

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the special meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Karen Mauer-Smith, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

Councilmember Brett L. Wittner joined the meeting at 4:01 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Resolution of Appreciation: Councilmember Andrews

Mayor Reynolds read the resolution titled Resolution of Appreciation: Councilmember Andrews into the record. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2010, recognizing and thanking Councilmember Andrews for his service and contributions to the community; seconded by Councilmember Viafore.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments.

- Councilmember Viafore expressed appreciation for Councilmember Andrew's service and commitment to the community.
- Councilmember Wittner thanked Councilmember Andrews for his service.

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

Councilmember Andrews expressed gratitude to serve on the Council and thanked the City staff for their hard work.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Celis wished the Council happy holidays.
- Public Works Director Bemis provided an update on the Regents Boulevard Traffic Signal Project and stated that the contractor will continue work on January 5, 2026, to complete electrical wiring. He also reported on the Pasadena Pipe Bursting Project and stated it was completed. Director Bemis provided a brief weather update and stated that Public Works will monitor conditions and be prepared to respond if needed. There was a brief discussion on the recent sewer main break involving a 16-inch City of Tacoma force main. Director Bemis stated that he has been in communication with the City of Tacoma regarding the issue.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks, Recreation, and Sustainability

Councilmember Andrews reported that basketball season has started.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

Councilmember Mauer-Smith reported on the recent calls for service, the Santa Sleigh Run, the upcoming oral board, the department's participation in the Kiwanis holiday gift delivery, and expressed appreciation to the Fircrest Police Department for supporting the Washington State Patrol and the family of a fallen trooper.

C. Public Works and Facilities

There was no report.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Mayor Reynolds reported on Pierce County Regional Council's December recess.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Mayor Reynolds reported on the Pierce Transit Board and stated that the board met with Pierce Transit CEO Mike Griffiths and discussed a potential future ballot measure.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested that the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 223863 through 223922 in the amount of \$125,680.92
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$168,639.79
- B. Approval of the November 24, 2025, Special Meeting
Approval of the November 25, 2025, Regular Meeting

Councilmember Bufford 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. Resolution No. 2011: Pierce County Public Defense Services Agreement Amendment

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and noted that the amendment extends the agreement through January 31, 2026. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2011, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the Public Defense Services Agreement with Pierce County for public defense and conflict counsel services; 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).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bufford thanked City staff for their hard work this year and wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilmember Andrews wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Viafore wished everyone a Merry Christmas and commended the Investment Committee for its work managing City investments.

There was a brief discussion on resigning the voucher certification due to a scribe's error.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session scheduled.


ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (7-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor
Nikki Bufford



Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk