

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. Community Center and Pool Project

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the progress of the Community Center and reported that Kassel received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Kassel is still completing punch list items and testing systems. The final cleaning will be done by next week.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel reported that with the opening of the Community Center, the staff is working on the installation of signage to prohibit the use of skateboards and roller skates near the facility. The City’s code allows the use of skateboards and roller skates in designated areas by the Parks & Recreation Director only. The City does not intend on allowing their use at the Community Center. The Bourgaize property owner has received a private party offer for the purchase of the land and the City will pause its interest in the property. The City’s website will have updated information posted.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Administrative Services Director Westman reported that councilmember pictures were outdated and would like to have feedback on rescheduling the photographer to provide headshots and group photos of councilmembers. There was a consensus to schedule an outdoor group photo on May 24th.
- Parks & Recreation Director reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday with age-specific locations.
- Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the Teachers and Cops Basketball charity event at Lakes High School on April 29th.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported that it is time to replace the backhoe. The City will be using ERR fund for the replacement. With the opening of the Community Center and potential traffic issues, parking stalls are being adjusted on Electron Way. The PSE gas line project is scheduled and may be temporarily delayed. Bemis reported that the RFP for the 67th / 44th lift station is out for bid. Bemis stated that the Maintenance Worker 2 position has been filled and interviews are being conducted for the Maintenance Worker 1 and Custodian position.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Andrews gave kudos to passport staff for an easy and quick process.
- Bufford stated that Earth Day is on Friday, April 22nd, and Pierce Conservation District will be hosting a nature walk and remediation event at Whittier Park. Bufford gave kudos to Parks & Recreation staff for their work towards Fircrest Fun Days. Bufford read the following statement into the record, *“For the record and in the interest of transparency, I am employed by Tacoma Public Utilities but, because the approval of these vouchers do not present an actual conflict of interest, I will be voting on the matter.”*
- George commented on his excitement for the grand opening of the Community Center.
- Barrentine; no comment provided.

- Reynolds; no comment provided.
- Viafore commented on having an alternate plan for the Community Center grand opening for COVID considerations. Pingel stated that staff will work on a contingency plan. Viafore reported that George Scornaienchi passed. His family's involvement and dedication have impacted the Fircrest community deeply and his legacy will be remembered.
- Wittner expressed his gratitude for Andy Piercy's commitment to the City for 36 years and wished him well on his retirement.

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, thanked the City staff and congratulated Officer Gollinger and Officer Garcia on the births of their children. Brooks expressed various concerns including council members, planning commission outreach, and new WSDOT implementations.
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Dr, expressed his concern for multifamily developments in single-family zoning areas and the process for acquiring the Bourgaize property.
- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, inquired about the crime status update. Chief Cheesman stated that the next Study Session will host a crime status update.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Bufford reported that NewCold storage submitted a land-use designation to the City of Tacoma to build a second warehouse building. City Manager Pingel submitted City concerns for traffic impacts on the intersection of Orchard Street and Center Street. In a 2018 City Council meeting, it was stated that if a second building were to be added, improvements would be made to Mullen Street to make it a through street. There is no indication of Mullen Street improvements. There was a consensus to provide a letter on behalf of the Fircrest City Council to the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Planning Commission.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Andrews reported that the Planning Commission met last week. Full online permitting will be happening soon. There were over 100 passports processed in March.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Reynolds reported that staff is looking into online timesheets for payroll and researching account payables programs. The staff is working on several financial reports and monitoring 11 open grants.

D. Other Liaison Reports

None were provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 217840 through Voucher Check No. 217898 in the amount of \$61,012.82; approval of Payroll

Check No. 14145 through Payroll Check No. 14147 in the amount of \$8,617.05; approval of Payroll Check No. 14148 through Payroll Check No. 14152 in the amount of \$60,563.57; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$128,353.31; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$137,784.11; approval of March 22, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes; and March 22, 2022 Study Session minutes; **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1683: 2022 Budget Amendment #1, 2nd Reading and Adoption

Finance Director Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance and highlighted that the amendment includes various grant revenues and Public Works projects. **George MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1683, authorizing revenues and expenditures of funds for matters not provided for in the Adopted 2021 Budget; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Resolution No. 1764: Approving Body Worn Cameras Grant Agreement

Pingel briefed the Council on the grant contract with the DOJ's Office of Justice Programs and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. to accept a grant for the AXON body-worn cameras in the amount of \$18,000. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1764, authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant contract with the United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. in the amount of \$18,000 for funding the implementation of the body-worn camera program and establishing an effective date; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; George gave kudos to the City staff for the successful grant. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Resolution No. 1765: Approving a contract with BHC for Interim Building Inspection and Plan Review Services

Administrative Services Director Westman briefed the Council on the proposed agreement for interim Building Official and Inspection Services. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1765, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with BHC Consultants, LLC for providing interim Building Official and Inspection Services; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; Andrews commented on performance evaluations for contracts. Viafore commented on expiration dates for contract agreements. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-1) with Reynolds dissenting.**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

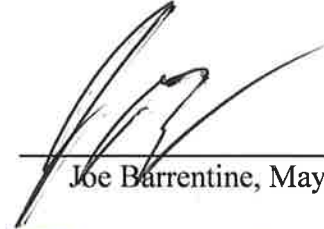
There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

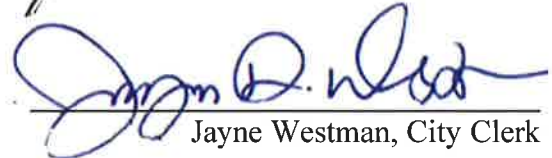
At 8:06 P.M. Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed forty-five (45) minutes to discuss labor negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) and to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110 (g). City Manager Pingel was invited to the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

George MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Joe Barrentine, Mayor Pro Tempore



Jayne Westman, City Clerk