

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, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember Hunter T. George was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Proclamation: Finance Director Corcoran Appreciation

Councilmember Mauer-Smith read the proclamation titled Finance Director Corcoran Appreciation into the record. **Councilmember Viafore MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation proclaiming the recognition of Finance Director Corcoran's contributions and commitment to the City of Fircrest; seconded by Councilmember Wittner.** Mayor Reynolds invited councilmember comment. The Council expressed their gratitude to Finance Director Corcoran and her commitment to the City. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

- Colleen Corcoran, Fircrest Finance Director, thanked the Council and staff.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko thanked Finance Director Corcoran for her years of service to the City and reported on the Acting City Clerk Burkhart's public records officer certification. She also reported on the new development interest in the undeveloped property on Mildred Street. Ms. Masko reported on the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) conference and the exceptional representation by the attending Fircrest Council. Ms. Masko provided kudos to staff members Utility Billing Assistant Holly Veliz and Passport Specialist Laura Thompson for their dedicated work to the City. Lastly, Ms. Masko reported on the City of Tacoma's mineral oil spill at Leach Creek Holding Basin and stated Tacoma initiated an emergency spill response and cleanup efforts. The City of Tacoma is working with the Washington State Department of Ecology and Environmental Protection Agency to remediate the impacts of the mineral oil. The City became aware of the spill via social media.

Discussions included lack of communication from the City of Tacoma, the volume of contaminants spilled, Tacoma's transparency, and sending a Mayor-endorsed letter to the Washington Department of Ecology. There was a consensus from the Council to send a Mayor-endorsed letter to the Department of Ecology to ensure proper environmental compliance.

Mayor Reynolds reported on the City of Orting Mayor Penner's appointment to the AWC Board of Directors.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Community Development Director Newman reported on the new staff member, Permit Coordinator Natasha Koloystak, and upcoming department goals.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported on the Office Assistant recruitment, the annual car show, and swim lessons.
- Public Works Director Bemis thanked Ms. Corcoran.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Viafore commented on his concerns for the City's water source due to the mineral oil spill and the City's response to the Department of Ecology.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith reported on the Strawberry Festival and stated it was a great event.
- Councilmember Wittner commented on his return from vacation.
- Councilmember Bufford thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the AWC conference and thanked Officer Chris Roberts for his assistance in a vehicular assault incident.
- Councilmember Andrews reported on the AWC conference and stated it was informative. AWC presentations included parliamentary procedures, public records requests, open public meetings - public comments, and the new Middle Housing laws.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. The following individual provided a comment.

- Vince Navarre, address not provided, thanked Ms. Corcoran for her service to the City and stated she provided quality work.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks, Recreation, and Sustainability

Councilmember Viafore reported on the Fircrest Parks Maintenance Facility and the Strawberry Festival. He stated the festival had large crowds, and the City should consider reviving the City's tradition of the Mayor's opening statement and the singing of the National Anthem. Lastly, he reported on the pool's usage.

Mayor Reynolds commented on a feasibility study for expanding recreational pool opportunities.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

There was no report.

C. Public Works

There was no report.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Councilmember Reynolds reported on the Transportation Coordinating Committee's SNAP meeting that June topics were moved to the July meeting, and the PCRC Council will plan to stand in recess in August.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There was no report.

E1. Centennial Celebration Logo Discussion

Councilmember Bufford provided an overview of the proposed centennial logo options, thanked Community Events Specialist Judy Schmidtke for her efforts on the draft centennial logo, and requested Council feedback.

There was a Council consensus to approve option number 4 for the City's centennial logo. Councilmember Viafore commented on the City's ownership of the design.

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to approve the Centennial Celebration Logo as depicted in Option #4; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, stated she liked option number 4.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approval of Check No. 221376 through 221456 in the amount of \$200,975.41
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$175,172.10
- B. Registering no objections to the Office Boutique Liquor License Application.
- C. Approval of the May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes
Approval of the June 11, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

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

The Motion Carried (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1910: Approval of the 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the City's Transportation Improvement Plan, stating that it is a planning document that is used to identify projects and funding. Future grant-eligible projects must be in the TIP to be eligible for funding. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1910, approving the City of Fircrest's Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2025-2030; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1911: South Orchard Grind & Overlay Contract

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted the project includes ADA-compliant upgrades and paving of the South Orchard Street at Regents Blvd intersection. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1911, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Public Works contract with Miles Resources, LLC, for the South Orchard Street Grind and Overlay Project; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-**

Smith. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. Councilmember Wittner thanked staff for their work on this grant and options for road weight limits. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

B. Resolution No. 1912: South Orchard Water Main Upgrade Contract

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted the project includes the replacement of an undersized water main. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1912, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Public Works contract with Pape & Sons Construction, Inc. for the South Orchard Street Water Main Replacement Project; seconded by Councilmember Wittner.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. Councilmember Viafore commented on ensuring project management schedules align on South Orchard Street. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

C. Resolution No. 1913: Cooperative Cities Interlocal Agreement

Chief Schaub briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted the agreement allows for additional law enforcement resources. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1913 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Cooperative Cities Consortium for multi-jurisdictional specialty teams in Pierce County; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. Council discussions included shared liabilities, City insurance, and City attorney approval. There was a Council consensus to table the resolution. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to table Resolution No. 1913, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Cooperative Cities Consortium for multi-jurisdictional specialty teams in Pierce County to the July 9, 2024, City Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Bufford.**

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

Councilmember Viafore stated the City is short-staffed and could need more time to research.

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

D. Resolution No. 1914: Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility Contract

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted the facility would provide storage for equipment and supplies. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED move to adopt Resolution No. 1914, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Public Works contract with Creative Custom Construction, LLC, for the Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility Project; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on fencing concerns and types of City-approved fencing. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

E. Resolution No. 1915: RWJ Consultants Contract Extension

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and stated the agreement will continue project coordination services. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1915 authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with RWJ Consultants for Project Coordinator services; seconded by Councilmember Wittner.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on funding the project coordination services. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

F. Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Survey Responses

Community Development Director Newman reported on the Comprehensive Plan survey responses and next steps. Council discussions included posting comments on the City's website, further community engagement, and Fircrest resident responses.

G. Discussion: City Manager Evaluation Process

Mayor Reynolds reported on the City Manager evaluation process and accommodating electronic Council comments. She stated the City Manager's evaluation is required under the City's contract. Councilmember Viafore requested to add an executive session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g). There were no noted objections by the Council to add the executive session.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Viafore congratulated Finance Director Corcoran on her retirement and commented on the budget amendment process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:38 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, to discuss labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) and to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g). Mayor Reynolds noted that City Manager Masko, substitute City Attorney Rosenberg and Joanna Eide, City's Labor Attorney John Lee, and Public Works Director Bemis were invited to the Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Viafore.

The Motion Carried (6-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, Acting City Clerk