JUNE 21, 2021 FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – STUDY SESSION 1

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor George called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, and Denny Waltier were present.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

COUNCIL VACANCY DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

Mayor George provided a brief overview of the history of the Position No. 7 seat vacancy and reported that there are 13 applicants for the open position. There was a consensus to remove the two applicants who are active candidates in the 2021 regular election. The Council discussed the process to fill the vacancy and there was consensus to interview all the remaining candidates at the next regular meeting, June 22, 2021. Each candidate would be given a 5-minute limit to address the Council. City Clerk Westman drew names to determine the order in which the applicants would interview. Lastly, there was a consensus on the two questions the Council would like each applicant to answer.

GOALS DISCUSSION AND 2022 BUDGET EXPECTATIONS

City Manager Pingel provided an overview of the major changes for the 2022 budget which include body cameras for the police department, transitioning to online permitting and AMI water meters, adding a 16-hour Administrative Assistant position, and updating the landscape policy. Pingel asked for feedback from the Council to help guide the priorities. Discussions included establishing a maintenance plan for the new facilities, including studying the Public Safety Building, implementing a community court program, finishing the Fircrest Park improvements, and starting the Centennial planning. The Council also discussed goal setting and updating how the Council can track goals. A few goals that were discussed were adding a pickleball court, restriping the basketball courts, continuing discussions regarding the electronic readerboard, and initiating a sustainability plan. The Council liked the tracking document presented to help organize the Council goals and asked that the staff continue to use it.

Lastly, it was reported that there was a defense verdict for the City in the Crawford Case and sadly, Joyce Edwards passed away at age 94.

ADJOURNMENT

Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. <u>The Motion Carried (6-0)</u>.

Hunter T. George, Mayor

Jayne Westman, City Clerk