

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. Mayor Reynolds requested a moment of silence in remembrance of former Councilmember Rob Masko and extended the Council's condolences to the Masko family.

Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Brett L. Wittner, Karen Mauer-Smith, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember Andrews attended the meeting virtually. Councilmember Hunter T. George was absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Proclamation: Centennial Birthday Week

Mayor Reynolds read the proclamation titled Centennial Birthday Week into the record. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation proclaiming the week of September 14–20, 2025, as City of Fircrest Centennial Birthday Week Celebration; seconded by Councilmember Bufford.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Councilmember Viafore welcomed and acknowledged former elected and appointed officials, and read into the record the following:

"I would like to take a moment to first honor some of the elected and appointed officials that have laid the foundation for what is now known as the City of Fircrest.

Mayor, Larry Cavanagh

Police Chief, Ron Ames

Light Foreman/Fire Chief, Jan Chamberlain

Building official/Public Works Superintendent, Don Masko

Parks and Recreation Superintendent/Town Administrator, Roy Murphy

Town Administrator, Jim Valentine

And especially,

Susan Clough, City Clerk who assisted the town officials in the transition from a Town to a City

Once the transition started in the early 80's and the foundation was laid, progress moved rather quickly. This progress continued into the 90's. I like to refer to it as the business plan that Fircrest embraced. The City Council recognized the need for a new Public Works building which was then built and dedicated in 1993. Shortly thereafter, the vision of a new "business like" attitude spread and the Council annexed 3 new areas to square off the boundaries. These areas were known as the Fircrest Golf Course/Columbia Bank annexation in 1994, Valley Firs/West End addition in 1997, along with Mildred/19th Street business district later in 1997.

Next came a new Town Hall in 1998. Things cooled down and we adjusted to the new approach of City Government. One of our city's brightest moments was during the downtime of our nations economy in 2008. Fircrest weathered the storm without any major layoffs or cutbacks, while other

city's were struggling. Elected officials came and went and a new set of elected officials stepped in. The message was loud and clear, the citizens wanted something special and special it was. With strong support from the Names Foundation, the Edwards Foundation along with taxpayers strong support, a new state of the art Aquatic Center was built in 2021, followed by a new Recreation building in 2022.

The jewel of Pierce County was shining brighter than ever, thanks to the hard work and vision of our elected officials and their vision of a better Fircrest.

Today, during our Centennial week celebrations we pause and thank our previous elected officials and our long time appointed officials with a small token of appreciation, from the current Council, Staff and City Sponsors."

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to recess for forty-five (45) minutes at 6:21 P.M.; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

The Council reconvened at 7:05 P.M.

FINAL COMMENTS

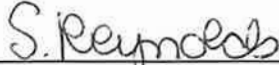
Councilmember Bufford expressed her appreciation to staff for their efforts in preparing for the special meeting.

Councilmember Mauer-Smith also thanked staff for their dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (6-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk