

**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. 2023 Liaison Assignments**

Wittner read into the record the 2023 Council Liaison Assignments. They are as follows:

- Administration- Councilmember Andrews
- Public Safety & Court – Councilmember Viafore
- Finance, IT, & Facilities – Councilmember Reynolds
- Parks & Recreation – Councilmember Barrentine
- Street, Water, Sewer, & Storm – Councilmember Bufford
- Environment, Planning & Building – Councilmember George

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Acting Interim City Manager Westman provided an update on the City Manager and Police Chief recruitments. Westman requested Council feedback on the January 17, 2023 study session. Lastly, Westman briefed the Council on the Council Chambers upgrade and stated that the audio-visual equipment would arrive in mid-April 2023. There was Council consensus to hold a 2022 year-end work plan briefing at the January 17, 2023 study session.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Police Chief Cheesman reported that the Department of Emergency Management will host an emergency preparedness class on February 9, 2023. Lastly, the police department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop in February.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Viafore; no comment
- Reynolds; no comment
- Barrentine; no comment
- George; no comment
- Bufford commented that Monday, January 16, 2023, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and reported on conservation work party events scheduled.
- Andrews commented on Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney Mary Robnett’s letter to the state legislature. **Andrews MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney Mary Robnett’s letter to the state legislature; seconded by Viafore.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments. There were discussions held on the letter’s language, providing support, and using Fircrest statistics. Wittner invited public comment.
  - Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed concern about legislative laws and their impacts.

Upon a roll call vote, **The Motion Passed (4-3) with Barrentine, Bufford, and George dissenting.**

- Wittner; no comment

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

Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Finance, IT, Facilities**

Reynolds reported that the State Auditor’s Office exit conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023, and stated that there are openings for council members to participate.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 219007 through Voucher Check No. 219055 in the amount of \$120,935.87; approval of Voucher Check Nos. 219056 through Voucher Check No. 219066 in the amount of \$99,879.63; approval of Payroll Check Nos. 14222 through Payroll Check No. 14223 in the amount of \$8,724.59; approval of Payroll Check Nos. 14224 through Payroll Check No. 14229 in the amount of \$63,944.53; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$132,355.54; approval of December 19, 2022, Study Session Meeting Minutes; approval of the December 27, 2022, Regular Meeting; Setting the 2023 City Council Study Session meetings on January 17, February 21, March 14, April 17, May 15, June 20, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18 starting at 6:00 pm at City Hall; and Setting a joint meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission on February 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm at City Hall. **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There was none scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution No. 1818: Approval of Tacoma Power’s Energy Incentive Program Agreement**

Acting Interim City Manager Westman briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the agreement will provide the City with an energy incentive payment for the new Roy H. Murphy Community Center. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1818, authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with Tacoma Power for the Energy Incentive Program relating to the new Roy H. Murphy Community Center; seconded by Barrentine.** Wittner invited Councilmember comments. There was a discussion held on the previous City Manager’s email and disabling the email address. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

George commented on hosting a property tax exemption seminar from the Pierce County Assessors Office.

Reynolds commented on issues with her phone.

Bemis thanked his 2022 Liaison, Barrentine.

**JANUARY 10, 2023**    **FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR 3**

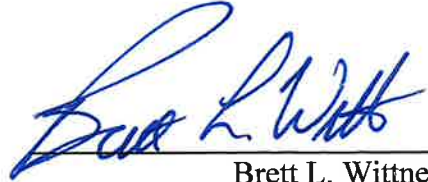
Chambers reported that Right Systems installed access points at the Public Safety Building and stated that security measures need to be set.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

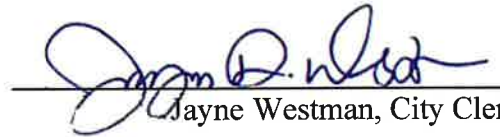
No Executive Session was scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk