

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tempore Brett L. Wittner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Karen Mauer-Smith, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Joe Barrentine were present.

Councilmembers Viafore, Reynolds, George, Barrentine, and Mayor Bufford attended the meeting virtually.

City Manager Masko attended the meeting virtually.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Proclamation: Independence Day

Councilmember Mauer-Smith read the proclamation titled "Independence Day" into the record. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to authorize the Mayor Pro Tempore's signature on the proclamation proclaiming July 4th, 2026 as Independence Day in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.** Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Proclamation: Ride Transit Month

Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner read the proclamation titled "**Ride Transit Month**" into the record. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to authorize the Mayor Pro Tempore's signature on the proclamation proclaiming the month of June 2026 as Ride Transit Month in the City of Fircrest; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.** Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited Councilmember comments. Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner expressed appreciation for the Council's continued consideration of the proclamation. Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited public comment.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

C. Pierce Transit Letter of Support

Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner reported that Mayor Bufford received a request from Pierce Transit for Council authorization to sign a letter of support for a grant application to increase transit service in the region. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to authorize the Mayor's signature on the letter of support for the Pierce Transit grant application; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.** Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

Pierce Transit Chief Maintenance Officer, Adam Davis, thanked the City for its continued support of public transportation.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko reported that Planning Commissioner Andreas Schonger had submitted his resignation for personal reasons. The vacant position has been posted, and Commissioner Schonger will continue to serve until a replacement is appointed. She also provided an update to the Council on the hearing regarding the unpermitted structure on Alameda Avenue. Lastly, City Manager Masko reported that interviews for the Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources Specialist position were underway.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Celis provided a departmental update to include calls for service, staffing updates, Police Sergeant Villamor's upcoming retirement and final day of service, and increased police presence near the Community Center and Pool. Lastly, he thanked the City of DuPont and the DuPont Police Chief for the opportunity to attend the FBI Command Leadership training at no cost.
- Public Works Director Bemis reported that the Regents Boulevard grind and overlay project is anticipated to start on July 6, 2026. He stated that there will be some nighttime work to minimize impacts to businesses, improve paving, and shorten the project schedule. Council discussions included potential impacts to nearby residents, noise concerns, and community outreach. Councilmember Viafore requested information on the City's entryway sign on Regents Boulevard.
- Parks and Recreation Director Grover provided a brief departmental update to include the youth and adult swim lessons, upcoming summer programs, and upcoming community events.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Mauer-Smith commented on the community garage sale event and thanked staff for their efforts.
- Councilmember Barrentine; no comment.
- Councilmember George; no comment.
- Councilmember Reynolds; no comment.
- Mayor Bufford thanked the Council for supporting their attendance at the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference.
- Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner stated that he looked forward to the upcoming Strawberry Festival.
- Councilmember Viafore; no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited public comment.

- Vince Navarre, 1205 Del Monte Avenue, commented on the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States and the symbolism of the original thirteen colonies.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**A. Parks, Recreation, and Sustainability**

There was no report.

B. Police/Public Safety and Court

There was no report.

C. Public Works and Facilities

Councilmember Reynolds reported that she discussed the upcoming Regents Boulevard construction project with Public Works Director Bemis.

D. Pierce County Regional Council

Councilmember Reynolds reported that the Pierce County Regional Council did not meet and the scheduled meeting at the University of Puget Sound had been canceled.

E. Other Liaison Reports

Councilmember Reynolds reported that she attended the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting. The meeting focused on upcoming grant funding packages.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 224682 through 224737 in the amount of \$189,506.10
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$184,567.85
- B. Approval of the May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes
Approval of the June 03, 2026, Special Meeting minutes
Approval of the June 09, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes

Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.

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. 2031: Approval of the 2027 – 2032 Transportation Improvement Program

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the Transportation Improvement Program identifies projects for future funding and establishes City Council authorization for staff to pursue grant opportunities. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2031, approving the City of Fircrest's Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2027-2032; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.** Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

B. Ordinance No. 1759: Salary Plan Amendment

City Manager Masko briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance and highlighted that the proposed ordinance adds the classification of Associate Planner and Senior Planner to the City's salary schedule. **Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1759, amending Fircrest Municipal Code 2.44.050 relating to salaries of non-union City employees and amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1746; seconded by Councilmember Viafore.** Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited Councilmember comments; none were provided. Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (7-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

Councilmember Reynolds reported that her child became ill and was only able to attend portions of the conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 P.M., Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed ten (10) minutes, to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii). City Manager Masko and City Attorney Eide were invited into the Executive Session.

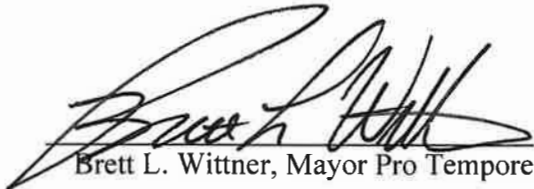
At 7:55 P.M., Mayor Pro Tempore Wittner extended the Executive Session for an additional ten (10) minutes.

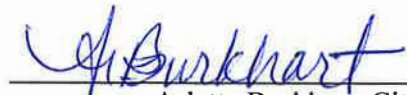
The Council reconvened at 8:06 P.M., and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.

The Motion Carried (7-0).


Brett L. Wittner, Mayor Pro Tempore


Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk