

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. Proclamation: National Night Out

Wittner introduced the National Night Out proclamation, where the City of Fircrest proclaims August 2nd, 2022 as National Night Out to celebrate a nationwide crime, drug, and violence prevention program. Viafore read the proclamation into the record. **Reynolds MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on a proclamation proclaiming August 2nd, 2022 as National Night Out in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; Chief Cheesman provided a schedule of events to include participating vendors. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Pingel reported that the City time and temperature sign’s motherboard is fried. Pingel requested feedback for the sign. Viafore provided a history on the time and temperature sign and stated for the record that he holds little stock at Columbia Bank. Mayor Wittner requested that Finance Director to draft a memo with the history provided by Viafore and the Columbia Bank contract for the Council.

The City’s current IT support, Right Systems, has changed their business model and can no longer accommodate the City’s day to day needs or provide onsite services. Pingel stated that the City would like to pursue a part-time in-house IT technician. Discussions included termination, performance, and contract obligations. There was a consensus to research an in-house technician.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Chief Cheeseman reported that the cooling center is being held at the Community Center and thanked Jayne Westman and Tyler Bemis for their efforts. Cheesman stated that he will look into providing a separate area for pets.
- Administrative Services Director Westman reported that the City will look into pursuing a ASL interpreter through the City’s Master Contract with Department of Enterprise Services. The Master Contract provides services from DSHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing Office. The rates are prenegotiated and a jotform request has been created for services. Discussions included meeting the intent of the ADA.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore commented the City’s beautification and thanked Public Works. Viafore commented on the need to repaint the crosswalks near the Community Center and documenting all lift station issues properly for future insurance claims.
- Reynolds commented on the City’s next vaccine clinic on July 30th, 2022 for all ages.
- Barrentine commented on Fircrest Fun Days and stated that vendors had issues with lack of connectivity and network issues.
- George commented on the Zoom’s transcripts.

- Bufford thanked everyone involved with Fircrest Fun Days and stated that the Community Center needs trash cans.
- Andrews commented on the pool’s season passes and pool availability.
- Wittner thanked meeting attendees and commented on National Night Out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th St Unit C, commented on various topics.
- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave commented on the American Disability Act and her request for an ASL interpreter.
- Sarah Sherman, 1205 Del Monte Ave expressed her concern on the vaccine clinics.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

George reported on the pool’s capacity, staffing, and season passes. Grover stated that Senior Coffee has started and Senior programming will be taking place soon. Fircrest Park improvements construction will take place in Fall 2023.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported that Pierce County Regional Council discussed various topics, including a the comprehensive plan, flood control and SSHAP.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Viafore reported National Night Out is scheduled for August 2nd, 2022 and gave kudos to the Fircrest Police Officers who were assigned to Fircrest Dun Days.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Barrentine reported on crack sealing, crosswalks to be painted and gave kudos to the summer hires at Public Works.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were no other reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 218276 through Voucher Check No. 218341 in the amount of \$223,871.05; approval of Voucher electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$158,320.12; Setting a public hearing on August 9th at 7:15 p.m. or thereafter to receive comments on the Water System Plan’s Water Use Efficiency and; approval of July 12, 2022, Regular Meeting 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. Resolution No. 1776: 2023- 2028 Transportation Improvement Plan Approval

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the City’s Transportation Improvement Plan, stating that it is a planning document that is used to identify projects and funding. Future grant-eligible projects must be in the TIP to be eligible for funding. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1776, approving the City of Fircrest’s 6-year Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2023-2028; seconded by George.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Resolution No. 1777: Approval of the National Night Out Fireworks Agreement

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the proposed agreement and highlighted that the National Night Out event was funded by donations. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1777, authorizing the City Manager to authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics, for the fireworks display on August 2, 2022; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. Resolution No. 1778: Approval of the WAWARN Agreement

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that Washington State Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network provides a network of assistance during an emergency event. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1778, authorizing the City manager to execute an agreement with the Washington State Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) for intrastate mutual aid and assistance coordination during emergencies; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on reimbursements. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

D. Resolution No. 1779: Approval of the Flag Policy

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the background of the Flag Policy and highlighted that the policy provides guidance to display commemorative flags. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1779, approving the policy governing the display of flags on city-owned or maintained property; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; Andrews stated that the City should fly the American Flag and P.O.W Flag. Wittner invited public comment;

The following individuals addressed the Council and expressed their concern about the flag policy.

- Brian Rybolt
- Vince Navarre
- Sarah Sherman

Wittner invited further councilmember comments. Discussions included the intent of the flag policy, and use of symbolic flags.

George MOVED to table Resolution No. 1779 ; seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Failed as amended (3-4).

Wittner requested a roll call vote: Andrews – No; Barrentine – Yes; Bufford – Yes; George – Yes; Reynolds – Yes; Viafore – No; Wittner – No

The Motion Carried (4-3).

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

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance and highlighted that the agreement will maintain compliance with Department of Ecology and Department of Health. **Viafore 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 Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. George gave kudos to Bemis. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS


- Viafore commented on the City’s crack sealing schedule and requested that staff maintain proper documentation on the lift station pumps for insurance purposes.
- Reynolds stated that the adopted flag policy will protect the City.
- Police Chief Cheesman stated that painting near the community center occurred last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

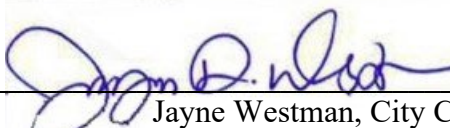
At 9:22 P.M. Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, to discuss labor negotiations per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b) and to evaluate the qualifications of applicant for public employment per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

ADJOURNMENT

George MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk