

# PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 18, 2007

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held June 18, 2007, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 120 Vista Avenue. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on June 14, 2007.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McEnroe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Nancy McEnroe and Councilmembers Dean Barbieri and Garrett Keating

Absent: Vice Mayor Abe Friedman and Councilmember John Chiang

Staff: City Administrator Geoff Grote, City Attorney George Peyton, Finance Director Mark Bichsel, Public Works Director Larry Rosenberg, Recreation Director Mark Delventhal, Parks & Projects Manager Mark Feldkamp, City Clerk Ann Swift and Recording Secretary Chris Harbert

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers for the public forum.

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

#### **Agreement**

Based upon Council Closed Session discussions, the Finance Director recommended Council approval of a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation/Childcare Employees Group for the positions of Childcare Site/Recreation Program Coordinator and Assistant Childcare Site/Recreation Program Coordinator. The proposed MOU authorizes:

- a 2.56% base salary increase for the first year (effective April 1, 2007) and 2.50% for subsequent years (April 1, 2008 and 2009);
- a cost of living increase of 3.44% for the first year and subsequent increases based upon the Consumer Price Index of the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Statistical Metropolitan Area, All Urban Consumers Index, for the one-year periods ending December 31, 2007 and 2008 respectively;
- newly instituted cost sharing provisions for medical benefits;
- children of employees covered by this MOU are eligible to attend Schoolmates at no charge; and
- between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2010, compensatory time accrual may be cashed out to a maximum of forty hours per year at the discretion of the department head.

#### **Resolution 55-07**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation/Childcare Employees Group as recommended by the Finance Director.

Moved by Barbieri, Seconded by Keating

Ayes: McEnroe, Barbieri, Keating

Noes: None  
Absent: Friedman, Chiang  
(0045/X0910)

**Agreement**

The Parks & Projects Manager recommended Council approval of a contract with Cottong & Taniguchi in the amount of \$55,000 for landscape architectural services and preparation of construction bid documents for the Exedra Plaza Project, Phase III. Phase III continues the master plan renovation of Piedmont Park, with particular emphasis on the development of a new over-look area at the old bridge site in honor of the late Barbara Magee.

**Public testimony** was received from:

Sue Herrick, President of the Piedmont Beautification Foundation, urged Council approval of the proposed contract, noting that the Foundation is committed to raising \$100,000 in private funding for Phase III of the Exedra Plaza Project. She stated that approximately \$70,000 for this project has already been raised and there is tremendous community support for the project.

**Resolution 56-07**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves a contract with Cottong & Taniguchi for landscape architectural services in the amount of \$55,000 for the construction bid documents for the Exedra Plaza Project, Phase III.

Moved by Barbieri, Seconded by Keating

Ayes: McEnroe, Barbieri, Keating

Noes: None

Absent: Friedman, Chiang  
(0045/X0757)

**Council Reports**

Garbage Franchise Agreement – The Mayor reported on the community forum meeting held June 14 to receive public input as to the types of solid waste, green waste and recycling collection services desired by residents in advance of the City's preparation of a *Request for Proposal* and solicitation of bids for a new solid waste franchise agreement. The City's current solid waste/recycling franchise agreement expires July 5, 2008. The Mayor encouraged residents to continue to provide feedback with regard to this issue.

Birthday Wishes – Councilmember Barbieri, on behalf of the Council, wished long-time community volunteer and Centennial Committee Member Shirley Price a very Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor McEnroe adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.