provided.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Nixon; absent.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Wittner reported that Finance is finalizing the April reports and the preliminary budget will be distributed to the Department Heads on June 1, 2021. Councilmembers will receive their budget on September 28th. In an upcoming meeting, the Council will be given the opportunity to discuss items that they hope will be considered for the 2022 budget. Lastly, Finance is working through ERR and the Court has transitioned to Microsoft 365.

D. Other Liaison Reports

None were provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 216423 through Voucher Check No. 216481 in the amount of \$977,319.88; approval of Payroll Check No. 14044 through Payroll Check No. 14047 in the amount of \$8,298.14; approval of Payroll Check No. 14048 through Payroll Check No. 14053 in the amount of \$52,271.01; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$122,232.11; and approval of April 27, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes; **Viafore MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

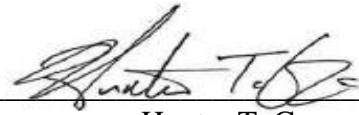
Waltier complimented Councilmember Reynolds for her continued Covid reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

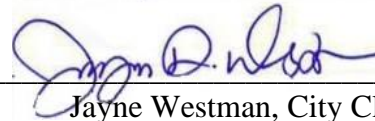
There was no executive session scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk