

APRIL 14, 2025

FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – SPECIAL 1

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, Karen Mauer-Smith, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

HB 1110 EXEMPTION APPLICATION DISCUSSION

City Manager Masko introduced the Middle Housing Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, which presented a draft application for an exemption to the implementation of WA House Bill 1110. Co-Chair Frank Ladenburg stated that the goal of the meeting was to have the Council review the draft application, identify any revisions or clarifications, and address questions and concerns from the Council. The committee provided information on several issues, including the City's overcapacity for its water and sewer system, stormwater regulations regarding setbacks, and groundwater infiltration.

There was a brief discussion on incorporating Council feedback to bring the application back for Council approval at the April 22, 2025, regular meeting.

Council discussions included the application submittal timeline, understanding the proposed exemption terms, land development impacts, and infrastructure needs to include the inflow and infiltration, and the timeline and estimated cost to address the City's infrastructure concerns.

Councilmember Bufford and Committee member Eric Lane provided preliminary concerns and feedback regarding the application. Co-Chair Ladenburg requested that all comments be submitted in writing for review and to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Bufford.

The Motion Carried (7-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk