

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 Brett L. Wittner and Karen Mauer-Smith were present. Councilmembers Nikki Bufford and Jim Andrews attended the meeting virtually. Councilmembers David M. Viafore and Hunter T. George were absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

Mayor Reynolds invoked Fircrest City Council Rule 20. Order of Business and requested to move Agenda Item 13A. Pierce Transit Presentation under Presiding Officer’s report. There were no objections from the Council.

A. Pierce Transit Presentation

Pierce Transit Senior Planner Anna Petersen provided an overview of Pierce Transit Destination 2045 Long Range Plan and highlighted long-term goals and objectives. Pierce Transit’s survey results indicated the need for new bus routes and services, frequency and scheduling improvements, transit service to certain areas, better regional integration, environmental and economic considerations, and improved infrastructure. Ms. Petersen highlighted several service expansion scenarios and provided the new Long Range Plan timeline. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on the impact analysis of the potential repeal of Washington State Initiative 2117. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko reported on scheduling new Council photos, budget preparations, upcoming contract renewals, and the Teamsters negotiations. Mrs. Masko also reported on the Hanover Company’s purchase and sale agreement negotiations. Lastly, Mrs. Masko wished Passport Specialist Laura Thompson well in her retirement and reported on the interim plan for passport operations.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

There were no Department Head comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. There were none.

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

Councilmember Mauer-Smith provided the Finance report, which included staff cross-training and preparations for the 2023 annual financial audit.

The Information Technology report included the network diagramming project.

The Facilities report included a construction progress update for the Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility. Councilmember Mauer-Smith reported on the temporary fencing, the upcoming power disconnection, and the site demolition. Lastly, she reported on the completion of the pool winterization, facility HVAC servicing, and the Public Safety building plumbing repair.

D. Other Liaison Reports

There were no other reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 221867 through 221925 in the amount of \$655,898.73
Approval of Check No. 14412 through No. 14413 in the amount of \$9,313.93
Approval of Check No. 14414 through No. 14421 in the amount of \$69,681.68
Approval of the payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$161,954.29
- B. Approval of the September 16, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes
Approval of the September 24, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

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

The Motion Carried (5-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:29 P.M., Mayor Reynolds opened the public hearing. Community Development Director Newman briefed the Council on the City's draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, stating the public hearing was to receive comments on the City's draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public testimony.

- Ben Ferguson, a Fircrest resident and Planning Commissioner expressed his support.
- Brian Rybolt, a Fircrest resident, commented on the Washington House Bill 1110 and expressed concern about the 26 survey results.

Mayor Reynolds closed the public hearing at 7:34 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Pierce Transit Presentation

This agenda item was moved to the Presiding Officer's report.

B. Whittier Park Master Plan Presentation

Parks and Recreation Director Grover presented the preferred Whittier Park Master Plan concept to the Council and provided a detailed overview. There was a brief discussion on the comparative data for park space in Pierce County and where Fircrest ranked.

C. Resolution No. 1927: Pierce Transit Board Appointment - Final Ballot

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the Pierce Transit Board Composition Review process added Gig Harbor to University Place and Fircrest's shared seat. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1927, casting the City of Fircrest's vote for Mayor Shannon Reynolds to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Pierce Transit to represent the cities of University Place, Fircrest, and Gig Harbor and fill a three-year term ending by November 2027; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. Discussions included intergovernmental relationships, Gig Harbor's underrepresentation, hosting informational meetings, and potentially allowing Gig Harbor to serve the next term. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (5-0).

D. Resolution No. 1928: ILA w/Steilacoom for Command Duty Services

Police Chief Schaub briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted the agreement would allow the Town of Steilacoom and the City of Fircrest to share command staff during periods of absence or unavailability. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1928, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Steilacoom for Command Duty Services; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. Council discussion included further in-depth discussion on liability issues, financial impacts, legal review, city police coverage, the ability to decline assistance language in the contract, up-to-date training, and keeping the Council informed. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (4-1), with Councilmember Andrews dissenting.

D. Resolution No. 1929: Steilacoom Holiday Sleigh Agreement

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the agreement would allow the City to use the Town of Steilacoom's motorized Holiday Sleigh. **Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1929, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Equipment Use and Hold Harmless Agreement between the Town of Steilacoom and the City of Fircrest for the use of the motorized Holiday Sleigh; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (5-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Police Chief Schaub reported that the City extended a conditional job offer to a police officer candidate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:08 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 review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g).

ADJOURNMENT

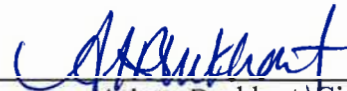
Councilmember Andrews left the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Wittner.

The Motion Carried (4-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk