

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, Karen Mauer-Smith, Brett L. Wittner, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember Hunter T. George joined the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Reynolds reported on the Investment Committee meeting and stated it was rescheduled to Friday, August 30, 2024.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko reported on her upcoming meeting with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management to discuss communications and the potential use of their Everbridge system. The Everbridge system would allow the City to send out targeted emergency notifications and was recently used to send out the boil advisory notifications regarding the water main break incident. Lastly, Mrs. Masko also reported on her upcoming meetings with government website designers to update the City's website and add accessibility options.

Mayor Reynolds left the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Councilmember Bufford assumed the role of Presiding Officer and Mayor Pro Tempore.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Schaub reported on the shooting incident that occurred in Fircrest and commented on Pierce County's response for requested assistance. Chief Schaub commented on the Pierce County interlocal agreement for law enforcement services and allowable requests. Council discussions included the Pierce County specialized law enforcement services, expectations for response, response concerns, communications, public notifications, and a press release.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported on several updates including the Emerson sidewalk project, Regents Blvd grind and overlay project, Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility Project, Electron Way and Contra Costa Ave crosswalk project, and the South Orchard Street grind and overlay. He also commented on the equipment submittals for lift station pumps. There was a brief discussion on the Fircrest Park Maintenance Facility construction schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Viafore commented on the Hilltop's Heritage Middle School field turf and the drainage effectiveness.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith; no comment.
- Councilmember Wittner; no comment.
- Councilmember George commented on the water main break incident and thanked City staff for their efforts.
- Councilmember Andrews commented on Pierce County Council's ordinance regarding the endangerment with a Controlled Substance Act. The Council requested City staff to bring forth an ordinance to adopt the Endangerment with a Controlled Substance Act within the next 30 days.
- Mayor Pro Tempore Bufford provided kudos to staff and volunteers for the Concert, Market, and Picnic in the Park event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore Bufford invited public comment. The following individuals provided comment.

- Nancy Atwood, 1204 Farallone Ave, commented on the Drake Street access for emergency vehicles.
- Brian Rybolt, Fircrest resident, commented on Drake Street ingress and egress for fire and EMS, and stated that mail delivery has gate access.

Mayor Reynolds returned at 7:21 P.M. and assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

Council discussions included liability and emergency access with tools. There was a brief discussion on liability for gate repairs for homeowner associations and first responders.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks, Recreation, and Sustainability

Councilmember Viafore commented on the addition of more programming and provided kudos to the Parks and Recreation department.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

Councilmember Bufford commented on the shooting simulator training at Public Works and stated that she was able to go through the training.

C. Public Works

Councilmember Andrews commented on the intersection at Center St. and Orchard St. and provided kudos for the water meter installation progress.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Councilmember Reynolds stated that the Council is in recess for August and commented on the Orca Proclamation.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were no reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 221682 through 221761 an amount of \$387,856.30
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$211,673.65
- B. Registering no objections to Sammy's Pizza Liquor License Renewal, Rollin' 253 Liquor License Renewal, and OMG Food Mart Liquor License Renewal.
- C. Setting a public hearing on October 22, 2024, to receive comments on the 2025 preliminary budget.
- D. Setting a public hearing on October 22, 2024, to receive comments on the 2025 revenue sources.

E. Setting a public hearing on November 12, 2024, to receive comments on the 2025 preliminary budget.

F. Approval of the August 13, 2024, Regular meeting minutes.

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

Mayor Reynolds asked if any Councilmember wished to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Viafore requested Item 10B – Sammy’s Pizza and Rollin’ 253 Liquor License Renewal be removed from the Consent Calendar.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

Councilmember Viafore stated that Sammy’s Pizza and Rollin’ 253 are no longer active businesses in the City.

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to deny Sammy’s Pizza and Rollin’ 253 Liquor License Renewal; seconded by Councilmember Wittner. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on the transferability of liquor licenses. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

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. 1725: 2nd Budget Amendment – 2nd Reading & Adoption

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the second reading of the second budget amendment to the Adopted 2024 Budget and reported on the proposal for additional appropriations for anticipated revenues and expenditures not provided for in the Adopted 2024 Budget to include the upcoming insurance premium increase and renewal. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1725, authorizing revenues and expenditures of funds for matters not provided for in the Adopted 2024 Budget; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

Mayor Reynolds requested a roll call vote: Andrews – Nay; Bufford – Aye; George – Aye; Mauer-Smith – Aye; Viafore – Nay; Wittner – Aye; Reynolds - Aye

The Motion Carried (5-2), with Councilmember Viafore and Andrews dissenting.

B. Letter of Understanding: City Manager Contract

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the letter of understanding to voluntarily extend the time period for conducting the City Manager's annual performance evaluation and salary review. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to authorize the Mayor to execute a Letter of Understanding to the City Manager's Employment Agreement to voluntarily extend the time period for conducting the City Manager's annual performance evaluation and salary review; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-1), with Councilmember Viafore dissenting.

C. Police Vehicle Purchases

Police Chief Schaub briefed the Council on the funding request for two vehicles to rebuild the police department fleet. Council discussions included the subdued decals, matching the current police vehicle fleet, active community policing, detective vehicle option, repainting the vehicle to match the fleet, order banks for 2025, market share, and vehicle visibility.

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to authorize the purchase of one 2024 Ford Interceptor SUV and related upfitting costs in an amount not to exceed \$74,000, exclusive of taxes, for the Fircrest Police Department, utilizing ARPA funds; seconded by Councilmember George.

Police Chief Schaub left the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. Council discussions included support for a visible patrol vehicle decal, required budget amendment for the purchase, funding source, and suggested not to be used for a speed trap. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

Brian Rybolt, Fircrest resident, commented on the turbochargers and idle time.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

There were no final comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:32 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g). Mayor Reynolds noted that City Manager Masko was invited to the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Bufford.

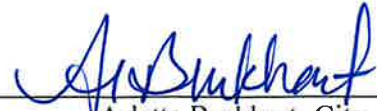
The Motion Carried (7-0).

AUGUST 27, 2024

FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR 5

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Shannon Reynolds, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Arlette Burkhardt in blue ink.

Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk