

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, Karen Mauer-Smith, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember David M. Viafore attended the meeting virtually.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Reynolds provided a brief report on the Murphy Bear unveiling ceremony and stated it was a well-attended event.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko provided several updates to include the Police Chief recruitment process, the Assistant Planner candidate background process, the Deputy City Clerk/HR Specialist onboarding, ongoing support for the Planning and Building Department, middle housing survey, the City's upcoming funding request for the Senate's Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding Requests, the one-year anniversary of the Enterprise Justice System implementation, and the Whittier School Replacement Project's design-build team selection. City Manager Masko requested feedback from the Council to schedule the discussion of the Whittier School Replacement Project design concepts.

Council discussions included beginning an hour earlier before the regular Council meeting and conducting community outreach.

There was a Council consensus to set a special meeting for April 8, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the Whittier School Replacement Project design concepts.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Acting Police Chief Gollinger reported that the City has extended a conditional job offer to a Police Officer candidate and stated the candidate is progressing through the required medical process. He also provided several updates, including a Police Officer out on medical leave, the police radio channel transition, and National Night Out preparations. There was a brief discussion on the radio channel transition, ensuring communication between agencies and officer safety.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Viafore welcomed Acting Police Chief Gollinger, gave kudos to Public Works Director Bemis for the weekly updates, and praised City Manager Masko for filling critical staff positions.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith commented on the Murphy Bear unveiling event and stated it was a great family event.
- Councilmember Wittner commented on the Murphy Bear unveiling event and reported on the City Hall columns replacement project.
- Councilmember George gave kudos to the Murphy Bear unveiling event and expressed his excitement about backfilling positions.
- Councilmember Bufford gave kudos to the Parks and Recreation Department and volunteers for the Murphy Bear unveiling event. She also commented on providing recognition to the local Daffodil Princesses.

- Councilmember Andrews commented on playing softball with Finance Director Deskins' father and stated he was excited to have Finance Director Deskins on the team.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. The following individual provided comment:

- Vince Navarre, address not provided, commented on the Murphy Bear unveiling event, expressed concerns on several public safety issues to include a recent theft, a vehicular homicide, and the lack of public notification regarding a registered sex offender.

Council discussions included public notification requirements for Level III sex offenders, the frequency of police check-ins, communication plans, City policies regarding police check-ins and school notifications, and providing sexual assault victim resources.

- Jen Haggard, address not provided, commented on the group home regulations.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation

Councilmember Andrews commented on the upcoming Pee Wee soccer season, Centennial and Derby Days planning, the Masko Park playground equipment installation, and the upcoming sale of pool season passes.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

There was no report.

C. Public Works

Councilmember George provided several project updates, including the 44th Lift Station Upgrade, the Claremont Street Grind and Overlay project bid opening, the Electron Way/Contra Costa Ave Pedestrian Safety Project, the 44th Street West Sidewalk Extension Project, the time and temperature sign replacement, the Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility, and Masko Park playground equipment. There was a brief discussion on Masko Park tree preservation and exploring the purchase of gently used generators.

D. Other Liaison Reports

Mayor Reynolds provided a report on the Pierce County Regional Council's Small City Roundtable Day and stated discussions were based on resource sharing.

Councilmember Bufford provided a Centennial Committee update and stated the committee is scheduled to meet next Thursday, April 3, 2025.

Councilmember George provided a report on the Pierce County Climate Conversation and highlighted their upcoming tree policy workshop.

Councilmember George also reported on the Sound Transit Board, including the beginning stages of the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project and the announcement of Dow Constantine as their new CEO.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested that the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar. City Clerk Burkhart stated the corrected meeting minutes were available to the public for review.

- A. Approval of Check No. 222224 through 222701 in the amount of \$488,392.59
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$170,149.52
- B. Registering no objections to Stina's Cellar Liquor License Renewal
- C. Approval of February 25, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes as corrected
Approval of March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes

Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as amended; seconded by Councilmember Bufford.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Fircrest Forever Foundation 2024 Year-End Report

Parks and Recreation Grover presented the Fircrest Forever Foundation 2024 Year-End Report and stated that the Foundation donated \$6,700 in 2024. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmembers' comments. There was a brief discussion on the 2022 contribution towards the free and reduced adult swim lessons and scholarships. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

B. Ordinance No. 1738: Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program Amendment

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance and highlighted that the amendment would allow for electronic reporting, document submission, and digital signatures as part of the City's Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program. **Councilmember George MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1738, amending the Fircrest Municipal Code to add Section 20.30.1310, allowing for electronic reporting, document submission, and digital signatures as part of the City's Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

C. Resolution No. 1966: Alameda Sidewalk Design Contract

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the agreement would provide design and engineering services for the Alameda Avenue West Sidewalk Project from Cypress Point to Emerson Street. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1966, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional**

Services Agreement with PSOMAS for design and engineering services for the Alameda Avenue West Sidewalk Project; seconded by Councilmember George. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

D. Resolution No. 1967: City Council Rules of Procedure Amendment

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the amendment would update the Council liaison assignments. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1967, rescinding Resolution No. 1884 relating to City Council Rules of Procedure and adopting new City Council Rules of Procedure; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmembers' comments. There was a brief discussion regarding additional amendments, such as the sustainability liaison assignment. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

E. Resolution No. 1968: Kimley-Horn Contract Amendment

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the amendment would provide the City assistance with the Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Unit zoning code update. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1968, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for additional services for the Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Unit zoning code update; seconded by Councilmember Wittner.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmembers' comments. There was a brief discussion on reviewing the consultant's performance. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

- Brian Rybolt, a Fircrest Resident, commented on pausing the amendment until the Department of Commerce has provided feedback on the HB 1110 extension application.

There was a brief discussion on the HB 1110 extension application and implementation required timelines, scope of work, and consultant performance.

The Motion Carried (6-1), with Mayor Reynolds dissenting.

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Viafore commented on scheduling an Investment Committee meeting in April and conducting the City Manager's quarterly review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

MARCH 25, 2025

FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR 5

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Shannon Reynolds, Mayor

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Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk