

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

Mayor Brett L. Wittner called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember Joe Barrentine and Councilmember Hunter T. George were absent and excused.

**INSURANCE POOL PRESENTATION**

City Manager Masko provided a brief update on the City’s insurance rates and stated that the City will continue with the Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW). Discussions included climate impacts on rates, cyber and infrastructure liability, past and current claims, and increased rates.

**“MURPHY” COSTUME – USAGE RESTRICTIONS**

Parks and Recreation Director Grover and Community Events Specialist Schmidtke provided a brief overview of “Murphy,” the City's mascot, and stated that the City has ordered a “Murphy” mascot costume to use during City events. Discussions included the costume cost, “Murphy’s” event appearances, and the protection of unauthorized and improper use of the image.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT VISION STATEMENT**

Project Coordinator Jean provided a brief update on the City’s Comprehensive Plan draft vision statement and stated that there has been a large response on the City’s vision from the community. There was a brief discussion on the Comprehensive Plan survey.

**FIRCREST PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITY DISCUSSION**

Public Works Director Bemis provided a brief update on the Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility and provided alternatives for the facility’s restoration or reconstruction. Discussions included fire regulations, storage solutions, restrooms, costs, and property zoning.

**MILDRED STREET DEVELOPMENT – “PROSE” PROJECT UPDATE**

Project Coordinator Jean provided a brief update on the Mildred Street development and stated that the City is working with Pierce County Planning and Public Works for sewer basin amendment.

**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE FORMATION**

City Manager Masko provided a brief summary on the establishment of a Centennial Committee to assist in preparations and logistics for the City’s Centennial. Discussions included the committee duration, subcommittees, Council communication, and youth representation.

**HOLIDAY TREE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

City Manager Masko reported that further research is needed before providing Council information on the Holiday Tree committee formation. Discussions included the Alice Peers Park tree health and its use during the Centennial, and the certified Arborist report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 P.M.; seconded by Councilmember Bufford. The Motion Carried (5-0).**



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Arlette Burkhart, Acting City Clerk