

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tempore Brett Wittner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, Denny Waltier, and Marc Rieke were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Pool and Community Center Project

Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that the Donor Wall wood slats are being installed at the Community Center. The gym wall pads have been installed. Gym sports flooring and meeting room flooring installation will begin on November 22nd. The entryway doors will be delivered to subcontractors on December 3rd and will take about a week for installation. On-site paving will begin on November 29th, weather permitting. The electrical subcontractor has notified Kassel that there has been a material delay and they will monitor shipping. Wittner invited council comments; there were no comments provided.

Mayor Hunter T. George joined the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

B. Redistricting Update

George reported to the Council that the State Redistricting Commission office has been working on creating new district maps. They have a deadline of November 15th, 2021. There are four proposed maps for Congressional and State Legislative redistricting. It affects the City's placement in the 10th Congressional and 28th State Legislative District. The proposed maps divide Fircrest between districts, and a proposed map adds Fircrest to Tukwila and Federal Way's Congressional District. George commented that he believes that Fircrest has established relationships with University Place, Lakewood, and Steilacoom. George asked, at the will of the Council, if a motion could be passed to submit a letter on behalf of the Fircrest City Council asking to remain in the 10th Congressional District and the 28th State Legislative District. Reynolds commented that she is in favor to stay in the current districts. Rieke commented in favor of submitting a letter. Viafore commented that he is in favor of staying as one unit and it would have to be done quickly. Waltier commented in favor of submitting a letter. The Council Chair directed the Mayor and City Manager, with no objections from Council, to proceed and write a letter on behalf of the City Council to keep the City of Fircrest in the 28th State Legislative and 10th Congressional District.

C. Planning Commission Visit

George commented that he met with the Fircrest Planning Commission for an information meeting. George discussed SSHAP as a resource and informational tool to use.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel read a letter thanking Chief Cheesman for his involvement with the Special Olympics. Chief Cheesman was awarded the 2021 Chief of the Year. Pingel stated that City buildings will be closed for Veteran's Day. Lastly, Pingel presented to the Council that the City has received the Fircrest Tennis Courts RCO grant agreement and is anticipating the field and lighting grant agreement soon.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Parks & Recreation Director Grover commented on the FIRFest event, thanked Councilmember Reynolds for her attendance, and stated that two new Douglas Fir Trees were planted at Fircrest Park. Lastly, Grover thanked the FIRFest sponsors.

Public Works Director Bemis reported that he met with PSRC to discuss Regents Overlay and Emerson sidewalk project for future development. Bemis stated that he will meet with another engineering consultant for the Summit water mainline upgrade scope and budget.

Chief Cheesman stated that he met with Civil Services to start a new list for lateral candidates. Four candidates will be interviewed. The oral board will consist of Don Ramsdell, former Police Chief of Tacoma PD, Rob Masko, former Under Sheriff, Sgt Victor Celis, and Venus Dean-Bullinger. Fircrest Police will be at Whittier Elementary on November 10th greeting students and the first terrific kids' event will be at Wainwright on November 19th.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Rieke congratulated Chief Cheesman and thanked Public Director Bemis for meeting to take holiday décor inventory. This is the last regular meeting as a Councilmember and wanted to thank Council. Lastly, Rieke thanked the staff for their excellent work and appreciated learning about City affairs.
- Waltier asked that everyone take the time to thank a Veteran.
- Reynolds commented that COVID-19 vaccines are available for ages 5-11 and that they are in high demand.
- Viafore thanked Councilmember Rieke for his service on Council. Viafore congratulated Councilmember elects. Viafore asked Pingel and Bemis on the status of street sweeping. Bemis commented that the street sweeping has been on its regular schedule and combatting the current windstorms. Viafore congratulated Chief Cheesman and thanked his role in community policing. Lastly, Viafore commented that the Tacoma Schools have not replaced the trees at Wainwright.
- George thanked all candidates and congratulated Councilmember elects. George thanked Councilmember Rieke for his service on Council and thanked the meeting attendees. George asked Pingel if the City is anticipating a Legislative request. Pingel stated that the City has not identified a request. Pierce Transit is working on their Bus Rapid Transit Route and is applying to the Federal Transit Administration for a grant. Pierce Transit is asking for a letter of reference. George asked, at the will of the Council, if the City Manager can submit a letter of reference on behalf of the City. Viafore commented that without much knowledge of the letter, he cannot make a decision. Wittner commented that he would like to see the letter. Lastly, George stated that the Transportation Choices Coalition sent a letter to members of the House and Senate committee. The legislation did not approve a transportation budget for this biennium. George wrote a letter of support for the Transport Choices Coalition budget to be passed. Viafore asked George to be included in correspondence regarding letters of support.
- Wittner congratulated Chief Cheesman, Jim Andrews, and Nikki Bufford. Wittner thanked Yolonda Brooks and Deanna Nuttbrock for their campaigning. Wittner thanked Rieke for his service on City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Wittner invited public comment; the following individuals provided comment:

- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, expressed concern on letters of support from the Mayor.

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th St W Unit C, commented on multiple concerns to include but not limited to, job postings that have not been received, the sewer line expansion, wetland at Whittier Park, the BRT is used for Port of Tacoma employees, and called for Council to consider financial sanctions. Brooks thanked and congratulated several individuals.
- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, commented that she is unable to see the transcripts.
- Vincent Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed concern about videos being turned off during the Pledge of Allegiance. Navarre commented on the push for vaccines in children ages 5-11.
- Jim Andrews, 1301 Magnolia Dr, thanked Chief Cheesman and police officers.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Viafore stated that the 2022 Budget is on the agenda and thanked staff for all their hard work.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Rieke reported that passport staff is very busy, and appointments are booked two weeks out. Planning and Building staff are training for online permitting. The City will be taking online payments for permitting in 2022.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Wittner; no report provided.

Other Liaison Reports

There were no other reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 217207 through Voucher Check No. 217280 in the amount of \$1,568,507.51; approval of Payroll Check Nos. 14100 through Payroll Check No. 14102 in the amount of \$9,634.60; approval of Payroll Check Nos. 14103 through Payroll Check No. 14108 in the amount of \$52,418.74; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$122,974.30; Setting a public hearing on November 23, 2021, at 7:15 pm or shortly thereafter to receive comments from the public about a potential water rate adjustment; approval of October 25, 2021, Study Session Meeting Minutes; approval of October 26, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Viafore MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Rieke.** Viafore requested the removal of the October 26, 2021, regular meeting minutes. **The Motion Carried as amended (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1679: Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022

Acting Finance Director Chambers briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year 2022, stating the total of the 2022 Budget, which included estimated revenues, expenditures, and fund balances, was \$28,434,772. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1679, adopting the annual budget of the City of Fircrest for the Fiscal Year 2022; seconded by Waltier.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments; George thanked

staff for doing a great job. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0)**

B. Ordinance No. 1680: 2021 Budget Amendment #2 – 1st Reading

Acting Finance Director Chambers briefed the Council on the request for additional appropriations for anticipated revenues and expenditures not provided for in the Adopted 2021 Budget. There was a brief discussion regarding overtime at the pool.

C. Resolution No. 1733: Steilacoom Holiday Sleigh Contract

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the history of Holiday Sleigh. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1733, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Equipment Use and Hold Harmless Agreement between the Town of Steilacoom and the City of Fircrest for the use of the Holiday Sleigh; seconded by Rieke.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0)**

D. Resolution No. 1735: NW GIS Consulting, LLC Contract Amendment

Public Works Director Bemis reported that the only change to the contract is the end date of 2022. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1735, authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract for on-call GIS support services with the NW GIS Consulting, LLC in 2022; seconded by Rieke.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0).**

E. Resolution No. 1734: Washington Traffic Safety Commission Interagency

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the emphasis patrol agreement for 2022. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1734 authorizing the City Manager to execute an interagency agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission allowing the Fircrest Police Department to assist in multi-jurisdictional DUI, Motorcycle, and Distracted Driving patrols; seconded by Waltier.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0).**

I. Resolution No. 1736: Sound Inspection LLC Contract Amendment

Administrative Services Director Westman reported that changes to the contract include fee increase and end date of 2022. **Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1736, authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract for building official services with Sound Inspection LLC in 2022; seconded by Rieke.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The motion carried (7-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Pingel reported that the City is consulting with the City Attorney for enforcement action for the trees at Wainwright.

Chief Cheesman thanked Rieke for his service on the Council.

Viafore requested a status update on union labor negotiations.

Waltier thanked Rieke for his service on the Council.

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Reynolds thanked Rieke for his service on the Council, congratulated Chief Cheesman, and Councilmember elects. Reynolds stated that the vaccine has been fully approved through the FDA and CDC. Lastly, Reynolds requested, at the will of the Council, to create a community committee for the creation of Universal Design.

Councilmember Barrentine was excused from the Executive Session and did not return.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

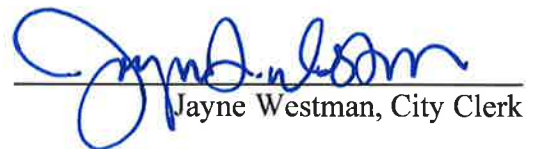
At 8:35 P.M., Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk