

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Brett L. Wittner called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

Public Works Director Bemis introduced new City Staff; Maintenance Worker 1 Matthew Zych, and Custodian Eduardo Chavez.

**A. Proclamation: Flag Day**

Wittner introduced the Flag Day proclamation, where the City of Fircrest proclaims June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day to celebrate the United States of America flag’s history. Andrews read the proclamation into the record. **Reynolds MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on a proclamation proclaiming June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. There were none. Wittner invited public comment. There were none. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

**A. Fircrest Park Maintenance Garage**

Pingel reported a brief overview of the Fircrest Park Maintenance Garage. Pingel highlighted that staff has researched two options, which include rehabbing the current structure and extending the structure with rehab. There is a limitation with extending the structure and may need boundary line adjustments. Discussions included the current garage space, conducting a feasibility study for optimum use, eliminating the empty neighboring parcel boundaries, demolition/rebuild and park zoning.

Pingel reported that the City will be hosting its first annual Resident Poker Walk on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and is sponsored by Fircrest Wellness.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Police Chief Cheesman reported that the Police Department will be implementing the body-worn cameras on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and there will be community outreach. The Special Olympics Washington State Spring Games will be taking place on the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Fircrest Police Department will be volunteering at the event.
- Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that the Community Garage Sale is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The readerboard electronics are scheduled to be delivered on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported that the low bid received for the Summit Water Main replacement construction bid was \$722,062. The cost of construction and materials has increased. The 44<sup>th</sup> St. and 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Lift Station project is currently on hold due to construction delays and the availability of funds. The City’s ARPA funds are eligible for water infrastructure use.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Andrews congratulated Curtis High School Girl’s Track team for their state championship. Andrews reported that car prowls are not being reported and encouraged residents to report for

police statistics. Chief Cheesman stated that Fircrest Police Officers will take a report and will educate residents. Reports are made in person and there is no online reporting currently.

- Bufford reported that the Fun Days Team is looking for volunteers for July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Bufford encouraged everyone to educate themselves on the history of Juneteenth.
- George thanked the Fircrest Police, Mayor Wittner for the NewCold Storage comments, and lastly thanked the Parks & Recreation staff. George asked about the Claremont traffic safety measures. Bemis stated that community outreach has occurred, and the rumble strips will be installed in July.
- Barrentine thanked the Fircrest Parks & Recreation Foundation.
- Reynolds commented that the FDA committee recommended approval for Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine for ages 6-17. The City of Fircrest and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department will be hosting a free vaccine clinic at the Community Center on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- Viafore commented on the community center bulletin board to post the City Council meeting agendas. Viafore commented on the upcoming decrease in water revenue and requested a study session to discuss options for future capital expenditures. Lastly, Viafore stated that Bemis should conduct a final inspection with StripeRite at Claremont. Pingel stated that the City is in discussions with Pierce County for their ARPA Grant Programs to explore potential matches.
- Wittner stated he attended a City of Tacoma Council meeting. Wittner recognized and thanked Councilmember Andrews's efforts with the Eagle Scouts project.

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

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

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19<sup>th</sup> Street W #C, commented on various topics and thanked staff.
- Vincent Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on the Flag Day proclamation and the decision on the flag policy.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Administration**

Bufford reported that Mayor Wittner spoke at the City of Tacoma Council meeting regarding NewCold storage. NewCold Storage has previously offered to do a presentation at a Council meeting. Wittner stated it could be a couple of years before a second building is built and to expect semi-trucks on Orchard Street for the time being.

**B. Environmental, Planning, and Building**

Andrews reported that the City has received four land use applications for the Mildred property and city staff is currently reviewing the applications. The City processed 116 passports in May and staff will be interviewing building inspectors on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

Reynolds; No report provided.

**D. Other Liaison Reports**

None were provided.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 218069 through Voucher Check No. 218145 in the amount of \$135,446.11; approval of Payroll Check No. 14161 through Payroll Check No. 14163 in the amount of \$8,724.26; approval of Payroll Check No. 14164 through Payroll Check No. 14168 in the amount of \$59,904.50; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$131,494.82; approval of May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes; Setting a public hearing on June 28, 2022, at 7:15 pm or thereafter to accept comments on the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan; and Setting special budget meetings on October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2022, at 6 pm for the sole purpose of reviewing the 2023 preliminary budget. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by George. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

No public hearing was scheduled.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Resolution No. 1768: COPS Grant Resolution of Support**

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the 2022 COPS Hiring Program grant that provides funding of \$125,000 over the course of three years to hire an additional police officer. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1768, supporting the submission of the COPS Hiring Program grant application; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. George asked about the competitiveness of the grant. Chief Cheesman stated that in 2021, four cities in Washington State received funding. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

#### **B. Resolution No. 1769: AWC Voting Delegates**

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed Resolution to appoint Councilmember Andrews and Councilmember Bufford as AWC voting delegates. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1769 designating Councilmember Andrews and Councilmember Bufford as the voting delegates at the 2022 AWC Annual Conference; seconded by George.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. Andrews thanked the staff for the information. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

#### **C. Ordinance No. 1685: Approving an ILA with Tacoma Wastewater and Adding a Chapter to FMC Title 20**

Public Works Director Bemis provided an overview of the proposed ordinance and interlocal agreement. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1685, an ordinance relating to industrial wastewater pretreatment; authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tacoma; adopting a new chapter to Title 20 of the Fircrest Municipal Code to be known as Chapter 20.30 “Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program”; establishing the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program; providing for enforcement and severability; and establishing an effective date; seconded by George.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. Discussions included concerns about impacts on local businesses, code enforcement, and permitting. **George MOVED to table Ordinance No. 1685;**

**seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

There was a consensus to move the agenda item to the next study session.

**D. Resolution No. 1770: Amendment #2 to the Water System Plan Update Agreement with MurraySmith, Inc.**

Public Works Director Bemis provided a brief overview of the contract amendment and the current status of the draft 2020 Water System Plan. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1770, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with MurraySmith, Inc. for preparation of the 2020 Water System Plan Update in the amount of \$24,134; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. Discussions included concern about increased costs and the competency of the consultant. Bemis highlighted that there were extensive comments from the Department of Ecology and Department of Health, which included concern about our water rates. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**E. Resolution No. 1771: Fun Days & Community Events Entertainment Agreement**

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would allow the City Manager to execute agreements with 2020 Fun Days vendors and entertainers. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1644, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with vendors and entertainers for 2022 Fun Days not to exceed \$21,000; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; there was discussion regarding the beer garden and vendors. Wittner invited public comment; Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, commented on his concern regarding the beer garden. **The Motion Carried (6-0) with Barrentine absent.**

**CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

Viafore asked that the staff provide the draft Transportation Plan in the Friday update and asked for the Water System Plan comments that were provided by the Department of Ecology and Department of Health.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:07 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 that Council intends to take action after the Executive Session concludes. City Manager Pingel was invited.

Viafore exited the executive session at 9:19 P.M. and advised that he believed the executive session was an illegal meeting.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 9:24 pm.

**A. Memorandum of Understanding: Police Guild Juneteenth Holiday**

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed memorandum approving Juneteenth as a recognized paid holiday for the Police guild employees. **Viafore MOVED to approve the City Manager to execute the memorandum of understanding with the Police Guild; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. Memorandum of Understanding: Teamsters Juneteenth Holiday**

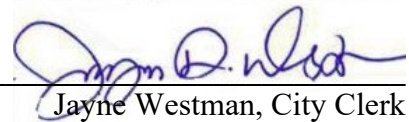
City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the proposed memorandum approving Juneteenth as a recognized paid holiday for the Teamsters represented employees. **Viafore MOVED to approve the City Manager to execute the memorandum of understanding with the Teamsters; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**



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Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



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Jayne Westman, City Clerk