

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Brett L. Wittner called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 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. Staff Introductions**

Acting Interim City Manager Westman introduced Permit Coordinator / Code Enforcement Officer, Kristin Singh.

Public Works Director Bemis introduced Public Works Crew member, Salvador Marez, and Maintenance Worker, Martin Chick. Bemis stated that Utility Billing Assistant, Holly Veliz was unable to attend.

Interim Finance Director introduced Administrative Assistant, Sierra Lee, Accountant II, Julie Dunbar, and IT Systems Coordinator, Chris Bunger.

**B. 2023 Liaison Assignments**

Wittner briefed the Council to email him with Liaison preferences for 2023.

Lastly, Wittner stated that there was an email from a concerned citizen regarding a China Lake encampment.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Acting Interim City Manager Westman briefed the Council on a recent house fire in Fircrest and stated that there will be a CIAW board meeting. Westman will send meeting invites to interested Councilmembers.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Administrative Services Director Westman reported that a responsive bid for the Comprehensive Plan update has been received and staff will be meeting with the firm on January 4, 2023.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Andrews; no comment provided.
- Bufford; no comment provided.
- George commented on homeless encampments.
- Barrentine; no comment provided.
- Reynolds; no comment provided.
- Viafore expressed concern on CIAW board meeting information.
- Wittner; no comment provided.

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

Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Parks & Recreation**

No report provided.

**B. Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reported that February 2023 will be the Pierce County Regional Council annual gathering. It will be held virtually.

**C. Public Safety, Courts**

No report provided.

**D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain**

No report provided.

**E. Other Liaison Reports**

There were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 2189933 through Voucher Check No. 219006 in the amount of \$259,612.30; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$67,506.60; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$130,828.36; Setting a Public Hearing on January 24, 2023, at 7:15 pm or shortly thereafter to receive comments on a proposed solid waste rate adjustment; Registering no objections to the Los Tapatios Liquor License Renewal; and approval of the December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes. **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no public hearing scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution No. 1817: City Manager Recruitment Contract**

Acting Interim City Manager Westman briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and stated that the recruitment services cost will be included in the first budget amendment in 2023. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1817, authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Colin Baenziger & Associates for City Manager Recruitment Services; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

- Andrews commented on residential trash pickup and stated that residents can take their trash to University Place refuse and recycling.
- George commented on Homeowners Association stormwater fees and requirements.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

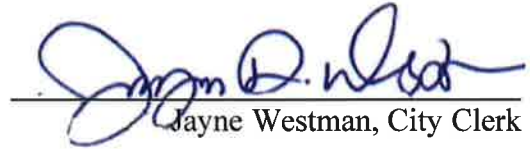
No Executive Session was scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Reynolds **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 P.M., seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (7-0).



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Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



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Jayne Westman, City Clerk