

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. Motion: Confirming Commission Koerger Reappointment

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on her reappointment for the Fircrest Civil Service Commission. **George MOVED to confirm the Interim City Manager’s reappointment of Alexander J. Koerger to fulfill his term on the Fircrest Civil Service Commission ending on August 28, 2026; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on the term and recent rulings. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Motion: Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a Letter of Support to Pierce Transit

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the letter of support to Pierce Transit for their grant application. **George MOVED to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit a letter of support to Pierce Transit; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

C. 2023 Committees

Wittner briefed the Council on the Holiday Tree and decoration committee. Bufford and Barrentine requested to serve on the committee.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. City Manager Salary Discussion

Interim City Manager Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed City Manager salary discussion provided by Colin Baenziger & Associates and stated that the compensation study used Pierce County comparable cities. There was Council consensus for the City Manager salary range. **Viafore MOVED to approve the City Manager’s hiring salary range, \$145,000 to \$180,000; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment.

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on the salary.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

There was a brief discussion on gender neutral terms for the City Manager recruitment advertisement. There were no objections from Council to post the advertisement as presented.

Councilmember Barrentine left the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Andrews; no comment.
- Bufford; no comment.
- George; no comment.
- Reynolds; no comment.
- Viafore commented on the Police Chief recruitment timeline.
- Wittner; no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Wittner invited public comment; the following individuals provided comments:

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on Black History Month.
- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, commented on emergency vehicle access to her neighborhood.

Mayor Wittner invoked Rule 20. Order of Business in the Fircrest City Council Rules and stated that the Council will modify the agenda to proceed with New Business Item 13A. Ordinance No. 1703: Garbage Service Rate Adjustment. There were no objections noted from the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1703: Garbage Service Rate Adjustment

Corcoran briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance setting new solid waste rates due to the disposal fee adjustment, the annual CPI adjustment, and the recycling commodity surcharge adjustment. **George MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1703, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1682 and Fircrest Municipal Code 6.08.130 relating to the schedule of rates and charges for solid waste collection; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comments; there was none. Wittner invited public comment; there was none. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

There was no report.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

George reported on several items to include the Prose development, staff training, and the Bourgaize property.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

There was no report.

Councilmember Reynolds left the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

Bufford left the meeting at 8:03 P.M. and returned at 8:05 P.M.

D. Other Liaison Reports

George reported on SSHAP and current proposed legislative changes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 219139 through Voucher Check No. 219231 in the amount of \$740,838.06; approval of Payroll Check No. 14230 through Payroll Check No. 14231 in the amount of \$8,871.53; approval of Payroll Check No. 14232 through Payroll Check No. 14237 in the amount of \$57,695.78; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$139,765.95; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$139,888.68; approval of January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes; and approval of February 7, 2023, Joint Meeting minutes. **Bufford MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by George. The Motion Carried (5-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. To receive comments on the proposed text amendments regarding stormwater compliance

At 8:05 P.M., Wittner opened the public hearing. Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed text amendments regarding stormwater compliance, stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the proposed stormwater compliance. Wittner invited councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on the use of director discretion and Council notification. Wittner invited public testimony; none were provided. At 8:11 P.M., Wittner closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Resolution No. 1821: South Orchard St Overlay Transportation Improvement Board Agreement

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the grant contract with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board to fund the grind and overlay project on South Orchard Street. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1821, authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a grant agreement with Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) in the amount of \$678,471 for a grind and overlay project on South Orchard Street from Center Street to Holly Drive on the two south bound lanes only; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. Discussions included street maintenance, intersection ownership, and traffic control. Wittner invited public comment; there were none. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

C. Resolution No. 1822: Authorizing the Cable Television Franchise Transfer

Corcoran briefed the Council on the transfer of control of cable television franchise from Rainier Connect North LLC, to Alphaboost Purchaser LLC. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1822, authorizing the transfer of control of cable television franchise from Rainier Connect North, LLC, a subsidiary of Mashell, Inc. to Alphaboost Purchaser, LLC, a subsidiary of Palisade Diversified Infrastructure Fund No. 3; seconded by George.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; there was none. Wittner invited public comment; there was none. **The Motion Carried (5-0).**

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

- Viafore commented on Drake Street maintenance.
- Parks & Recreation Director Grover reported on the Daddy Daughter dance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

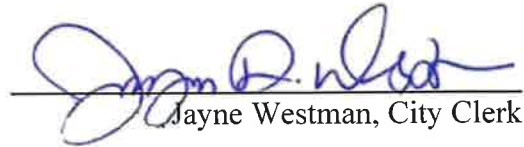
There was none scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M., seconded by George. The Motion Carried (5-0).



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk