

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, Hunter T. George, Joe Barrentine, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Pool & Community Center Project

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the progress of the punch list items at the Community Center. The second bronze sculpture was installed last week, and donation plaques and benches are soon to be installed. Kassel is currently working towards temporary occupancy.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel reminded the Council of holding a City strategic planning workshop.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Public Works Director Bemis reported that Princeton lift station sampling results have been received and is working with Tacoma Source Control for the next steps including outreach and investigation. Claremont Street outreach will be happening in the near future. Deferred payment plans are available to residents and water shut-offs are in effect. Public Works and Finance staff are working hard to help bring residents in good standing with their utility bills. Viafore asked Bemis to quantify the Princeton lift station data. Bemis provided the previous year’s data for comparison. Viafore requested doorknockers/community outreach to bring awareness and educate residents on sewage dumping. Bemis stated that town topics will have an article on illegal dumping.
- Police Chief Cheesman reported to the Council that Pierce County Sheriff Deputy Dominique Calata sustained fatal injuries during a SWAT operation. Deputy Calata’s memorial service will be held at 1 P.M on Friday, March 25th at the Church of All Nations in Parkland, and Fircrest Police will be assisting the City of University Place and Pierce County Sheriff’s Department.
- Administrative Services Director Westman requested feedback from Council regarding the RFQ for the building inspection services process. Staff intends to have an interim building official contract in place before the RFQ. Westman briefed the Council that there are microphone supply chain issues and asked for feedback on the preferred style of microphone. There was a brief Council discussion on costs, microphone presentations, hybrid microphone systems, and obtaining a quality product, regardless of the timeframe.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore; no comment.
- Reynolds gave her condolences to the Calata Family and the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department.
- George gave his condolences to the Calata Family and the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department.
- Bufford gave her condolences to the Calata Family and the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department. Bufford reminded the Council about planning a City strategic workshop.
- Barrentine thanked Parks & Recreation staff and Optimum Physical Therapy for the March Medallion Madness event. Barrentine asked for a Christmas Tree Committee update.

- Andrews stated that the City does not have a signed contract with Forterra and would like to see if any changes occur, that it be brought back to Council. Andrews stated that executive sessions are no longer necessary regarding the Bourgaize Property. Andrews congratulated Curtis High School Boys' Basketball team for their state championship. There was a Council and City Attorney discussion regarding the executive session for the Bourgaize Property.
- Wittner gave his condolences to the Calata Family and thanked the Park & Recreation staff for the Medallion event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, expressed concern about the number of executive sessions and acquisition impacts.
- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th Street W #C, stated that WSDOT announced a grant opportunity for sidewalks. Brooks thanked the City staff and Councilmember Barrentine. Brooks expressed concern about the potential development near Mildred Street and opposed the potential warehouse project in Tacoma.
- Jennifer Arnold, 333 Farallone Ave, thanked Council and staff. Arnold gave condolences to Deputy Calata's Family. Arnold expressed her support for the potential land purchase and adding additional open space to Fircrest.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

George reported that the Park & Recreation Director Grover has created an operation plan for the Community Center and will be the information will be available online. George stated that there is an online shift for rental facilities, and it is customer friendly.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported that the Pierce County Regional Council fulfilled their board and Zoo & Trek appointments.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Viafore gave his condolences to Deputy Calata's Family and stated that a City staff member's family was affected by his passing.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

No report was provided.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 217793 through Voucher Check No. 217839 in the amount of \$595,448.36; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$127,325.40; approval of the February 22, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes as corrected; approval of the March 08, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes; registering no objections to Stina's Cellars, Fircrest Golf Club, and Sammy's Pizza Liquor License Renewals.

George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 1st Budget Adjustment 2022

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the first reading of the budget adjustment to the Adopted 2022 Budget and reported on the proposal for additional appropriations for anticipated revenues and expenditures not provided for in the Adopted 2022 Budget. Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided.

Councilmember Viafore left the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

B. Resolution No. 1762: Declaring Use of ARPA Funds

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on Resolution No. 1762 which declares the City's intent to claim the City's full award amount from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA Funds) as lost revenue. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1762, declaring the City of Fircrest's use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. Andrews asked if there is an accounting procedure to account for the loss of revenue. Pingel stated that ten million does not require justification. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0), with Viafore absent.**

C. Resolution No. 1763: Zoom Phone System VOIP

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the agreement with Zoom Video Communications, Inc. (Zoom) to add internet phone service in addition to Zoom meetings. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1763, authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Zoom Video Communications, Inc. to provide internet phone service for the City; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0), with Viafore absent.**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 P.M., Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed forty-five (45) minutes to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price per RCW42.30.110(1)(b). City Manager Pingel was invited.

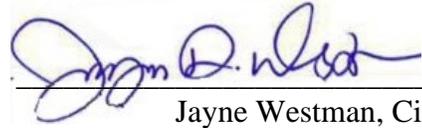
Councilmember Viafore returned at 8:16 pm and joined the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

George MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 P.M., seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk