

**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**

Mayor Wittner congratulated City Manager Pingel on his City of Newcastle job offer and thanked him for all his diligent work at the City of Fircrest.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

**A. Council Goals Follow-up**

Pingel briefed Council on setting a date to continue City strategic goals discussion. There was a consensus to provide Council with potential dates and times.

Pingel briefed the Council on the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Study Session and requested feedback on whether to keep the Study Session or cancel it. There was a brief discussion on councilmember availability, Open Public Meetings Act, and agenda items.

There was a consensus to cancel the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 study session and to set a special meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6 P.M. **George MOVED to cancel the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Study Session; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**George MOVED to set a special meeting for the Fircrest City Council for the purpose of a study session on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6 P.M.; seconded by Viafore.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. 2023 State Capital Budget Request**

Pingel reported that the City had a request from the State Delegation to discuss State Capital budget projects for upcoming legislative discussion. Pingel reported that the City should consider 44<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks and crossing upgrades at Electron Way and Contra Costa Ave. Viafore request Bemis to present at the next Council meeting the cost of the lighted crosswalk upgrades on Emerson Street. There was a consensus to notify the State Delegation of the two projects and to notify stakeholders of adding potential sidewalks to 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that Concert Picnic & Market is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Grover reported that the readerboard is partially operational, and Right Systems is working on resolving the issue.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Andrews commented on the Claremont rumble strips.
- Bufford expressed excitement for the Concert Picnic & Market.
- George congratulated City Manager Pingel on his new job and reassured residents to conduct thorough searches to fill leadership positions.

- Barrentine thanked everyone involved with the Fircrest Soccer Club and reminded the community to clean up after their pets.
- Reynolds congratulated Police Chief Cheesman on his retirement and City Manager Pingel on his new job.
- Viafore thanked Grover and his staff for the P1s, and he received comments on the readerboard.
- Wittner thanked the meeting attendees and the American Sign Language interpreters.

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

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

- Gerry Beck, 670 Fir Park Lane, expressed his concern about Electron Way parking.
- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, thanked the ASL interpreters and thanked Jayne Westman for her efforts in coordinating ASL services.
- Sarah Sherman, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed her concern about webcam use. Councilmember Reynolds provided a response at the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting.
- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed concern about the use of City parks for sponsored events. Viafore requested an update.

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

#### **A. Administration**

No report provided.

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

Andrews reported that the planning commission has scheduled a meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 P.M. to study the application for the Mildred property. The City has received over 100 code compliance concerns from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to date. City staff continues to review at RFQs for building officials.

#### **C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

There will be a future discussion on the IT services contract.

#### **D. Other Liaison Reports**

Reynolds reported that PSRC will take an August recess.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 218342 through Voucher Check No. 218405 in the amount of \$64,003.06; approval of Payroll Check No. 14179 through Payroll Check No. 14179 in the amount of \$2,836.92; approval of Payroll Check No. 14180 through Payroll Check No. 14182 in the amount of \$8,348.99; approval of Payroll Check No. 14183 through Payroll Check No. 14187 in the amount of \$73,639.92; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$166,643.67; approval of July 26, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes; and registering no objections to the Los Tapatios liquor license request to serve spirits in addition to beer and wine; **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by George. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **A. To receive comments on the Water System Plan's Water Use Efficiency**

At 7:44 P.M., Wittner opened the public hearing. Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the Water Use Efficiency Program Goals, stating that Public Works will increase water conservation outreach to minimize water loss. Wittner invited councilmember comments. There were none provided. Wittner invited public testimony.

- Sarah Sherman, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on fluoride removal.

At 7:48 P.M., Wittner closed the public hearing.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Resolution No. 1780: Approval of Landscape Architect Agreement for Fircrest Field Improvements**

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that this agreement is for design and construction administration services for field lights and natural turf improvements at Fircrest Park. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1780 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between Robert W. Droll, Landscape Architect, PS, and the City of Fircrest for design and construction administration services for field lights and natural turf improvements at Fircrest Park; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on funding, the selection of the applicant, and drainage issues. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

### **CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

Andrews thanked Chief Cheesman for the National Night Out Event.

George thanked the Fircrest Police Department for their news release.

City Manager Pingel thanked Council and staff for their support.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:58 P.M. Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant (or candidate) for public employment per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

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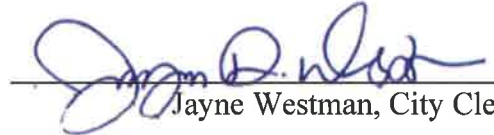
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk