

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. Proclamation: Women’s History Month

Councilmember Reynolds read the proclamation Women’s History Month into the record. **Bufford MOVED to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the proclamation proclaiming the month of March is Women’s History Month in the City of Fircrest; seconded by George.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment.

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed concern about the use of proclamations. Sarah Sherman, 1205 Del Monte Ave, expressed concern about the use of proclamations

There was a brief discussion on public outreach and education, and Council policies on the use of proclamations

The Motion Carried (7-0).

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. City Attorney Appointment

Corcoran briefed the Council on the appointment of Robert Zeinemann as the official Fircrest City Attorney. **Reynolds MOVED to confirm the Interim City Manager’s appointment of Robert Zeinemann, of Kenyon Disend, PLLC as the official Fircrest City Attorney; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Zeinemann provided an overview of his past and ongoing tasks with the City to the Council. There was a brief discussion on legal updates.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Administrative Services Director Westman reported on the Prose Development Preliminary Site Plan public hearing.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported on several items including the Summit Ave Water Main project, Fircrest parks restroom doors, and the community center cameras.
There was a brief discussion on the addition of automatic locking doors to park restroom doors. There was a consensus to add the park restroom doors topic to a study session.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore; no comment.
- Reynolds; no comment.
- Barrentine; no comment.
- George commented on the legislative capital budget request.
- Bufford commented on the Fircrest March Medallion event.

- Andrews commented on local schools' sports.
- Wittner; no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Dr, commented on proclamations, the city manager recruitment brochure, and Washington State House Bill 1110.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Barrentine reported on several items including the Fircrest Tennis Court Request for Proposals, the Whittier Park Master Plan, the Community Center cameras, and the pool season.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds reported on several items including the February assembly update and the approval of the yearly work plan.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Viafore reported on the lateral police officer candidates and possible need for extra patrols at Whittier Park due to vandalism.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

There was no report.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There was no report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 219232 through Voucher Check No. 219287 in the amount of \$131,926.28; approval of Payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$141,694.55; Registering an Objection to the Fircrest Golf Club Liquor License Renewal; approval of the February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes; and approval of the February 21, 2023, Study Session minutes. **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Bufford.** Viafore requested to remove the February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes. **The Motion to Approve the Consent Calendar Carried (7-0) as amended.**

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1704: Public Works NPDES Compliance

Public Works Director Bemis provided an overview of the proposed ordinance and stated that the City will remain in compliance with the City’s Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) plan and Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1704, amending Ordinance No. 1640 Section 1 Fircrest Municipal Code Chapter 20.24 Stormwater Management; providing severability; and establishing effective date; seconded by George.** Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (7-0).**

B. Presentation: Year-end 2022 Financial Report

Finance Director Chambers provided an overview of the year-end report and highlighted changes in certain funds. Chambers reported that the City moved the Street, Water, and Sewer balances out of Cumulative Reserve and back into their respective funds. Chambers highlighted that the first inter-fund loan payment was made from the Park Bond Capital Fund to the Cumulative Reserve Fund. Lastly, Chambers reported on the current balances of the Park Bond Capital Fund and ARPA funding. There was a brief discussion on the City of Tacoma’s electric franchise fee being delinquent.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

- Viafore expressed concern on the need for security at the community center
- Wittner commented on reviewing the council policy for remote attendance.

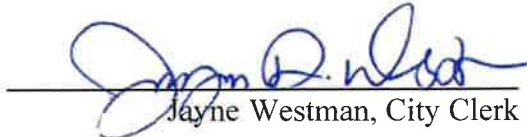
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13 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 potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Wittner invited City Attorney Zeinemann.

ADJOURNMENT

Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).


Brett L. Wittner, Mayor


Jayne Westman, City Clerk