

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Nikki Bufford called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett L. Wittner, and Joe Barrentine were present.

Councilmember Shannon Reynolds attended the meeting virtually.

Councilmember Hunter T. George was absent and excused.

Councilmember Karen Mauer-Smith was absent and unexcused.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

REGENTS BOULEVARD ENTRYWAY SIGN RELOCATION

Public Works Director Bemis presented information regarding the relocation of the Regents Boulevard entryway sign due to roadway changes from the Regents Boulevard Grind and Overlay project. The intent was to initiate discussions and gather Council feedback. He provided an overview on potential placement options to include relocating the sign to the Columbia Bank side of the street, and highlighted utilities, design, landscaping, and costs.

Council discussions included concerns regarding the sign's elevation and visibility, cost estimates, the City's branding and signage, and gathering more information for placement on the right side of Regents Boulevard.

Public Works Director Bemis stated that he would gather further information to provide to the Council at a later date.

COUNCIL RULES UPDATE DISCUSSION

City Manager Masko started off the Council Rules Update discussion and noted that she did not receive any feedback from Councilmembers. Mrs. Masko reviewed the current amendments to include adding Zoom as an approved meeting location, incorporating current procedures for the election of officers, clarifying language regarding the presiding officer and temporary presiding officer, clarifying the process for excusing the City Manager's absence, and modifying the consent agenda process.

Council discussions included the need for improved internal communication regarding the City Manager's absences, using the consent agenda for routine items, and the ability to remove consent agenda items for additional discussion if needed.

City Manager Masko stated she would continue to research language for a future study session.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Barrentine MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M., seconded by Councilmember George.

The Motion Carried (5-0).



Nikki Bufford, Mayor

MAY 18, 2026

FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – STUDY SESSION 2


Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk