

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. City Manager Pingel was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Pierce Transit BRT Line Update & Discussion

Pierce Transit Principal Planner Darin Stavish and Planner Amber Stanley provided an update on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System Expansion Study that affects the City. Stavish presented the four candidate corridors, emphasized serving priority populations, and highlighted the study project objectives. Discussions included the equity analysis results, revenue sourcing, and traffic impacts.

B. Bears of Fircrest

Administrative Services Director Westman reported that Leanne Rolling was unable to attend the Council meeting.

C. Selection of the Investment Committee

Mayor Wittner briefed the Council on the Investment Committee and requested the Council appoint Councilmember Viafore and Councilmember Reynolds to fulfill the vacancies on the committee. **George MOVED to confirm the appointment of Councilmember David M. Viafore and Councilmember Shannon Reynolds to the City of Fircrest Investment Committee; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. Barrentine thanked the members of the committee. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

Mayor Wittner reported that the Council will be forming the Centennial Committee and the Christmas Tree Committee at a later date.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were none.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that Fircrest Fun Days is scheduled for July 15th and 16th, 2022. Grover reported that the Alice Peers Park Readerboard is operational, and the lantern is being repaired. Bufford commented on the status of the garbage bins. Grover stated that they are on order. Viafore commented on the finalization of the Community Center. Grover stated that Kassel should be done by September 1st, 2022. George commented on the Community Center kitchen electrical supply. Grover stated that he is in contact with the contractor for other electrical options.
- Administrative Services Director Westman reported that she is in contact with an American Sign Language interpreter to provide services to meeting attendees who are hard of hearing and deaf. Westman reported that the contract will be at the next regular meeting. Discussions included facilitating all persons who are disabled, logistics, and scheduling.
- Finance Director Corcoran provided an update on the phone systems and reported that the City is waiting for the phone lines to be released. Corcoran also reported that Accountant II, Lindsay

Chambers received an invitation to the Woman's Leadership Academy and will graduate in March 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Reynolds reported that 40 children received a COVID vaccine. A return vaccine clinic is scheduled for July 30th, 2022.

Councilmember Reynolds left the meeting at 8:15 P.M. and did not return.

- Andrews; no comment.
- Bufford stated that Fircrest Fun Days needs volunteers. Bufford asked about the City sewer extensions. Bemis reported that the City is compiling information on sewer line extensions.
- George thanked the City for a great car show and thanked the Kiwanis Club. George congratulated Lindsay Chambers. Lastly, George asked about the Claremont traffic migration. Bemis stated that the street road condition contributes to not feeling the rumble strips and that the stop sign was only held by double-sided tape.
- Barrentine; no comment
- Viafore stated that the City should look into purchasing the griddle for the Community Center stove. Viafore congratulated Public Works Utility Service Person II, Roger Schlosstein, for his 20 years of service to the City of Fircrest.
- Wittner reported that the Fircrest Police Department responded quickly to the broken stop sign. Wittner thanked the Fircrest Police and the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Tom Chontofalsky, 1306 Farallone Ave, invited Councilmembers and staff to a kickball game scheduled at Fircrest Park on July 23rd, 2022 at 3 P.M.
- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, thanked staff and expressed concern about various topics.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**A. Administration**

Bufford reported that the City staff needs Councilmember feedback on the flag policy. Bufford reported that City Manager Pingel provided an update on the interlocal wastewater treatment agreement to Council and is seeking feedback. Lastly, Bufford reminded the Council that they need to cancel the study session and set a new date.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Andrews reported that the planning commission has scheduled two special meetings on July 19th and August 3rd, 2022 at 6 P.M. to study the application for the Mildred property. City staff continues to look at RFQs for building officials and plans to present a contract to the Council on the August 9th, 2022 regular meeting.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

No report provided.

D. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 218200 through Voucher Check No. 218275 in the amount of \$118,942.14; approval of Payroll Check No. 14171 through Payroll Check No. 14173 in the amount of \$8,670.65; approval of Payroll Check No. 14174 through Payroll Check No. 14178 in the amount of \$64,019.60; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$146,295.76; approval of June 21, 2022, Study Session Meeting minutes; and approval of June 28, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes; **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. To receive comments on the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

At 8:35 P.M., Wittner opened the public hearing. Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, stating that it is a planning document that is used to identify projects and funding.

Councilmember Andrews left the meeting at 8:36 P.M. and returned at 8:37 P.M.

Councilmember Bufford left the meeting at 8:37 P.M. and returned at 8:39 P.M.

Wittner invited councilmember comments. George thanked the staff for sidewalk projects on the TIP. Viafore asked if the 2022 projects were completed. Bemis stated that the 2023 – 2028 TIP is an extension and carryover of 2022 projects. Viafore requested to add curb/gutter and overlay to the Buena Vista Ave: 1300 block project. Viafore requested to have City staff assess the north end lane of Claremont street. Bufford commented on TIP public outreach and engagement. Bemis stated that grants and City pavement patching needs assign City priorities. Wittner invited public testimony; no testimony was provided. At 8:47 P.M., Wittner closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1772: IAA with Department of Enterprises Energy Program

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed interagency agreement with the Department of Enterprise Services to assist in pursuing an energy efficiency grant through the Department of Commerce. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1772, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Enterprise Services for an Energy Program Grant for the updating of HVAC Systems in the City's Facilities; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. There was a discussion on solely seeking HVAC services. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1773: Approval of Reimbursement Agreements with the Administrative Office of the Courts for Fircrest Court

Court Administrator Olivarez briefed the Council on the proposed interlocal agreement with the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement purposes. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1773, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Interlocal**

Agreement IAA23729 with the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts reimbursing the City for costs incurred due to the Blake decision; seconded by Bufford.

Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

B. Resolution No. 1774: Approval of Engineering Consultant Agreement for 44th St W and 67th Ave W Lift Station Upgrade

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed Resolution and reported that 44th St W and 67th Ave W lift station is the last of the City's seven lift stations to be upgraded.

Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1774, authorizing the City Manager to execute of professional services agreement with Casey Civil PLLC for final design and bid call services for the 44th St W and 67th Ave W Lift Station Upgrade Project in the amount of

\$116,676.00; seconded by Viafore. Wittner invited councilmember comments. Viafore asked about project management. Bemis stated that City Staff is capable of taking on daily reporting and inspections and can be done in-house. Viafore asked about the lift station's pump insurance coverage. Westman stated that she would look into the City's insurance policy. Finance Director Corcoran commented that the project is over budget and highlighted that the project engineering line was budgeted at \$90,000. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

C. Resolution No. 1775: Summit Avenue Water Main Bid Award

Public Works Director Bemis provided an overview of the proposed Resolution and reported that the Summit Water Main Replacement project consists of increasing an undersized main to meet fire flow requirements and expedite the completion of a project identified in the City's Water System Plan (WSP). **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1775, awarding the construction contract for the Summit Water Main Replacement Project to Pape & Sons Construction Inc. in the amount of \$722,062 including tax, and authorizing the City Manager to prepare and execute the required documents and to give the "notice to proceed" to commence construction of the project; seconded by George.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. Viafore gave kudos for receiving a project under bid. Finance Director Corcoran reported that the project was budgeted for \$400,000 and a budget adjustment will be needed. The revenue source is ARPA funds. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

Wittner reported that the July 18th, 2022 Study Session needs to be canceled and rescheduled. **George MOVED to cancel the July 18th, 2022 Study Session; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

Wittner reported potential dates to host a special meeting to serve as the Council strategic goal workshop. There was a consensus to set a special meeting on August 1st, 2022 at 6 P.M. **Viafore MOVED to set a special meeting for the Fircrest City Council for the purpose of a study session on August 1st, 2022 at 6 P.M.; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. Andrews requested to be excused. Wittner stated that Andrews will be excused. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Viafore requested the crack seal report and commented on the Drake Street speed limit stencils. Viafore requested the pool report and P1's weekly. Viafore thanked City Attorney Rob Zimmerman.

Police Chief Cheesman reported that the police will be taking part in a basketball with Special Olympics Athletes at Sumner High School on July 13, 2022. Chief Cheesman gave a brief police report.

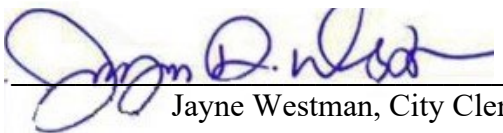
EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

George **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M., seconded by Bufford. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**


Brett L. Wittner, Mayor


Jayne Westman, City Clerk