

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 attended the meeting virtually.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Motion: Planning Commission Appointment

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Andreas Schonger to the City of Fircrest Planning Commission, Position No. 3, effective July 23, 2024, through June 15, 2030; seconded by Councilmember Bufford. Mayor Reynolds invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

City Clerk Burkhart swore in Andreas Schonger to the Fircrest Planning Commission.

B. Proclamation: National Night Out

Mayor Reynolds read the proclamation titled National Night Out into the record. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation proclaiming August 6, 2024, as National Night Out in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Councilmember Wittner.** Mayor Reynolds invited councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. Chief Schaub provided an overview of the efforts made towards the National Night Out event. There was a brief discussion on the Buffalo Soldiers.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko reported on City Clerk Burkhart's Certified Municipal Clerk designation. She also reported on the Recreation Office Assistant and Court Clerk positions. They have been filled with qualified internal staff, Dorothy Cottrill and Virigina Costanti-Eacrett. Lastly, City Manager Masko gave kudos to the Parks and Recreation staff for the Fircrest Fun Days event.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Parks and Recreation Director Grover reported on Dorothy Cottrill's Recreation Office Assistant position offer and provided an overview of the Fircrest Fun Days. There was a brief discussion on the current pool capacity.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Andrews commented on the upcoming Middle Housing Open House on July 30th, 2024, and requested information on notifications provided to residents. He also requested information on code enforcement for the doors in the public right-of-way on a property off Alameda Ave and sign code interpretation.
- Councilmember Bufford provided kudos to staff and volunteers for Fircrest Fun Days and provided recognition for their efforts.
- Councilmember George; no comment.

- Councilmember Wittner; no comment.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith reported on the Fircrest Fun Days and stated it was a great event.
- Councilmember Viafore commented on the Fircrest Fun Days and requested the pool financial reports and the P-1 for Fircrest Fun Days by September 1st, 2024. He commented on the Wainwright tree issue, the treescape plan and the reasoning for allowed variance. Lastly, he commented on the sign code issue and would like to come to a resolution on its interpretation.
- Mayor Reynolds commented on Fircrest Fun Days and gave kudos. Mayor Reynolds commented on the sign code issue and asked to have a discussion at a future study session. There were no objections from the Council to discussing the sign code issue at a future study session.

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 commented on donations towards the National Night Out fireworks event.

C. Public Works

Councilmember Andrews provided kudos on the Public Works summer hires.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Councilmember Reynolds reported on the Council's SSHAP and Pierce Transit update and said the Council plans to stand in recess in August.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There was no report.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 221526 through 221589 in the amount of \$193,723.48
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$201,373.53
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$11,186.10
- B. Approval of the July 09, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes.

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

The Motion Carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1917: RCO Grant Application Authorization: Fircrest Park Backstop Project

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the resolution authorizes the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director to submit all required documents for the project grant application. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1917, authorizing the City Manager to act as the authorized representative/agent on behalf of the City of Fircrest and to legally bind the City of Fircrest with respect to the Fircrest Park Backstop Restoration project for which the City seeks grant funding assistance managed through the Recreation and Conservation Office; seconded by Councilmember Wittner.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

- Brian Rybolt, a 39-year Fircrest Resident, commented on the restoration cost of the Fircrest Park Backstop.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Resolution No. 1918: So. Orchard St. Grind & Overlay Contract – Change Order #1

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted the change order will add 15% contingency for the City of Tacoma per their request. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1918, authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the 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. Discussions included the use of Fircrest Police Officers for traffic control on overtime, the project schedule, and notifications to NewCold Advanced Cold Storage and Port of Tacoma. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

C. Resolution No. 1919: Interlocal Agreement – So. Orchard Grind & Overlay Project

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1919, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tacoma for the South Orchard Street Grind and Overlay Project; seconded by Councilmember Viafore.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Andrews expressed concerns about the Middle Housing Open House and requested information on its advertisement and notification to residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Viafore requested to be excused from the Executive Session and left the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

At 7:38 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g). Mayor Reynolds noted that City Manager Masko and substitute City Attorney Joanna Eide were invited to the Executive Session.

Councilmember George left the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (5-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk