

**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. There was a moment of silence held for the Robb Elementary School shooting victims in Uvalde, Texas.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

**A. Staff Introductions**

There were no staff introductions.

**B. Pierce Transit Update – University Place Councilmember Keel**

University Place Councilmember Keel briefed the Council on recent Pierce Transit updates. Councilmember Keel reported on a potential sale tax increase, BRT Route 1, BRT Route 2, and reduced Pierce Transit bus route stops and renovations. BRT Route 2 will be partially running through 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Fircrest and through Bridgeport Way in University Place. Viafore commented on his support to continue partnerships with University Place.

**C. Proclamation: LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

Wittner introduced the LGBTQ+ Pride Month proclamation, where the pride flag is to be flown at the Community Center. There was a general discussion including the logistics, implementing a flag policy, addressing community needs, and demonstrating City support of Pride Month. Bufford read the proclamation into the record. **George MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. Reynolds requested to have a flag policy drafted. Wittner invited public comment;

The following individuals addressed the Council and expressed support for the Proclamation and the display of the pride flag;

- John Cummings, 257 Regents Blvd.
- Glenn Johnson, 333 Farallone Ave
- Marc Rieke, 1033 Sunrise Lane
- Michael Saberson, 712 Yale Street
- Allison Mayor, 331 Summit Ave
- James Moore, 1326 Berkeley Ave
- Mary Foreman, 414 Harvard Ave
- Katherine Allen, 1222 Contra Costa Ave
- Aru Moore, 1326 Berkeley Ave
- Ethan Allen, 1222 Contra Costa Ave
- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave
- Anthony Chelf, 813 Electron Way
- Louisa Beale, 205 Berkeley Ave

Wittner invited councilmember comment. Discussions included the importance of implementing a flag policy, displaying the pride flag at the Fircrest City Hall building, and supporting the community and its members. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

**A. AWC Business Meeting Voting Delegates**

Pingel reported that the City can appoint a delegate to attend the 202 AWC conference and business meeting. There was a discussion to appoint Councilmembers Bufford and Andrews.

**B. Bourgaize Property Update**

Pingel briefed the Council on the status of the Bourgaize Property. Pingel stated that the representative of the Bourgaize property contacted the City to inquire if the City was still interested. Pingel stated that the City is seeking clarification and will be sending out a letter. Wittner stated that he works for Morton McGoldrick law firm, which had represented the Bourgaize family, and represents the legal entity of the owner of the property. Wittner stated that he does not have contact with the legal entity and his law firm may refer the legal entity to a different law firm to avoid conflict of interest.

Pingel requested to include Police Guild labor negotiations in the Executive Session. Pingel also reported that the City is applying for the COPS grant and would like to have a letter of support from the Council. There was a consensus to bring a resolution of support at the next regular council meeting. Lastly, the NewCold Storage land use designation letter will need to be revised to address the Tacoma City Council.

Viafore left the meeting at 8:28 P.M. and returned at 8:29 P.M.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

There were none.

Barrentine left the meeting at 8:46 P.M. and returned at 8:48 P.M.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore; no comment provided.
- Reynolds; no comment provided.
- Barrentine thanked the meeting attendees.
- George thanked the meeting attendees.
- Bufford reported that Fircrest Fun Days is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The City is looking for volunteers for this event. Bufford stated it is important to take preventative measures and rapid test for the upcoming holiday.
- Andrews commented on the Council workshop. Pingel updated the Council and stated that there is no facilitator available.
- Wittner stated that the Boy Scouts will be updating the native plant signs at the Thelma Gilmur Park within the next 30 days.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Wittner invited public comment;

- Arabella Schultz, 1314 Farallone Ave, expressed her concerns about the potential Bourgaize property development and its effects on the environment.

- Louisa Beale, 205 Berkeley Ave, expressed her concern about city code interpretations. Viafore requested an update from City staff within two weeks. Andrews asked that she email the Council photographs.
- Johnathan Mayor, 331 Summit Ave, expressed his concerns on the zoning of Mildred Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Street and traffic impacts on Orchard Street.
- James Moore, 1326 Berkeley Ave, expressed his concerns for the property on Emerson and Orchard.
- Glenn Johnson, 333 Farallone Ave, expressed his support for the study and the purchase of the Bourgaize Property.

## **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

### **A. Parks & Recreation**

George reported on various topics including upcoming field turf, and tennis court RFP, and adding pickleball lines. Discussions included the timeline for RFP to Council and operating days and hours.

Andrews left the meeting at 9:23 P.M. and returned at 9:25 P.M.

### **B. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reported that the committees provided updates and the last meeting discussion was held on the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.

### **C. Public Safety, Courts**

Viafore; no report provided.

### **D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain**

Barrentine reported that Bemis and Pingel will be conducting community outreach at Claremont and subsequently, installing traffic management devices. The PSE gas mainline project is moving ahead of schedule. The Public Works Department is interviewing for the Maintenance Worker 2 position.

### **E. Other Liaison Reports**

George left the meeting at 9:31 P.M. and returned at 9:35 P.M.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 218007 through Voucher Check No. 218068 in the amount of \$992,359.53; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$127,345.18; approval of May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes; and approval of the May 16, 2022 Study Session Meeting minutes. **Viafore MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected; seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (6-0) with George absent.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

No public hearing was scheduled.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

- Public Works Director Bemis reported that the City provides stormwater pretreatment at the headwaters of Leach Creek.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

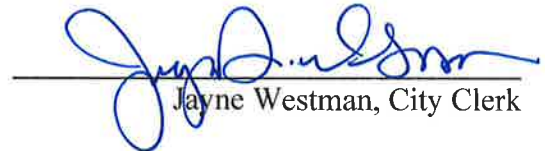
At 9:38 P.M., Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed forty-five (45) minutes to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and to discuss labor negotiations per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b). City Manager Pingel was invited.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**George MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M., seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (7-0).**



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk