

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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 Rule 20, Order of Business in the Fircrest City Council Rules, and requested to modify the Council agenda to move New Business Item 13C. Motion: Display the Pride Flag under the Presiding Officer's Report Item 4C. There were no objections noted by the Council.

A. Proclamation: Planning Commissioner Hamel Appreciation

Councilmember George read the proclamation titled Planning Commissioner Hamel Appreciation into the record. **Councilmember George MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation proclaiming the recognition of Planning Commissioner Sarah Hamel's, P.E., contributions and commitment to the City of Fircrest; seconded by Councilmember Bufford.** Mayor Reynolds invited councilmember comment. Councilmember George expressed his gratitude for Planning Commissioner Hamel's commitment to the voluntary service. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

- Sarah Hamel, address not provided, commented on the honor to serve on the Planning Commission.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Proclamation: Pride Month

Councilmember Bufford read the proclamation Pride Month into the record. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation proclaiming the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on combining the proclamation and motion to display the pride flag into one motion.

Mayor Reynolds stated that an amendment would be required to combine the motions and amendments are non-debatable.

Councilmember Andrews MOVED to combine the discussion of the Mayor's signature on the proclamation proclaiming the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fircrest and the Motion to display of the Pride Flag under the American Flag for the month of June. This Motion to combine the two legislative items failed due to a lack of a second to support the Motion.

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment for the LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation.

At 7:11 P.M., Councilmember Viafore requested a five-minute recess. There were no objections noted by the Council. The Council reconvened at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment for the LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation.

The following individuals addressed the Council and expressed concern;

- Chris Johnson
- Nancy Lashpell
- David Nichols
- Vince Navarre
- Robert Leandro
- Sarah Sherman

The following individuals addressed the Council and expressed support;

- Jen Haggard
- Lisa Kremer
- Sherry Jansen
- Sue Little
- Deanna Nuttbrock-Allen
- Marc Rieke, Former Councilmember
- Whitney Emge
- Joe Barrentine, Former Councilmember

Council discussions included the proclamation process and public participation, redundancy, providing community support, creating a unified and undivided community, and thanking meeting attendees.

The Motion Carried (7-0), with Councilmember Andrews abstaining.

C. Motion: Display Pride Flag for the Month of June

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to display the Pride Flag at City Hall and the Roy H. Murphy Community Center flag poles for the Month of June; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith. Mayor Reynolds invited councilmember comment. Council discussion included flying the Pride Flag with the American Flag, location alternatives, and community support. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment for displaying the Pride Flag.

The following individuals addressed the Council and expressed concern;

- Brian Rybolt
- Chris Johnson
- Vince Navarre
- Robert Leandro
- David Nichols
- Elaine Herfield
- Sarah Sherman
- Morgan Medlock
- Carrie Kaelin

The following individuals addressed the Council and expressed support;

- Marc Rieke, Former Councilmember

- Lisa Kremer
- Jen Haggard
- Jillian Adkins
- Chris Allan
- Rick Little

Council discussions included a second flagpole, providing community support, community representation, flying the Pride Flag with the American Flag, location alternatives, and thanking meeting attendees.

Mayor Reynolds requested a roll call vote: Viafore – Aye; Mauer-Smith – Aye; Wittner – Aye; George – Aye; Bufford – Aye; Andrews – Nay

The Motion Carried (6-1).

At 8:42 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and reconvene at 8:47 P.M.

Councilmember Viafore left the meeting at 8:47 and was excused.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko reported on the Finance Director recruitment and provided an update on the City's annual financial report and current staffing. She reported on the Pierce County Emergency Management's City Liaison program. Lastly, she reported on the City's middle housing consultant's proposed open house in late July and the second flagpole quote.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Bufford thanked Public Works for repairing the Whittier Park Trail bridge and commented on the Emerson Street flags and flower baskets.
- Councilmember Wittner thanked Acting City Clerk Burkhart for the information on the panic button and alarm.
- Councilmember George gave his condolences on the passing of Tacoma City Councilmember Catherine Ushka. He also commented on the Fircrest pool opening.
- Councilmember Andrews thanked Public Works Director Bemis for flying the Prisoner of War (POW) flag, stated that his father-in-law was a POW in Korea, and referenced RCW 1.20.017 Display of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag for dates to fly the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. There were none.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks, Recreation, and Sustainability

There was no report.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

Councilmember Bufford reported on the upcoming National Night Out event planning, and staffing meeting on new pursuit laws, and was debriefed on the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chief (WASPC) conference.

C. Public Works

Councilmember Andrews commented on the Fircrest recreation programming.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Councilmember Reynolds reported on the discussion of hospital capacity. The upcoming Pierce County Regional Council meeting agenda's topic will be transportation. She lastly reported on the passing of Tacoma City Councilmember Catherine Ushka.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There was no report.

E1. Centennial Celebration Logo Discussion

Councilmember Bufford reported on the centennial email address and public participation. She provided an overview of the proposed centennial logo options and requested Council feedback. Council discussions included color scheme, font, and water tower.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approval of Check No. 221267 through 221325 an amount of \$600,351.53
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$163,855.34
- B. Approval of the May 14, 2024, Regular meeting minutes
Approval of the May 20, 2024, Study Session meeting minutes
- C. Setting a Public Hearing on June 11, 2024, at 7:15 pm or shortly thereafter to receive comments on the City's 6-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program.

Councilmember George MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Police 2023 Year-End Report

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Police Chief Schaub provided an overview of the 2023 Year-End Police Report. The report included 2023 calls for service data, enforcement rates, community outreach efforts, and events. There was a brief discussion on the youth intervention program started by Former Pierce County Undersheriff Rob Masko.

B. Resolution No. 1905: Electron Way/Contra Costa Ave. Project TIB Grant Agreement

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the grant agreement will fund \$65,847 to complete the entire intersection of Electron Way and Contra Costa Ave upgrades. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1905, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fuel Tax Grant Agreement with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for \$65,847 for the Electron Way & Contra Costa Avenue Intersection Improvement Project; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion thanking staff for their efforts on this grant. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

- Brian Rybolt, address not provided, commented on grant funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act and the rock retaining wall on Contra Costa Ave status.

There was a brief discussion on the encumbered grant funds.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Andrews provided a brief update on the rock retaining wall on Contra Costa Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M., seconded by Councilmember George.

The Motion Carried (6-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, Acting City Clerk