

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Brett L. 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, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember George was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Community Center and Pool Project

Grover reported that the contractor is working towards temporary occupancy to set a substantial completion date. The City is tracking items needed for substantial completion to include, AV equipment, commissioning, LEED documentation, and submittals. Right Systems has established internet and communications at the Community Center. Events have been posted for the Community Center, including the Mother & Son dance, and the Daddy-Daughter dance. Bufford asked if changes to the opening date have been published online. Pingel stated that it has not been published yet.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel stated that an RFQ for a building inspection and planning review contract will go out soon and the City is looking for an interim building inspector prior to posting the RFQ. The City has received feedback from event vendors about the fees and the City is proposing to change the fee from \$150 to \$75. There was a discussion held on staying competitive with vendor fees, having fewer vendors to allow them to make a profit, and lower rates for locally owned businesses. Wittner recognized meeting attendees including former Councilmember Waltier.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Cheesman presented the new Fircrest Police Department coins and briefed the Council on their significance. The coins will be handed out to Fircrest residents who volunteer in the community and for outstanding acts of community service.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported that he has been meeting with KPG, the City's engineering consultant, and PSE regarding the Summit Water Main Upgrade project. PSE is slated to start on March 21st. Door notifications and information on the City's website will be posted soon. Viafore commented on the need for curbs and gutters at Summit Ave. and asked to do a walk-through.
- Parks & Recreation Director Grover recognized Pierce Conservation District and local stewardship for their work at Whittier Park. Pierce Conservation District was awarded a grant for five interpretive signage at Thelma Gilmur Park. Baseball registration opens on March 21st.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Andrews stated that an email was received from Mr. Stonefield, would like staff to follow up and update Council with their response.
- Bufford acknowledged International Women's Day and raised awareness of women's accomplishments. The Whittier Park volunteers are always in need of new volunteers. They meet on the first Saturday of every month.
- Barrentine thanked City staff for the events and activities. Barrentine stated that Sue Kidd passed and gave his condolences.
- Viafore asked for an update on the age of the pump at the Drake Street lift station and what line item are the repair funds coming out of.

- Reynolds acknowledged International Women's Day and her inspirations for public service.
- Wittner thanked meeting attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Wittner invited public comment. The following individual provided public comment:

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th St W Unit #C, commented on various topics including but not limited to Juneteenth event, conducting a wetland and geotechnical study for the Bourgaize property, councilmember replacement, the terrific kids' program, supporting Fircrest businesses and Bufford's views on the Police Department.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Bufford reported that City staff is looking for communication options for public outreach. Tacoma and Pierce County health guidelines state that masks are no longer required for indoor settings.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Andrews reported that the Planning Commission meeting was canceled. The City has received plan sets for a new residence on Holly Court. There is a public hearing scheduled for March 22nd for a detached ADU. City staff has been busy with the potential development of the Mildred property.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Reynolds reported that the finance department is working on a budget amendment and year-end state reports.

D. Other Liaison Reports

None were provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 217739 through Voucher Check No. 217792 in the amount of \$257,611.53; approval of Voucher No. 14136 through Voucher Check No. 14136 in the amount of \$277.39; approval of Voucher No. 14137 through Voucher Check No. 14139 in the amount of \$8,769.09; approval of Voucher No. 14140 through Voucher Check No. 14144 in the amount of \$55,638.30; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$127,624.93; approval of the February 1, 2022, Planning Commission Joint Meeting minutes; and approval of the February 22, 2022 Study Session Meeting minutes. **Viafore MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No 1760: Readerboard Project Award

Parks & Recreation Director Grover provided an overview of the proposed agreement and noted that the readerboard has been in discussions since 2020. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1760, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Berry Sign Systems to design and install a digital message display reader board to replace the existing reader board at Alice Peers Park in the amount of \$45,085.70; seconded by Reynolds.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. There were discussions including inflation, making timely decisions, and being conservative with finances. Wittner invited public comment.

- Former councilmember Waltier stated that a digital readerboard would benefit the community.

Wittner requested a roll call vote: Andrews – No; Barrentine – Yes; Bufford- No, Reynolds – Yes; Viafore – Yes; Wittner - Yes.

The Motion Carried (4-2).

B. Resolution No. 1758: Approval of S&B, Inc. as the Sole Source Provider of the City’s SCADA System

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed contract with S&B Inc and highlighted that S&B Inc has been the SCADA provider for the City since prior to 1984. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1761, authorizing the City Manager to approve a Sole Source agreement with S&B Inc. for maintenance and upgrades to the City’s Water and Wastewater SCADA system; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

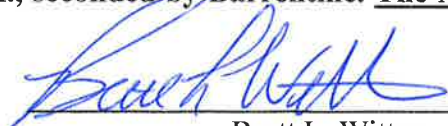
- Viafore asked if there was a follow-up done with Ms. Andrews. Pingel stated that the Public Works Department has been attempting to contact her. Viafore requested a copy record retention policy. Westman stated that the City follows the WA Secretary of State record retention schedule.
- Wittner asked about the readerboard design.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).


Brett L. Wittner, Mayor


Jayne Westman, City Clerk