

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

A. Leavitt Group Broker Jeff Olson Introduction

Administrative Services Director Westman introduced the City’s new insurance broker, Jeff Olson. Olson introduced himself and his role within the Leavitt Group. Viafore gave a brief history of the City’s previous insurance broker, Dan DeLorenzo.

B. Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month

Bufford introduced the Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation, where the City of Fircrest proclaims September 15th through October 15th, 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages the community to celebrate their histories, cultures, and traditions. Bufford read the proclamation into the record. **Reynolds MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on a proclamation proclaiming September 15th through October 15th, 2022 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on the word Latinx within the proclamation. Wittner invited public comment.

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on serving the Fircrest community and its vision.
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Dr, commented on the term Latinx.
- Sarah Sherman, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed concern about the proclamation.

Wittner invited councilmember comment. Reynolds commented on the removal of “and Latinx” within the proclamation. **Viafore MOVED to amend the proposed proclamation to remove “and Latinx” and read “heritage of our Hispanic families, neighbors, and friends.”; seconded by Reynolds.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. Viafore commented on the removal of the Latinx term. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Amended Motion Carried (7-0).** Wittner reported that future proclamations will be provided to the Council in advance for discussions. There were no further comments.

The Motion Carried as Amended (7-0).

C. Motion to set a special study session on September 27, 2022, at 6 pm to discuss the Mildred Property Development

Administrative Services Director Westman reported that the Council will need to set a special meeting to hold a study session to discuss the Mildred Property Development. **George MOVED to set a special study session on September 27, 2022, at 6 P.M. to discuss the Mildred Property Development; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

D. City Manager and Police Chief Recruitment Discussion

Wittner reported that the City currently has an interim City Manager, and the Police Chief has announced his retirement date. Wittner requested Council feedback on the recruitment process. Discussions included the recruitment cost, Civil Service Commission and community

involvement, Request for Qualifications, and the process to recruit a police chief. There was a consensus to discuss the City Manager and Police Chief recruitment at the September 19, 2022 study session.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Corcoran introduced Interim Finance Director Lindsay Chambers. Corcoran reported that the Custodian position was promoted to a Maintenance Worker I position. The position and budget change will be presented to the Council on September 27th, 2022 during the 1st reading of the budget adjustment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported that the Community Center received the LEED certification. Grover also reported that the permanent lighting bollards, dumpster enclosure, and natural gas have been installed at the community center. Lastly, the Thelma Gilmur grant through Pierce County Conservation District is complete with the Eagle Scout's assistance. Some markers and plants were replaced, and educational signage was installed.
- Police Chief Cheesman reported that he met with Whittier Principal, Ben Schau, and Wainwright Principal, Donna Basil. The police department will be resuming the lunch buddies and terrific kids' program and is working with the schools to address traffic impacts. Lastly, the Coffee with a Cop program has resumed and will occur every couple of months.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported that the department will have upcoming staffing shortages. Bemis also reported that the Department of Ecology offered to cover the construction bid overrun for the Summit Water Main Project. Additionally, the finalized Water System Plan will be presented to Council at the September 27th, 2022 regular meeting. The department is waiting on a bid from StripeRite for crosswalks and stop bars on Regents Blvd and Alameda Ave. StripeRite will provide a bid breakdown of project types within the City. Lastly, Bemis stated that the department will start to lay thermoplastic road striping for longevity and cost-effectiveness.
- Interim Finance Director Chambers reported that the corrected Accounts Payable report is at the Council Dias.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore reported that Civil Service Commissioner Joe Harrison's six-year term expired today, September 10, 2022, and thanked him for all his years of service. Viafore commented on the Interim City Manager and contractual goals, and recruitment timelines. Viafore requested an update on the City's work plans and commented on the traffic speeding.
- Reynolds wished Nancy Atwood a happy birthday and commented on Disability Rights Washington "A Week of No Driving" event.
- Barrentine thanked the Fircrest Soccer Coaches and Parents for their participation and commented on the new readerboard.
- George commented on Harrison's term and thanked the Pierce County Council for hosting their meeting at Fircrest.
- Bufford commented on the City Council goals workshop.
- Andrews commented on the pool pass statistics and the Claremont Street rumble strips. Andrews also commented on the Emerson St traffic speeding.

- Wittner thanked Interim City Manager Corcoran and Interim Finance Director Chambers. Wittner commented on the addition of a stop sign at the corner of Electron Way and Contra Costa Ave. Police Chief Cheesman stated that traffic engineers have previously stated that it is not a good idea to add a stop sign at that corner due to its traffic impacts. There was a consensus to reassess the Electron Way and Contra Costa Ave traffic.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Charlene Laymon, 550 Berkeley Ave, commented on the senior programming and gave thanks to Gentle Hatha Yoga instructor, Cynthia Endicott.
- Andreas Schonger, 675 Maywood Ln, thanked City Staff and Police Chief and commented on the China Lake accessibility.
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Dr, commented on the Council-Manager Plan of Government.
- Sarah Sherman, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed her concern about webcam use during the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

There was no report provided.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Andrews reported that staff is busy with the land use application for the Mildred property. The community can receive updates via email. There is a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for September 20, 2022, for proposed code text amendments.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Reynolds reported that the Finance department is working on the 2021 State Audit Reports.

D. Other Liaison Reports

There were no reports provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as corrected: approval of Voucher No. 218467 through Voucher Check No. 218557 in the amount of \$535,497.64; approval of Payroll Check No. 14188 through Payroll Check No. 14190 in the amount of \$8,885.06; approval of Payroll Check No. 14191 through Payroll Check No. 14195 in the amount of \$66,006.79; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$159,401.75; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$146,480.72; approval of August 23, 2022, Special Meeting minutes; and approval of August 23, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read and as corrected; seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1785: Building Official and Inspection Services Agreement

Administrative Services Director Westman briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that this agreement will provide building official and inspection services for the Planning and Building department. **George MOVED move to adopt Resolution No. 1785 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with CodePros, LLC for providing Building Official and Inspection Services; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. Discussions included customer service, permit fees, budget impacts, and the transition process. Viafore request a cost analysis after two years for the Planning and Building department. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Resolution No. 1786: Department of Commerce Comprehensive Plan Update Grant Support

Administrative Services Director Westman briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the grant will help the City pay for \$125,000 for a Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1786, supporting the submission of the Department of Commerce Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Grant Program application; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

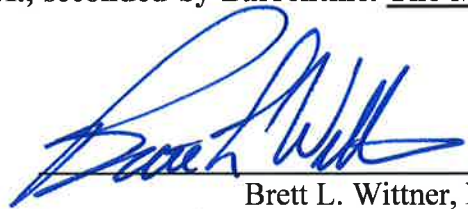
Wittner wished Nancy Atwood a happy birthday. Viafore requested to add the City Manager goals discussion on the September 19, 2022 Study session meeting. There was a consensus to add the City Manager Goals discussion to the upcoming Study Session agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

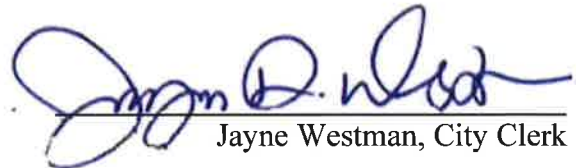
There was none scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk