

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Karen Mauer-Smith, Brett L. Wittner, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Reynolds invoked Fircrest City Council Rule 9. Regular Council Meeting Agenda and stated that the Council will add an executive session to the agenda to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). There were no noted objections from the Council.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on recent personnel transitions with the Permit Coordinator and Public Works Office Coordinator positions. She thanked and wished the departing employees, Kristin Rosario, and Vicky Walston, well in their professional endeavors. City Manager Masko also reported on current staffing, to include the new part-time Accountant I, the Recreation Specialist interviews and a temporary Court Clerk I position. There was a brief discussion on the City's parental leave policy.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Public Works Director Bemis thanked Vicky Walston for her years of service to the City. He reported on an internal assessment of Alice Peers Park tree's health and provided an update on the Claremont Street sidewalk issue.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover commented on the upcoming events to include Teen Late Night and March Medallion Madness.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Viafore; no comment.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith; no comment.
- Councilmember Wittner; no comment.
- Councilmember George commented on Anchor Church's outreach regarding their frontage lot alongside Orchard Street.
- Councilmember Bufford; no comment.
- Councilmember Andrews commented on the fallen Washington State Patrol trooper and expressed his condolences.
- Mayor Reynolds commented on the Centennial Celebration committee and the 2024 Washington Primary Election.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. The following individuals provided comment:

- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, thanked Community Development Director Newman and commented on the Valley Firs gate accessibility issue.

There was a brief discussion on private development liability, pre-annexation agreements, and road accessibility.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Councilmember Wittner reported that City Manager Masko has been overseeing personnel issues.

B. Built Environment, Planning, and Building

Councilmember George reported on the City's Comprehensive Plan Update comment period, and the Prose development. He also reported that the City submitted an AARP grant for ADA-accessible benches.

C. Finance, Information Technology, and Facilities

Councilmember Mauer-Smith provided a report on Finance that included the timesheet program, the new part-time Accountant I, and current staff training.

The Information Technology report included recently completed projects, projects in progress, and support tickets.

The Facilities report included the Fircrest Park Maintenance Garage project, sport field preparation, Holiday Tree committee, and Tree City USA signage.

D. Other Liaison Reports

Mayor Reynolds reported on the Pierce Transit's ridership discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approval of Check No. 14344 through No. 14345 in the amount of \$9,315.05.
Approval of Check No. 14346 through No. 14353 in the amount of \$70,797.58
Approval of Check No. 220940 through No. 221014 in the amount of \$124,659.09
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$161,268.09.
- B. Approval of the February 06, 2024, Joint Meeting minutes.
Approval of the February 23, 2024, Study Session minutes.

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

The Motion Carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on inquiring if any Councilmember wishes to withdraw an item from the Consent Calendar.

A. Resolution No. 1886: Claremont St. Overlay TIB Grant Agreement

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and stated that the grant would nearly fully fund the Claremont Street grind and overlay, and update sidewalks to ADA standards. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1886, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fuel Tax Grant Agreement with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) in the amount of \$677,409.00 for the Claremont Street Grind and Overlay Project; seconded by Councilmember George.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on the local match funding source. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Ordinance No. 1722: Adoption of the 2021 IBC/IRC

Community Development Director Newman briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance and highlighted that the effective date for all building codes is March 15, 2024. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1722, amending Ordinance No. 1663 and FMC 12.04.020 adopting the 2021 International and Uniform Codes as amended by the State Building Code Council; seconded by Councilmember Bufford.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; there were none. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Viafore requested a copy of the City of Tacoma noncompete agreement. He commented on the 67th Avenue streetlights and gave kudos to the Police Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:39 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed sixty (60) minutes, to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and to discuss labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). Mayor Reynolds noted that City Manager Masko, City Attorney Zeinemann, and Project Coordinator Bob Jean were invited to the Executive Session. Mayor Reynolds noted that Project Coordinator Bob Jean would only be invited to the Executive Session regarding potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M., seconded by Councilmember George.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

MARCH 12, 2024

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Shannon Reynolds, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Arlette Burkhardt in blue ink.

Arlette Burkhardt, Acting City Clerk