

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Barretine called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 7:07 P.M., Barretine reported that the Council would take a fifteen-minute recess due to audio issues.

At 7:25 P.M., the Council reconvened into regular session.

City Clerk Burkhart conducted a roll call. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barretine, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Mayor Wittner was absent and excused.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

**A. Proclamation: Pride Month**

Councilmember Bufford read the proclamation Pride Month into the record. **George MOVED to authorize the Mayor Pro Tempore’s signature on the proclamation proclaiming the month of June is Pride Month in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Reynolds.** Barretine invited councilmember comment; Bufford thanked the Council and the community for their support.

Barretine invited public comment.

- John Cummings, 257 Regents Blvd, commented on community support for Pride Month.
- Name inaudible, 1200 Del Monte Ave, commented on conducting greater community outreach on City matters.

Council discussions included the City’s flag policies, community unity, proclamation procedures, and cohesion over divisiveness.

**The Motion Carried (5-1), Andrews dissenting.**

**B. Proclamation: Flag Day 2023**

Councilmember Andrews read the proclamation Flag Day 2023 into the record. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the Mayor Pro Tempore’s signature on the proclamation proclaiming June 14, 2023, as Flag Day in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Reynolds.** Barretine invited councilmember comment; none were provided.

Barretine invited public comment.

The following individuals addressed the Council and expressed support for the Proclamation:

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave
- Bryan Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive

**The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**C. Proclamation: US Army Birthday**

Councilmember Andrews read the proclamation US Army Birthday into the record. Andrews thanked veterans for their service. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the Mayor Pro Tempore’s signature on the proclamation proclaiming June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as the 248<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Army in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Reynolds.** Barrentine invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Barrentine invited public comment.

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on their regard for the US Army.

**The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Acting City Manager Jean provided a brief Mildred Street “Prose” Development update and reported on the following items; the upcoming community visioning event, Council goals workshop, S3 Workshield, and the City insurance carrier change.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

- Parks & Recreation Director Grover provided a pool update. Discussions included pool capacity, resident family member access, heat advisories, lifeguard shortages, and L&I requirements.
- City Clerk Burkhart commented on the Council photos and the Planning Commission vacancy.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Andrews commented on Washington State Law regarding flag procedures and raising the POW/MIA flag. There was a brief discussion on displaying flags to adhere to state law.
- Bufford commented on heat and smoke event advisories.
- George commented on community involvement at the community visioning event, and climate resiliency information.
- Reynolds commented on Pierce County Regional County agenda topics involving legislative changes and impacts.
- Viafore commented on Fircrest's development and growth, thanked the Police Department for their dedication and increased visibility, and welcomed back Finance Director Corcoran. Viafore requested a Council update on the Teamsters Local Union NO. 117 Desk Audit MOU. Lastly, Viafore expressed frustration with the Wainwright dead trees and following development regulations.
- Barrentine thanked the meeting attendees.

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

Barrentine invited public comment.

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on community unity.
- Robert Leandro, 1041 Sunrise Lane, commented on religious belief discrimination.
- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Dr, commented on dense growth and maintaining the Fircrest community “feel”.
- Tim Costello, 515 Farallone Ave, commented on code compliance.

Discussions included code compliance processes, City correspondence, and enforcing Fircrest Municipal Code. Council requested an update.

Reynolds left the meeting at 8:52 P.M. and returned at 9:12 P.M.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Administration**

There was no report provided.

**B. Environmental, Planning, and Building**

There was no report provided.

**C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

There was no report provided.

**D. Other Liaison Reports**

None were provided.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Barrentine requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: Approval of Voucher No. 219659 through Voucher Check No. 219740 in the amount of \$372,044.57; Approval of Payroll Check No. 14262 through Payroll Check No. 14263 in the amount of \$8,710.89; Approval of Payroll Check No. 14264 through Payroll Check No. 14269 in the amount of \$59,289.17; Approval of Payroll Check No. 14270 through Payroll Check No. 14270 in the amount of \$173,277.58; Approval of May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as corrected; and Approval of the Nari Sushi & Steak Liquor License Application. **Bufford MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by George. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no public hearing scheduled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution No. 1833: Approval of the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan**

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the City’s Transportation Improvement Plan, stating that it is a planning document that is used to identify projects and funding. Future grant-eligible projects must be in the TIP to be eligible for funding. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1833, approving the City of Fircrest’s Six-year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2024-2029; seconded by George.** Barrentine invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Barrentine invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0), with Reynolds absent.**

**B. Resolution No. 1834: Orchard Overlay Engineering Consultant Agreement**

Public Works Director Bemis provided an overview of the proposed resolution and highlighted that the agreement is for design and engineering services of the South Orchard Street Grind

and Overlay Project of the two southbound lanes from Regents Blvd to the city limit south of Holly St. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1834, authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with KPG Psomas for design and engineering services of the South Orchard St Grind and Overlay; seconded by George.** Barrentine invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Barrentine invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0), with Reynolds absent.**

**C. Resolution No. 1835: Pierce County Sheriff Department Agreement**

Acting City Manager Jean provided an overview of the proposed resolution and highlighted that the agreement provides an Interim Police Chief to the City of Fircrest through September 26, 2023. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1835, authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute an agreement with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department to provide an Interim Police Chief to the City of Fircrest; seconded by Bufford.** Barrentine invited councilmember comment. Viafore requested information on the police vehicle take-home policy. Barrentine invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0), with Reynolds absent.**

**D. Resolution No. 1836: Fun Days & Community Events Entertainment Agreement**

Parks & Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the proposed resolution that would allow the City Manager to execute agreements with Fun Days vendors and entertainers. **Viafore MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1836, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with performers and entertainers for entertainment at 2023 Fun Days not to exceed \$21,000; seconded by Bufford.** Barrentine invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Barrentine invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**E. Resolution No. 1837: AHBL Whittier Master Plan Agreement**

Grover provided an overview of the proposed resolution and highlighted that the Whittier Park Master Plan will provide direction for future development projects. **Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1837 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between AHBL and the City of Fircrest to lead the City through a Whittier Park Master Plan Process; seconded by George.** Barrentine invited councilmember comment; George commented on community involvement. Barrentine invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**F. Motion: Display US Army Flag for June**

Councilmember Andrews requested to withdraw the motion. There were no noted objections from Council.

**CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS**

City Clerk Burkhart thanked former Administrative Services Director Westman for her contributions to the City.

City Attorney Zeinemann commented on the state law regarding the POW/MIA flag.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


**JUNE 13, 2023**

**FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR 5**

There was no executive session scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**George MOVED to adjourn the meeting at Bufford P.M., seconded by 9:22 P.M. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

  
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Joe Barrentine, Mayor Pro Tempore

  
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Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk