

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL (Meeting was held primarily by remote attendance)

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Joe Barrentine, Denny Waltier, and Marc Rieke were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Pool and Community Center Project

Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported there was a meeting with Kassel and ARC today, where ARC requested to park their electrician's trailer on the Fox property due to lack of space. Kassel has several different trades working to complete the Community Center to include concrete slab pouring, finalizing siding installation, interior cabinetry, completing windows installations, and gutter and downspouts installation. The main entrance doors are still pending due to the glass shortage. Bathroom tile and flooring are scheduled for later this week. Drywall, casework, and the gas meter have been installed. Kassel will provide an updated schedule.

Waltier asked if the corner windows are shatterproof. Grover reported that the windows are specifically manufactured for recreation environments. There was a brief discussion about the ARC electrician's trailer to include parking duration and safety concerns.

B. Appointment of SSHAP Executive Board Representative

City Manager Pingel presented the SSHAP Intergovernmental Agreement, in which the City recently approved to become a member. Pingel requested that the Council appoint a representative for the SSHAP Executive Board. **Viafore MOVED to appoint Mayor George as representative to the South Sound Affordability Partners (SSHAP) Executive Board; seconded by Barrentine.** George invited Councilmember comments; Comments included rotating appointment of a representative. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council that University Place will be resuming discussions on the Four Corners. An invitation addressed to Pingel from University Place Mayor Belleci has been received and it requested the City's continued involvement. Participating agencies are advised to identify a staff member to assist in discussions and report to appropriate outlets. There will be more information to come. Lastly, Viafore requested an update on the AMC theater land development.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that the readerboard RFP has been completed and stated that the next steps include posting the RFP and obtaining community involvement. There was a discussion involving strategizing the RFP execution and having community involvement.

Police Chief Cheesman reported that he met with City of Steilacoom representatives for sleigh use discussions. Christmas tree lighting and drive-through are scheduled for December 8th and 9th with a drive-through similar path as last year. Cheesman reported that Detective Roberts was specifically requested to assist Washington State Patrol during a suicide attempt on the Tacoma

Narrows Bridge. A letter was sent to FPD highlighting Detective Roberts' compassion and situation control. Council conveyed their gratitude towards Detective Roberts.

Public Works Director Bemis reported that he has been meeting with Puget Sound Energy regarding their gas main replacement on Summit Ave. Bemis stated that it may be to the City's benefit to complete the water main replacement at the same time. Lastly, Bemis stated that he has been comparing different platforms for asset management.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore; requested that Public Works clean the reader board.
- Reynolds; no comment provided.
- Wittner; thanked meeting attendees and will be missing some meetings in the future.
- Barrentine; thanked the staff for budget planning and thanked the Park & Recreation Department for providing engaging City events.
- Waltier; no comment provided.
- Rieke; commented on the City's ambiance.
- George; thanked meeting attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George invited public comment; the following individuals provided email or oral comments:

- Jim Andrews, 1301 Magnolia Dr, thanked the Fircrest Police Department's commitment to safety and protecting the citizens.
- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th St W #C, asked for solar power options for the reader board, thanked Detective Roberts for a job well done, and commented on her concern about her campaign signs are disappearing. A formal complaint has been made with FPD. Grover stated that the reader board is not solar-powered and will look into options.
- Polly Cunningham, 1322 Farallone Ave, commented on her support for the purchase of police body-worn cameras.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

There were none.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Rieke reported that the Administrative Service Director Westman has been training new staff. Planning Commission met last week and discussed through-lots. There was a brief discussion on through-lots progress.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Wittner reported that the Springbrook maintenance contract will be on the October 26th, 2021 meeting to move to a cloud-based platform in addition to moving the phone system to a cloud-based.

D. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 217076 through Voucher Check No. 217129 in the amount of \$71,760.55; approval of Payroll Check Nos. 14091 through Payroll Check No. 14093 in the amount of \$8,506.97; approval of Payroll Check Nos. 14094 through Payroll Check No. 14099 in the amount of \$52,574.99; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$114,463.93; setting a public hearing on October 26, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. or shortly thereafter to receive comment on the 2022 Preliminary Budget, registering no objections to the OMG Food Mart Liquor License Renewal, Pint Defiance Liquor License Renewal, Verone's Liquor License Renewal; approval of the September 20, 2021, Study Session Meeting Minutes; approval of September 28, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Viafore. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. To receive comments on the 2022 Budget Revenue Sources

At 7:43 P.M., George opened the public hearing. Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the 2022 Budget Revenue Sources and stated the public hearing was to receive comments on the Preliminary 2022 Budget Revenue Sources. George invited councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public testimony; none were provided. Viafore asked for the property tax increase reasoning. Corcoran stated that the last two years the City has banked the property tax, and there was no indication to either bank or not to bank this year. This is at the discretion of the Council to pass the property tax increase. At 7:47 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

B. To receive comments on the 2022 Preliminary Budget

At 7:48 P.M., George opened the public hearing. Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the 2022 Preliminary Budget stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the Preliminary 2022 Budget. George invited councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public testimony; the following individual provided comment;

- Jim Andrews, 1301 Magnolia Dr, commented on procedures for reclassifications expenditures.

Corcoran stated that when the City reclassifies an employee, the employee is placed on a step that is similar to their current pay and their step increase anniversary will fall on the date that their reclassification was finalized.

At 7:52 P.M., George closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1675: 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Levy

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for 2022. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1675, fixing the amount of the annual ad valorem tax levy necessary for the fiscal year 2022 and repealing Section 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1659; seconded by Waltier.** George invited Councilmember comments;

Viafore asked if this assumes a one percent increase in property taxes. Corcoran stated that it does. Viafore commented on his concern about the property tax increase. Reynolds commented on her concern to increase water rate and property tax increase. George asked to table the ordinance for the meeting. Viafore requested to postpone the approval of the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Levy. **Viafore MOVED to table Ordinance No. 1675, and defer 2022 Regular Property Tax Levy, 2022 EMS Property Tax Levy, and 2022 Levy Certification Forms; seconded by Barrentine. The motion carried as amended (7-0).**

E. Ordinance No. 1676: Salaries of Non-Union Employees, Including Casual and Seasonal Employees

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council that this Ordinance allows for a cost of living increase of 6.3 percent for non-represented employees. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1676, amending Fircrest Municipal Code (“FMC”) 2.44.050 relating to salaries of non-union City employees and amending FMC 2.44.090 relating to the hourly rate of pay for casual and seasonal employees; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; seconded by Barrentine.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0).**

F. Ordinance No. 1677: Municipal Court Judge and Chief Examiner Rate of Pay

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council that this Ordinance allows for a cost of living increase of 6.3 percent for the Municipal Judge and the Chief Examiner. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1677, amending Fircrest Municipal Code (“FMC”) 2.44.070 reestablishing the Municipal Court Judge monthly rate of pay and the Civil Service Chief Examiner/Secretary rate of pay; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; seconded by Barrentine.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0).**

G. Ordinance No. 1678: Amendments to FMC 8.02.010, FMC 8.02.020, and FMC 8.02.030 Ambulance Transportation Services

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance amending the Ambulance Transportation Services section in the Fircrest Municipal Code to include Basic Life Support (BLS) transportation services. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1678, amending FMC 8.02.010, FMC 8.02.020, and FMC 8.02.030 Relating to Ambulance Transportation Services; seconded by Barrentine.** George invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

There were none provided.

Councilmember Waltier left the meeting at 7:56 and did not return.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:56 P.M. George reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed 8:16 P.M., to discuss labor negotiations per

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RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) Relating to Collective Bargaining. George noted that City Manager Pingel would be joining Council in the Executive Session.

At 8:33 P.M., the Council reconvened into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk