

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 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 13B. Approval of the City Manager Contract with Dawn Masko. There were no objections noted by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

13B. Approval of the City Manager Contract with Dawn Masko

Viafore MOVED to authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional agreement between the City and Dawn Masko to serve as the City Manager; seconded by Barrentine. Wittner invited councilmember comments.

- Andrews stated that the City Manager interview day was long but was a great experience. Andrews congratulated Masko and was glad to know that she accepted the offer.
- Bufford stated that she was thrilled and that the process was great. Masko stood out and is excited to have Masko join the City of Fircrest.
- George thanked the staff and the recruitment firm. George stated that Masko placed first with the public comment cards, staff input, and Council. George welcomed Masko.
- Barrentine stated he is excited to have Masko as the City Manager.
- Reynolds stated she is excited to have Masko as the City Manager and looking forward to working with Masko.
- Viafore stated he is excited to have Masko as the City Manager and acknowledged the unified Council decision to offer Masko the position. Viafore stated that Masko is a superb candidate and welcomed Masko.
- Wittner introduced Acting City Manager Jean. Wittner reported that Masko and Jean will be working collaboratively. Jean stated that Masko is a great fit and reported on her professional experience.

Wittner invited public comment.

- Police Chief Cheesman commented on Masko's professional experience and welcomed Masko.

Wittner reported on the upcoming Police Chief Community Meet and Greet.

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, congratulated Masko and commented on Masko's professional experience.

Wittner congratulated Masko as the new City Manager.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

Masko introduced herself and stated that she is excited about the opportunity.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

None were provided.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Interim Finance Director Chambers commented on procedures and processes to trademark and copyright Murphy, the unofficial Fircrest mascot. Viafore commented on the University of Puget Sound's mascot, Goofy Goose, and its copyright.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported on cellular technology tower leases, sewer backup events, and spraying weed inhibitor at the parks.
- Administrative Services Director Westman reported on the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore gave kudos to the Public Works for their diligence in purchasing crosswalks paint early, the Regent's Blvd island's tulips, and school crosswalks upkeep. Viafore commented on the number of days until Police Chief Cheesman's retirement.
- Reynolds; no comment.
- Barrentine thanked staff for their efforts in the City Manager recruitment.
- George thanked staff for their efforts during the City Manager recruitment and onboarding of an Acting City Manager. George stated that Fircrest was awarded \$153,000 for the Electron Way and Contra Costa Ave crosswalk.
- Bufford thanked staff for their efforts during the City Manager recruitment process and Public Works Utility Service Person II Jim Marzano and Salvador Marez for their assistance.
- Andrews thanked the staff and commented on the street sweeper.
- Wittner thanked the meeting attendees.

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 House Bill 1110 and its impacts.
- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on Washington State Law on drug possession.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Barrentine reported on the community center warranty referrals, pool hire, Fircrest Parks and Recreation Foundation MOU, and the Whittier Park Master Plan RFQ.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds provided a brief report on Pierce County Sheriff's staffing, the Wellfound Behavioral Health Hospital, and House Bill 1110.

C. Public Safety, Courts

Viafore welcomed Honorable Judge John and Pam Miller and provided a brief update on legislation impacting Municipal Courts. Viafore reported on the Police Chief recruitment timeline and the Center St Park and Ride homeless encampment.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Bufford reported on the 44th St lift station project, stormwater pretreatment project, and community outreach.

E. Other Liaison Reports

George provided a brief report on House Bill 1110 and its impacts on Fircrest.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: approval of Voucher No. 219470 through Voucher Check No. 219520 in the amount of \$239,982.08; approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$147,449.96; approval of the February 28, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as corrected; and approval of the April 17, 2023, Study Session minutes. **Bufford MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. To receive comments on the proposed text amendments regarding storm drain service charge (FMC 20.16)

At 7:44 P.M., Wittner opened the public hearing. Acting City Manager Jean and Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed text amendments regarding storm drain service charge stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the proposed text amendments. Wittner invited councilmember comments. Comments included multiple attempts to make billing equitable, private development sewer service agreements, and financial impacts.

Wittner invited public testimony:

- Stephen Bader, 1575 Bay Hill Ave, commented on initial development stormwater credit rates and privately owned storm drain yearly maintenance.
- Douglas Rohner, 1519 Cypress Point Ave, commented that their homeowner's association maintains the development's storm drain and the City should consider providing a credit.

Council discussions included financial analysis and the stormwater credit.

At 8:01 P.M., Wittner closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Information Only: 2022/2023 Police Stats Update

Police Chief Cheesman provided an overview of legislative changes, community outreach efforts and events, and partnerships, and presented the Police 2022/2023 Statistics, which included 2019-2022 crime statistics, infractions, suspicious persons/vehicles, supplemental and general reports, calls for service, and next steps.

George commented on University Place's Proposition 1.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

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- Viafore commented on House Bill 1110 and its impacts on Fircrest’s infrastructure. Viafore requested an update from the staff.
- Andrews commented on state pursuit laws and their impact on policing.
- Police Chief Cheesman provided a brief update on the Blake Decision and a city ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

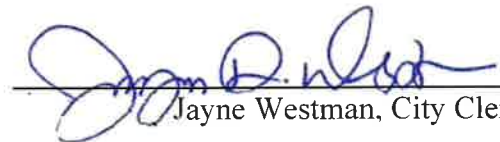
No Executive Session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk