

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the special meeting to order at 6:00 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. Planning Commissioners Kathy L. McVay, Eric Lane, Andreas Schonger, Ben Ferguson, and Shirley Schultz were present. Councilmember Karen Mauer-Smith joined the meeting at 6:07 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

City Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners introduced themselves.

MIDDLE HOUSING/HOUSE BILL 1110 UPDATE

There was a brief discussion on the Middle Housing survey regarding the number of surveys submitted and the deadline for submissions.

House Bill (HB) 1110 update discussions included the Middle Housing Committee's strategy to apply for an extension for the implementation of HB 1110. Further discussions included the intent of the law, sewer infrastructure issues, and filing the Notice of Intent. Councilmember Viafore stated that the City will continue to pursue both options, regardless of whether the extension is approved or denied, to avoid setbacks. The City can still move forward with implementing the preferred Middle Housing ordinance if needed.

WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DESIGN STANDARDS

Councilmember Viafore expressed concerns regarding the relationship between the City and Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) and stated a need for better communication between the two agencies. Discussions included submitting design goals and an intent statement to TPS, the upcoming community meeting on February 27th, the need for the City's proactive involvement, and improving overall communication.

FIRE RESILIENCE AND WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Planning Commissioner Ferguson provided a brief overview of fire resiliency in Fircrest. Discussions included wildfire mitigation plans, fire-resistant buildings, Pierce County resources for alerts, education, and disaster relief, in addition to FEMA preparedness training.

TREE ORDINANCE

Community Development Director Newman reported on the Planning and Building Department 2025 goal to provide an Urban Tree Canopy Report. Discussions included a tree retention process, a tree canopy study and its cost, and tracking legislative bills related to tree retention and removal.

OTHER TOPICS:**SIGN CODE UPDATE**

There was no discussion.

TRAFFIC/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Planning Commissioner Lane provided a brief overview of traffic and pedestrian safety and stated it was an area of concern. Discussions included the City's development of a photo

enforcement program, addressing aggressive driving, creating a comprehensive pedestrian safety plan, traffic issues, and updating the City's sign code.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Councilmember Bufford reported that the February study session would include a Centennial Committee update.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Andrews MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Viafore.

The Motion Carried (7-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk