

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

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

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Community Center and Pool Project

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the progress of the Community Center construction project and reported that the electrical work starts next week. Kassel is still completing punch list items and staff hopes to have the project wrapped up by the end of the month. There were discussions regarding the hope to have a tree lighting ceremony in 2021 and the targeted completion date of the Community Center. Staff reported that the projected substantial completion date is November 10, 2021, with a December building final target date.

B. Tot Lot Discussion

Mayor George introduced the Tot Lot Discussion and asked about the compliance at the newly opened Fircrest Park Playground. Staff reported that observations by staff were that visitors were socially distancing and complying. Staff reported that they have not received complaints and the equipment is being sanitized daily. There were discussions about reopening the Tot Lot and the potential of contributing to the spread of COVID-19. There was Council consensus to postpone opening the Tot Lot and bring back the topic at a future meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel provided an update on the tentative funding the City may receive from the passage of the new Federal stimulus package.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Cheesman reported that the State Supreme Court decriminalized drug possessions and he is maintaining a close eye on guidance and department impacts.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Nixon; no comments provided.
- Barrentine thanked those who attended and asked that a summer events discussion be added to the next Study Session.
- Waltier; no comments provided.
- Reynolds commented that she would be interested in having TPCHD come to the summer events study session to help inform the discussion.
- Viafore commented that Mayor Ron Lucas of the Town of Steilacoom has resigned. He will be missed as he was a champion of small cities and towns. Viafore also reported that Sherriff John Shields has passed away. Sherriff Shields was a supporter of public safety and helped build the partnership between the City and the County.
- Wittner; no comments provided.
- George thanked the attendees and reported that Ron Lucas of Steilacoom has resigned due to health reasons. He wishes him well. George commented that the Council received an e-mail from Representative Leavitt and appreciated her reaching out. Lastly, Ryan Mello, Council

Representative for the 4th County District, reached out and would like to come to a future Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Viafore reported that he met with the City Manager to discuss the five-year plan and recommends that each councilmember meets with him one-on-one. The City may be receiving nearly \$1.5 million, and the City Manager has plans in the works to best utilize the funds and intends to bring them back to Council. Lastly, Viafore is happy with the financial report and sales tax is booming. There was a brief discussion on anticipated sales tax post-pandemic and through periods of inflation.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Nixon reported that the Planning & Building Department has been continuing to hold steady with workload through COVID and that the weekly update captured the department highlights.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Wittner; no report provided.

D. Other Liaison Reports

Reynolds reported that Mayor Lucas resigned from PCRC effective immediately due to serious health issues and she will be co-sponsoring an award for him for his years of service.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 216179 through Voucher Check No. 21626 in the amount of \$221,159.73; approval of Payroll Check No. 14021 through Payroll Check No. 14021 in the amount of \$123,237.77; approval of Payroll Check No. 14022 through Payroll Check No. 14025 in the amount of \$8,781.42; approval of Payroll Check No. 14026 through Payroll Check No. 14031 in the amount of \$52,020.16; and approval of February 16, 2021, Study Session Meeting minutes; and approval of February 23, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. To receive comments on the Chapter 22.26.023 Wall Signs Development Code Amendments

At 7:30 P.M., Wittner opened the public hearing. Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker briefed the Council on the Chapter 22.26.023 Wall Signs Development Code Amendments, stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the proposal to amend the City's municipal code to allow for more flexibility to noncommercial and nonresidential signs. Stahlnecker reported that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and did not receive any comments or opposition. George invited councilmember comments; Viafore asked for clarification as to who will determine the architectural features criteria. Stahlnecker reported that it will be a staff approval. There was a discussion about the appeals and variance options for applicants and staff having too much input on approvals. Wittner invited public testimony; Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, commented on his

concern for the Planning Commission's decisions and actions. Stahlnecker reported that the code changes are to allow for the desired signs at the new Community Center due to the proposal not meeting the current code. At 7:42 P.M., Wittner closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 Budget Amendment – 1st Reading

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the first reading of the budget adjustment to the Adopted 2021 Budget and reported on the request for additional appropriations for anticipated revenues and expenditures not provided for in the Adopted 2021 Budget. Discussions included the total transfer amount to Cumulative Reserves and clarification on the Tot Lot Swings not being included in the bond. Corcoran indicated the second reading and approval of the 2020 budget adjustment would take place at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

B. Information Only: 5-year Forecast Presentation

Pingel briefed the Council on the 5-year forecast and reported that the forecast will help inform decisions and long-term impacts. Discussions were held on including Cumulative Reserves in the forecast, sales tax increase due to the stimulus, future forecasting, and the decrease in the 44th & Alameda fund. Pingel reported the forecast can be made public but that the forecast is intended to be a fluid document and always evolving as changes are made. It is not a substitute for the adopted budget.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

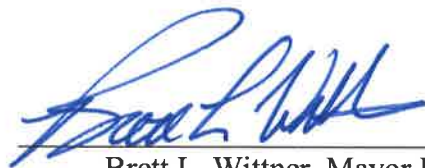
None were provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

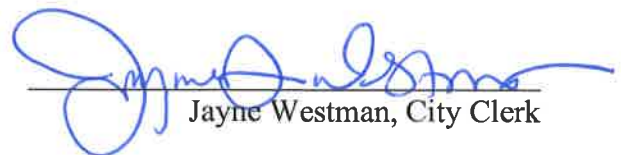
No executive session scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor Pro Tem



Jayne Westman, City Clerk