

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, and Nikki Bufford. Councilmember Jim Andrews was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

There was no report provided.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Motion: Adoption of City Council Goals

Acting City Manager Jean provided an overview of the Council goals workshop. Wittner invited councilmember comment. Discussions included further discussions at a study session, and Council goals versus administrative tasks delineation. There was a Council consensus to add the City Council Goals discussion to the July 17, 2023 study session.

Acting City Manager Jean provided an update on the Police Chief recruitment, and the Mildred Street Development “Prose”. Viafore requested information on the Police Chief interview community panel makeup.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Interim Police Chief LaTour commented on departmental training, calls for service, community involvement, and police administration.
- Public Works Director Bemis commented on street crack sealing and paving, and development agreements on storm drain rates. Council discussions included using the City’s planning consultant, maintaining State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) compliance, and billing credit proactivity.
- Finance Director Corcoran reported on the audio-visual council chambers upgrade.
- Parks & Recreation Director Grover provided updates on the pool operations, recreation programming, Fun Day logistics, and Fircrest Park athletic field improvements. There was a brief discussion on the tennis court improvements.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Bufford commented on the need for Fun Days event volunteers.
- George commented on the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Airshow and the Annual Fircrest Picnic and Rod Run.
- Barrentine commented on the Joint Base Lewis-Mcchord Airshow and thanked staff for the summer programs and events.
- Reynolds; no comment.
- Viafore commented on the staff morale and thanked the staff.
- Wittner thanked Parks and Recreation Director Grover for the Annual Fircrest Picnic and Rod Run event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Wittner invited public comment:

- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Dr, commented on the Council goals and the June 23, 2023, special meeting audio recording and minutes. City Clerk Burkhart stated that the June 23, 2023 meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the July 25, 2023, regular meeting and that the June 23, 2023 meeting audio may be inaudible.
- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Ave, commented on the June 27, 2023, meeting audio recording and meeting minutes, and the Council goals.

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

Finance Director Corcoran reported on staff training and that staff has started working on the 2024 budget.

D. Other Liaison Reports

None were provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar: Approval of Voucher No. 219804 through Voucher Check No. 219860 in the amount of \$91,284.52; Approval of Payroll Check No. 14271 through Payroll Check No. 14272 in the amount of \$9,139.12; Approval of Payroll Check No. 14273 through Payroll Check No. 14278 in the amount of \$237,058.89; and Approval of June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as corrected; **George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Bufford. 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. 1839: RWJ Consultants Professional Services Agreement

Finance Director Corcoran provided an overview of the proposed resolution and highlighted the City's need for project coordination services. **George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1839 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with RWJ Consultants for Project Coordinator services; seconded by Bufford.** Wittner invited councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on the budget and providing professional support. Wittner invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

B. Resolution No. 1840: National Night Out Display Agreement

George MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1840, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide a firework display on August 1, 2023; seconded by Reynolds.

Interim Police Chief LaTour reported on the National Night Out logistics and stated that the City has received donations to have a fireworks display. Wittner invited councilmember comment; none were provided. Wittner invited public comment.

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

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

George commented on the upcoming South Sound Housing Affordability Partners meeting and stated that it will be held at the Community Center on October 06, 2023.

Acting City Manager Jean commented on using the September 18, 2023 study session for a comprehensive plan update discussion.

Finance Director Corcoran commented on the upcoming resident poker walk scheduled for July 14, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).


Brett L. Wittner, Mayor


Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk