

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

There was a brief discussion on the Pierce Transit Board Election final ballot. City Clerk Burkhart stated that the final ballot would be presented at the next regular Council meeting on October 08, 2024, for a motion.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Acting City Manager Grover requested Agenda Item 13B to be removed from the agenda and stated that the agenda item would be brought back to Council at a later time for discussion. There was no objection from the Council to remove Agenda Item 13B. Resolution: Leavitt Group Insurance Broker Contract Amendment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Public Works Director Bemis reported on several updates, including the Emerson sidewalk project, Fircrest Parks Maintenance Facility Project, and Electron Way and Contra Costa Ave crosswalk project. There was a brief discussion on the status of the building permit issuance and the plan set for the Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility. Mr. Bemis stated that he would send the Council a copy of the plan set. Lastly, there was a brief discussion on the Orchard Street restriping.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Andrews; no comment.
- Councilmember Bufford; no comment.
- Councilmember George commented on the Metro Parks Tacoma Park Board meeting. He stated that Interim Fire Chief Stallings-Alailima was in attendance and would like to meet the Fircrest City Manager and Police Chief. Lastly, he provided a brief report on the City of Tacoma Proposition 1, which increases the City of Tacoma property tax levy to support the Tacoma Fire Department operations.
- Councilmember Wittner; no comment.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith; no comment.
- Councilmember Viafore; no comment.
- Mayor Reynolds; no comment.

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 were no reports.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

Councilmember Bufford stated that the police department is working on long-term planning.

C. Public Works

Councilmember Andrews commented on the water meter installation progress and stated that the project is over 75% complete. Councilmember Viafore asked if the water meter installation would be completed by December 31, 2024. Public Works Director Bemis stated that the residential meters would be completed by December 31, 2024, and that the larger water meter installations require community and business outreach.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Council hosted Ceiba Consulting representative Brynn Brady and discussed 2024-2025 legislative priorities. Mayor Reynolds recommended that House Bill 1110 be included as a part of their lobbying efforts. Lastly, Mayor Reynolds stated that there was a discussion on the health of the resident orca population.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Councilmember Bufford reported on the Centennial Committee and stated that the committee is discussing fundraising efforts, website options, and a legacy project. The next Centennial Committee meeting is scheduled for October 01, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 221803 through 221866 in the amount of \$237,871.63
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$162,319.32
- B. Approval of the August 27, 2024, Regular meeting minutes
Approval of the September 10, 2024, Regular meeting minutes

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

The Motion Carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1728: Endangerment with a Controlled Substance

Acting City Attorney Eide briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance and highlighted that the ordinance defines the reckless exposure of a child or dependent adult to a controlled substance. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1728, adopting a new Chapter 9.50 of the Fircrest Municipal Code, “Endangerment with a Controlled Substance,” seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. Council discussions included cannabis regulations, the definition of a controlled

substance, differentiating how controlled substances are obtained, and the failed passage of Washington Senate Bill 5010. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Resolution: Leavitt Group Insurance Broker Contract Amendment

This agenda item was removed.

C. 2025 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Interim Finance Director Dunbar presented the 2025 proposed budget to the Council. Ms. Dunbar highlighted the 2025 budget session schedule and impacts on the budget to include a Consumer Price Index of 3.6%, a Tacoma Fire contract increase of 3.6%, a 7.3% increase for medical premiums, and that it does not include revenues or expenses for the Mildred Street property project.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Viafore stated that September 26th, 2024 is the City's 99th anniversary of incorporation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:26 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 review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g).

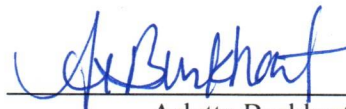
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wittner **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Bufford.

The Motion Carried (7-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk