

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, Brett L. Wittner, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember Karen Mauer-Smith was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

Mayor Reynolds invoked Fircrest City Council Rule 9D. Regular Council Meeting Agenda. She requested to add agenda item “Officer Towe Swearing In Ceremony” under Presiding Officer’s report and remove agenda item 12A. Resolution No. 1913: Cooperative Cities Interlocal Agreement. There were no noted objections from the Council.

A. Officer Towe Introduction & Swearing In Ceremony

Mayor Reynolds swore in Officer Towe. Police Chief Schaub introduced Officer Shaine Towe to the Council. There was a brief discussion on the police staffing levels.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko reported on the appointment of Arlette Burkhart to the City Clerk position and stated that Accountant II Julie Dunbar will be the Interim Finance Director while the City continues the Finance Director recruitment. Mrs. Masko provided kudos to the Parks and Recreation department for the Fircrest Car Show event. She reported on the Washington Department of Ecology’s (WA DOE) response regarding the Leach Creek mineral oil spill incident and the City of Tacoma’s continued remediation efforts. Lastly, she reported that Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Grover will be the Acting City Manager while she is out of town. Councilmember Viafore requested WA DOE’s response to be forwarded to the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Public Works Director Bemis provided an updated report on the Leach Creek mineral spill incident, Tacoma’s response efforts, and Fircrest Park’s tree vandalism. There was a discussion on the City’s 24-hour policy to address vandalism occurrences.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported on day camps and sporting camps, the Fircrest swim team’s first meet, pool operations, and the Park’s policies to keep lifeguards cool during heat waves. Council discussions included air conditioning options for the pool party room, pool capacity management, and resident season passes.
- Community Development Director Newman reported on Wainwright’s exterior building envelope’s update, and Douglas Fir tree removal. He also reported on code enforcement cases and Pierce County’s home energy efficiency program. Council discussions included the removal of the Douglas Fir trees and the tree canopy assessment update.
- Interim Finance Director Dunbar provided an update on the automated timesheet program and streamlining IT procedures. There was a brief discussion on software licensing usage.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Viafore provided kudos to the Parks and Recreation staff for the Fircrest Car Show event, pool operations, and expanded aquatic programming. He commented on the quality of the Fircrest Park grass.

- Councilmember Wittner congratulated City Clerk Burkhart and Interim Finance Director Dunbar.
- Councilmember George congratulated Officer Towe and City Clerk Burkhart. He commented on the expanding recreational programming.
- Councilmember Bufford provided kudos to the Parks and Recreation staff for the Fircrest Car Show event and commented on loud music concerns during the event.
- Councilmember Andrews commented on the sign code issue and requested sign code enforcement updates. He expressed concern about selective enforcement and sign code interpretation. Discussions included City right-of-way code enforcement and the sign removal process. Councilmember Andrews requested a sign code study session.
- Mayor Reynolds commented on the Fircrest Car Show event.

There was a brief discussion on sign code enforcement regarding doors in the public right-of-way.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- Vince Navarre, a Fircrest resident, commented on consistent sign code enforcement, national recognized days, and graffiti concerns.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

There was no report.

B. Built Environment, Planning, and Building

There was no report.

C. Finance, Information Technology, and Facilities

There was no report.

D. Other Liaison Reports

Mayor Reynolds provided a brief report on the Pierce Transit Board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 221457 through 221525 in the amount of \$110,472.51
Approval of Check No. 14383 through 14390 in the amount of \$68,822.79
Approval of the Check No. 14381 through No. 14382 in the amount of \$9,048.10
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$181,207.48
- B. Registering no objections to the Pint Defiance Liquor License Renewal
Registering no objections to the Kiwanis Club of Clover Park Special Liquor License Application

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- C. Approval of the June 17, 2024, Study Session minutes
- Approval of the June 25, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

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

The Motion Carried (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1913: Cooperative Cities Interlocal Agreement was removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1916: National Night Out Fireworks Display Agreement

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted the fundraising efforts for the event expenses. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1916 authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Alpha Pyrotechnics to provide a firework display at National Night Out; seconded by Councilmember George.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief comment about utilizing social media for the need for donations. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember George requested a public safety update for July 4, 2024. Police Chief Schaub reported there was no unusual activity.

Councilmember Wittner commented on the Fircrest Car Show and thanked volunteer Vince Navarre.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 P.M., seconded by Councilmember George.

The Motion Carried (6-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor

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FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR 4



Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk