

**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**

Wittner reported that there will be an agenda modification to add an executive session per Fircrest City Council Rule No. 9A, and pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss labor negotiations. Police Chief Cheesman will be invited to the executive session.

Wittner also reported that there will be an additional agenda modification to allow for a presentation from Special Olympics representative, Kristin Langdon.

Kristin Langdon recognized Police Chief Cheesman for his involvement in the Special Olympics. Cheesman thanked the Special Olympics Staff and participants.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Interim City Manager Corcoran reported that the City of Tacoma is requesting a letter of support to apply for two grants from the Washington State Department of Ecology. There is no fiscal impact to the City and the letter facilitates continued Fircrest involvement with Leach Creek Watershed planning.

Corcoran reported that the Civil Service Commission meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. The City will wait for the next Civil Service Commission meeting to receive feedback on the Police Chief recruitment. Corcoran also reported that the City is waiting on the Commissioners confirmation to set a special Civil Service Commission meeting date. Lastly, the deadline for the Civil Service Commissioner vacancy is Friday, October 28, 2022.

There was a brief discussion on the City Manager recruitment. There was a Council consensus to proceed with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a firm to assist with the City Manager recruitment.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Police Chief Cheesman reported that the police department is conducting simulator training. The simulator training consists of de-escalation and incorporates new legislative laws.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported that the Summit Ave utility project is complete. The Summit Ave road overlay is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022. Bemis also reported that the Emerson Street pervious sidewalks are scheduled to be cleaned on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.
- Interim Finance Director Chambers reported that the finance department is running smoothly and improving processes. Chambers thanked Councilmember Bufford and stated that she will be starting the first Northwest Women’s Leadership Academy cohort session on Friday, October 21, 2022.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore commented on the Emerson Street sidewalk cleaning. Bemis stated that the cleaning is a storm expense, and the bid cost is approximately \$11,000.
- Reynolds; no comment.
- Barrentine; no comment.
- George commented on the simulator training and encouraged participants.
- Bufford stated that the Haunted Trails is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Thelma Gilmur Park.
- Andrews commented on Emerson Street speed racing. Chief Cheesman provided a brief overview of speed racing interventions.
- Wittner; no comment.

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

Wittner invited public comment. There were no public comments.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Administration**

There was no report provided.

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

Andrews reported that the Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to the lack of agenda items. There was a public hearing scheduled today, October 11, 2022, at 3 P.M. to receive comments on the Mildred Street Project Zoning Map amendments and no comments were received. Lastly, Andrews reported that the City Attorney is reviewing the RFQ for the comprehensive plan periodic update and the draft Four Corners agreement.

**C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

Reynolds reported that the Finance department is currently working on the 2023 budget.

**D. Other Liaison Reports**

Reynolds reported that she will submit the City's traffic concerns and pursuit policies on behalf of the City to Pierce County Regional Council. Lastly, Reynolds reported that Fife Deputy City Manager Russ Blount passed away on Friday, October 7, 2022, and gave her condolences.

George provided an update on the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners, SSHAP.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 218611 through Voucher Check No. 218675 in the amount of \$71,290.91; approval of Payroll Check No. 14199 through Payroll Check No. 14203 in the amount of \$59,471.41; approval of Payroll Check No. 14204 through Payroll Check No. 14204 in the amount of \$127,398.72; approval of Payroll Check No. 14196 through Payroll Check No. 14198 in the amount of \$9,099.80; Setting a public hearing on October 25, 2022, at 7:15 pm or thereafter to receive comments on the proposed development regulation text amendments relating to the Mildred Property Development Project; Setting a public hearing on October 25, 2022, at 7:15 pm or thereafter to receive comments on the 2023 preliminary budget; Setting a public hearing on October 25, 2022, at 7:15 pm or thereafter to receive comments on the 2023 revenue sources; Setting a public hearing on November 8, 2022, at

7:15 pm or thereafter to receive comments on the 2023 preliminary budget; approval of September 27, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes; and approval of September 27, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Barrentine.** Councilmember George requested to remove the September 27, 2022, regular meeting minutes. **The Motion to Approve the Consent Calendar Carried (7-0) as amended.**

George stated that the preliminary budget language may be confusing and would like it to be expanded on for readers.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There was none scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution No. 1789: Approval of Washington Traffic Safety Commission Interagency Agreement**

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that this agreement will provide grant funds to participate in various emphasis patrols. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1789, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission allowing the Fircrest Police Department to assist in multi-jurisdictional DUI, Motorcycle, and Distracted Driving patrols; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on speeding and community outreach. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**B. Ordinance No. 1689: 2022 Budget Amendment#2, Second reading for adoption**

Interim Finance Director Chambers briefed the Council on the second reading of the budget adjustment to the Adopted 2022 Budget and reported on the request for additional appropriations for anticipated revenues and expenditures not provided for in the Adopted 2022 Budget. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1689, authorizing revenues and expenditures of funds for matters not provided for in the Adopted 2022 Budget; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**C. Resolution No. 1790: Approval of Agreement between the City of Fircrest and the Teamsters 117**

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that this agreement will provide representation for the Fircrest Public Works employees. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1790, authorizing the City Manager to execute a collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 117 for the period of October 11, 2022 through December 31, 2024; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. George commented on the 6.3 percent salary increase and stated that the intent was to match the current City employee's 2022 cost of living adjustments. Viafore stated that Roger Schlosstein was not considered for the ratification bonus payments and should be entitled to

receive the ratification bonus. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**D. Resolution No. 1791: MOU Ratification Bonus Payment for Teamsters 117**

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that this ratification bonus payment will be paid within 30 days of the ratification signing. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1791, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local Union No. 117 regarding Ratification Bonus Payments; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on the ratification bonus payment and that it would serve as back pay for the 2022 cost of living adjustments. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-1) with Viafore dissenting.**

**E. Resolution No. 1792: MOU Desk Study Audit with Teamsters 117**

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that this agreement will conduct a desk study audit for the utility billing clerk position. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1792, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local Union No. 117 regarding a Desk Study Audit for the Utility Billing Clerk position; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**F. No Action Taken: 2023 Preliminary Budget Discussion**

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the 2023 Preliminary Budget changes to include an increase in pool maintenance and excise taxes. There was a brief discussion on the readerboard.

**CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

Police Chief Cheesman stated that the Civil Service Commission meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum and reported that Lateral Police boards are scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022. It was requested to provide an update on the police pursuit policy language.

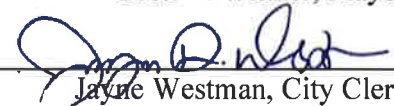
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:15 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). Interim City Manager Corcoran and Police Chief Cheesman were invited.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (5-0).**

  
Brett L. Wittner, Mayor

  
Jayne Westman, City Clerk