

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

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Bears of Fircrest

City Manager reported that Leanne Rolling was unable to attend the Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Summit Water Main Project

City Manager Pingel requested Council feedback for the Summit Water Main and engineering for the 44th Street lift station projects. Pingel stated that the lowest bid received for the Summit Water Main replacement construction bid was \$722,062 and the City intends to utilize ARPA funds for the Summit Water Main Project. There was a consensus to proceed with the Summit Water Main Project and engineering for the 44th Street lift station.

B. Study Session Topics and Schedule

Pingel briefed the Council on topics and dates for the Council strategic planning workshop. Topics include future capital projects and a NewCold presentation. Council requested Pingel to stay in contact with the City of Tacoma regarding the interest in Mullen Street and to hold off on the NewCold presentation. There was a consensus to hold the study session workshop on August 12th, 2022.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Chief Cheeseman gave kudos to Grant Writer, Arlette Burkhart, for the Department of Justice’s Body Worn Camera grant.
- Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the status of the 44th lift station.
- Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that the Strawberry Festival was a success. The Fircrest Car Show is scheduled for July 3rd, 2022 and there are 100 car preregistrations. Grover reported that the pool has been operating at capacity. There was a discussion on future pool operations to allow fair and equal access to all residents and non-residents.
- Finance Director Corcoran thanked Mayor Wittner and Pingel for reviewing the State Reports.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore commented on the street sweeping schedule and forming the Investment Committee.
- Reynolds commented on the impacts of COVID on hospitals.
- Barrentine thanked Reynolds, Parks & Rec staff, Kiwanis club, and Fircrest police officers. Barrentine stated that COVID is not over.
- George thanked all staff and stated COVID is not over.
- Bufford stated that the Whittier Park work party is scheduled for July 2, 2022.
- Andrews thanked Judy Schmidtke, Community Events Specialist, for the Strawberry Festival.
- Wittner gave kudos for the Strawberry Festival and encouraged everyone to walk Thelma Gilmur Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Louisa Beale, 205 Berkeley Ave, expressed her concern about city code interpretations and definitions.
- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed his concern about COVID reporting and Council comments.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

George reported that the City staff is reviewing bids received for field improvements.

Bufford left the meeting at 8:10 P.M. and returned at 8:12 P.M.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported that Pierce County Regional Council discussed various topics, including a COVID presentation from the Department of Emergency Management.

Andrews left the meeting at 8:12 P.M. and returned at 8:13 P.M.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Viafore; no report provided.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Barrentine reported that the Claremont traffic mitigation has started. Barrentine stated he will update Council as it progresses and that the Public Works staff are being trained on the new water meter software.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were no other reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 218146 through Voucher Check No. 218199 in the amount of \$235,885.38; approval of Payroll Check No. 14170 through Payroll Check No. 14170 in the amount of \$190.35; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$140,864.61; approval of Voucher electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$158,100.00; Registering no objections to the special event liquor license for Fun Days; Registering no objections to the Shogun Liquor License Renewal; Setting a public hearing on July 12, 2022, at 7:15 pm or thereafter to accept comments on the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan and; approval of June 14, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes. **Bufford MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Barrentine.** Councilmember Andrews requested to remove Accounts Payable 27191: Forterra NW, in the amount of \$9,656.25. **The Motion to Approve the Consent Calendar Carried (7-0) as amended.** Andrews stated that services rendered by Forterra NW may be within the terms of the agreement. City Attorney Zimmerman stated that although the terms of the agreement are conflicting, the services were rendered, and enforceable under promissory estoppel. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the payment of Accounts Payable 27191:**

Forterra NW, in the amount of \$9,656.25; seconded by Reynolds. Wittner invited Councilmember comment; George stated that he would like to maintain the status quo instead of canceling the contract with Forterra. Viafore stated that he would like to see a purchase sales agreement before continuing with Forterra. The Motion Carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Informational Only: IAA with Department of Enterprises Energy Program

Public Works Director provided a brief overview of the proposed interagency agreement with the Department of Enterprise Services to assist in pursuing an energy efficiency grant through the Department of Commerce. Discussions included termination fees and language, qualifying for the grant, and the current inadequate HVAC system.

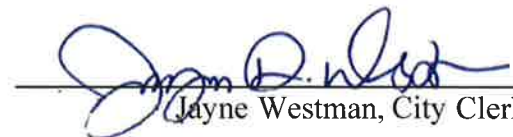
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:42 P.M. Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, to discuss labor negotiations per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b).

ADJOURNMENT

Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (7-0).


Brett L. Wittner, Mayor


Jayne Westman, City Clerk