

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, and Denny Waltier were present. Councilmembers Joe Barrentine and Brett Wittner were absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Community Center Project Report

City Manager Pingel reported that the construction of the Community Center remains on schedule although there have been supply chain delays due to the pandemic. There was a discussion regarding the vortex pump install timeline and keeping the pool open past Labor Day. Pingel reported that he will follow up with the Recreation Director and report back to the Council. Lastly, George reported that Metro Parks is offering incentives for lifeguards and that may impact the lifeguard staffing.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. SSHAP Intergovernmental Agreement Discussion

Pingel reported that the SSHAP agreement has been finalized and the anticipated cost is roughly \$2,000. There was a consensus to bring the item to a future Study Session and invite the SSHAP representatives to assist with understanding the benefits.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Rieke thanked the staff for the great week of events and reminded everyone that the primary election is next week and to remember to vote.
- Waltier reported that he toured the new Community Center and commented that it is unbelievable. He encouraged the other Councilmembers to tour the site.
Viafore commented that he has been walking the community and he would like to see us open the Council meetings to join in person. Viafore also reported that the Comcast bills are increasing, and it may impact our community members.
- George thanked the staff for the events and reminded everyone to vote next week. George reported that graffiti is still happening, and the Police Department is taking the issue seriously. Lastly, George asked that the staff find a solution to allow the public to join the Council meetings in person.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th Street W, commented on her support of using ARPA funds to extend sewer to those that do not have access.
- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, commented that she would like the Council to consider installing bike lanes along Alameda between Columbia Ave and Regents Blvd. The staff and Council reported that the City studied adding bike lanes in the 1990s and that due to the narrow streets, bikes lanes were not an option.
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, commented that he does not support the SSHAP agreement and asked for the Council meeting to be open to the public. Lastly, Rybolt commented that the City should consider adding bike shared lanes to help businesses.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Barrentine was absent.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported that PCRC is on summer break for August. For the July meeting, PCRC focused on planning policy updates, discussed Climate Change language, and SSHAP provided a presentation.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Reynolds reported that the Police Department continues to research AED options that will be compatible with Tacoma. Viafore asked when the court will resume in-person court and it was reported that the court will reopen in August.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Waltier reported that he and Director Bemis have been discussing the parking and narrow streets around the new pool. Waltier is concerned about the safety of the young community members. There was a discussion regarding involving the neighbors in helping decide how to best address the issue.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were none provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 216744 through Voucher Check No. 216803 in the amount of \$226,295.35; approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$153,139.98; approval of the July 13, 2021, Regular meeting minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Viafore. The Motion Carried (5-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No 1717: Approval of Utility, Rental, and Business Assistance Program

Pingel reported that the assistance program will be like the past programs and the funds can be utilized until 2024 and the programs can be ongoing. Lastly, this round of assistance included utility assistance for those who may be behind on their utility payments. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1717, authorizing Business, Rental, and Utility Assistance grants through funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act; seconded by Rieke.** George invited councilmember comment; There was discussion regarding having workshops for the public, thanking the staff for getting the program set up quickly, and reaching those who need assistance.

Pingel reported that the assistance limits have not been established. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

B. Resolution No. 1718: National Night Out Fireworks Display Agreement

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the proposed agreement and highlighted that the National Night Out event will be modified and not include booths or vendors. Cheesman reported that the cost will be \$9,300. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1715, authorizing the City Manager to authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics, for the fireworks display on August 3, 2021; seconded by Rieke.** George invited councilmember comment; there were discussions regarding the refund policy and the concern about contributing to the spread of Covid-19. Cheesman reported that the event complies with current guidance and the staff will monitor any changes from the CDC. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Reynolds reported that the CDC has issued new mask guidance and Covid-19 cases are trending up due to the delta variant. Reynold reported that vaccines are not as effective against the variant.

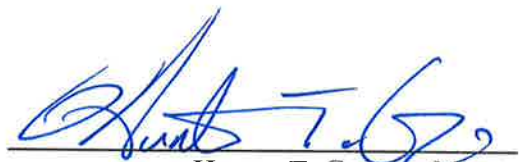
Viafore appreciates Councilmember Reynolds's reports and indicated that she is 'preaching to the choir' regarding vaccines and limiting the spread of Covid-19. Lastly, Viafore asked the staff to investigate the history of how it was determined that the Council reports 10 hours to Labor and Industries. By allowing the Council to be benefit eligible, it would assist them with enrolling in the Trustmark long-term care option that is available to the staff members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

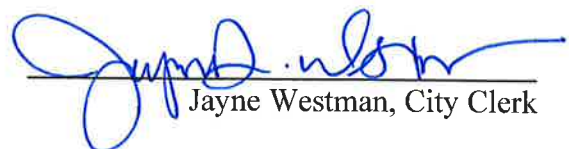
No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (5-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk