

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tempore Brett Wittner 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, Mayor Hunter George, and Denny Waltier were present. Councilmember Jamie Nixon was absent and unexcused.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

DISCUSSION ABOUT COMMERCE REGARDING HOUSING

Planning & Building Administrator Stahlnecker presented a brief overview of the grant options and the history of the grant that was a part of the Form-Based Code grant from the Department of Commerce. There was Council consensus to not move forward with exploring additional housing options at this time. During COVID it is too difficult to meaningfully engage residents and stakeholders on the timeline set forth by the Department of Commerce.

Councilmember Jamie Nixon joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

READERBOARD DISCUSSION, COSTS, OPTIONS

Parks & Recreation Director Grover presented an overview of the renderings and bids for a new electronic readerboard. Discussions included retaining the original look of the current sign, the sign dimensions and controls, and budget impacts. City Manager Pingel reported that the current budget for a new readerboard is \$25,000 and reminded the Council that any change to the sign would require a municipal code change. There was consensus to have staff move forward with a Request for Proposals and have the Planning Commission move forward with the code amendment process. Once the requests for proposals are received, the City can engage the surrounding neighbors and residents to hear any concerns.

POOL & RENTALS COST RECOVERY AND RESIDENT/ NON-RESIDENT DISCUSSION

City Manager Pingel provided an overview of the cost recovery and fees for rentals and admissions. Pingel noted that the difference between resident and nonresident rates is roughly 31%. Discussions included incorporating 'free days' to residents, nonprofit rates, and grant requirements from the State. There was Council consensus to move forward with the proposal as presented and once the season has concluded, the staff will have more information to guide the decisions for any amendments.

SUMMER EVENTS DISCUSSION

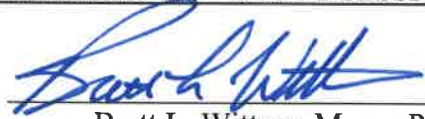
Parks & Recreation Director Grover presented an overview of the yearly events and highlighted what events can be converted to an online or socially distanced platform. Grover presented a matrix detailing the yearly events and the deadline to start the planning process. Grover reported that events, where crowd control is hard to monitor, are the biggest challenge to plan. The potential impact on the Police Department and volunteers are of concern. Discussions included the current park condition, food permit issues, planning smaller events, and canceling the larger events. Reynolds reported that after speaking with Chief Cheesman, it is likely that National Night Out will be canceled this year. George and Wittner gave kudos to the Parks & Recreation staff for the excellent events planned during the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).

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FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – STUDY SESSION 2



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor Pro Tem



Jayne Westman, City Clerk