

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 Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember David M. Viafore was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Police Chief Schaub Pinning Ceremony

City Manager Masko reported on the Police Chief's ceremonial badge pinning.

B. Appointment of Streets, Facilities, & Equipment Council Liaison

Mayor Wittner appointed Councilmember Bufford as the Streets, Facilities, & Equipment Council liaison. There were no objections noted from the Council.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko reported on the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) conference and thanked the Council for their support. City Manager Masko also reported on the upcoming budget sessions, the Maintenance Worker I position, and the Council photo date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Public Works Director Bemis reported on the Claremont Street Well House damage, the Emerson Street sidewalk project, the Regents Blvd overlay project, and a city building energy audit.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover provided a status update on the Fircrest Park Improvement project and reported on important dates. There was a brief discussion on community engagement and outreach.
- Police Chief Schaub reported on various departmental items to include police vehicle lead times, rifle suppression lifespan, the Fircrest Civil Service Rules, and provided an update on staffing. There was a brief discussion on the Fircrest Police Department non-emergency number.
- Community Development Director Newman reported on the Mildred Street development "Prose", the comprehensive plan update, and a permit fee schedule update.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Andrews; no comment.
- Councilmember Bufford; no comment.
- Councilmember George; no comment.
- Councilmember Reynolds; no comment.
- Councilmember Barrentine; no comment.
- Mayor Wittner commented on the Wainwright Intermediate School tree issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Wittner invited public comment. There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Councilmember Andrews provided kudos to City Manager Masko and reported that the administration is dealing with personnel issues.

B. Environmental, Planning, and Building

Councilmember George provided kudos to Community Development Director Newman.

C. Finance, IT, Facilities

Councilmember Reynolds reported that the Finance department is working on the 2024 budget.

D. Other Liaison Reports

Councilmember George reported on the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners' (SSHAP) executive board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Wittner requested the Acting City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 220220 through 220285 in the amount of \$120,771.59
Approval of Check No. 14290 through 14298 in the amount of \$8,882.42
Approval of Check No. 14299 through 14305 in the amount of \$59,463.14
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$143,798.77
- B. Registering no objections to Rollin' 253 Liquor License Application
- C. Approval of the September 18, 2023, Special Meeting minutes

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. End of Pool Season Summary

Parks and Recreation Director Grover provided an update on the Fircrest pool 2023 end-of-season to include pool revenue, cost recovery, program offerings, and pool party room rentals. Council discussions included staffing salaries and wages, lifeguard retention, parking issues, and extending the pool season.

B. Alliance/ Prose Project Memorandum of Understanding Discussion

Project Coordinator Bob Jean reported on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Alliance and highlighted that the MOU provides for a voluntary contribution

towards the City’s Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) program. Mayor Wittner invited Councilmember comment; none were provided.

C. Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement Discussion

Project Coordinator Bob Jean reported that the discussion will be brought back to the Council at a later date.

D. Resolution No. 1849: KBH Change Order

Parks and Recreation Director Grover provided an overview of the proposed resolution and highlighted that the change order will include the removal of unexpected buried objects around the perimeter of the pool house. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1849, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract change order for additional construction services for the Fircrest Park Athletic Fields Improvement project with KBH Construction Co.; seconded by Councilmember Reynolds.** Mayor Wittner invited Councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on conducting due diligence. Mayor Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

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

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

There were no final comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Barrentine MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Bufford. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, Acting City Clerk