

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, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

There was no report.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the upcoming City building closures in observance of President's Day. Mrs. Masko also provided several updates, including current staff vacancies, the photo enforcement program, the upcoming introduction of Pierce County Councilmember Ayala, the Daddy/Daughter dance, the Fircrest Tennis Court fencing, and the City's efforts on new business recognition.

Councilmember Hunter T. George joined the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Andrews commented on the Middle Housing survey extension and requested staff to retain hard copies of the survey.
- Councilmember Bufford commented on the AWC and PCRC federal funding briefing and stated cities are encouraged to contact their elected representatives to prioritize pending funding.
- Councilmember George commented on the University Place School District capital bond and stated that community outreach efforts will occur soon. He also commented on the upcoming Whittier Elementary School Replacement Community meeting.
- Councilmember Wittner; no comment.
- Councilmember Viafore; no comment.
- Mayor Reynolds; no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. The following individuals provided comments.

- Vince Navarre, address not provided, commented on the history of the Pledge of Allegiance and Black History Month.
- Jim Gourley, 429 Golden Gate Avenue, commented on the Washington State House Bill 1110 and resiliency efforts.

Councilmember Karen Mauer-Smith joined the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

Councilmember Viafore welcomed Mr. Gourley and reported on the current staffing vacancies, including the Deputy City Clerk role, the Police Chief recruitment, and the Assistant Planner position. Lastly, the Civil Service Commission is scheduled to hold oral board interviews on February 18th, 2025.

B. Built Environmental, Planning, and Building

There was no report.

C. Finance, Information Technology, and Facilities

Councilmember Bufford reported on the Finance Department's year-end close out.

D. Other Liaison Reports – Centennial Committee

Councilmember Bufford provided a report on the proposed Centennial events schedule. There was a brief discussion on using the Westside Disposal billing mailer to advertise the Centennial events and adding the National Night Out event to the schedule.

Mayor Reynolds reported on the recent Pierce Transit Board meeting and commented on the Community Transportation Advisory Group joint meeting continuance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 222437 through 222507 in the amount of \$957,121.26
Approval of Check No. 14453 through 14454 in the amount of \$9,528.11
Approval of Check No. 14455 through 14462 in the amount of \$69,482.00
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$164,323.94
- B. Approval of November 26, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes
Approval of December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes
Approval of December 23, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes
Approval of January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes

Councilmember Viafore 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

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 1736: Solid Waste Rate Adjustment

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance setting new solid waste rates due to the disposal fee adjustment, the annual CPI adjustment, and the recycling commodity surcharge adjustment. **Councilmember George MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1736, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1718 and Fircrest Municipal Code 6.08.130 relating to the schedule of rates and charges for solid waste collection.; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. The Council thanked Westside Disposal for their outstanding service. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Resolution No. 1962: Fircrest Parks Foundation MOU Amendment

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the Foundation officially changed its name, requiring an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1962, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fircrest and the Fircrest Parks and Recreation Foundation; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment; there were none. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; there were none.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

C. Executive Session – To discuss Labor Negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)

At 7:52 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed ten (10) minutes, to discuss labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). Mayor Reynolds noted that City Manager Masko and Labor Attorney John Lee were invited to the Executive Session.

At 8:07 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would extend their executive session for an additional ten (10) minutes.

At 8:17 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would extend their executive session for an additional five (5) minutes.

At 8:23 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would extend their executive session for an additional five (5) minutes.

The Council reconvened at 8:27 P.M.

D. Resolution: Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to table the Memorandum of Agreement with the Teamsters; seconded by Councilmember George.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

E. Police 2024 Year-End Report

Police Chief Schaub presented the Fircrest Police Department 2024 Annual Report and highlighted crime statistics and community engagement activities for 2024.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (7-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk