

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 17, 2008

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held March 17, 2008, in the Piedmont Community Hall at 711 Highland Avenue. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on March 13, 2008.

CALL TO ORDER Vice Mayor Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Vice Mayor Abe Friedman and Councilmembers Dean Barbieri, John Chiang and Garrett Keating

Staff: City Administrator Geoff Grote, City Attorney George Peyton, Fire Chief John Speakman, Police Chief Lisa Ravazza, Finance Director Mark Bichsel, Public Works Director Larry Rosenberg, Recreation Director Mark Delventhal, City Clerk Ann Swift and Recreation Supervisor Buzz Redford

CONSENT CALENDAR The following items were approved under one vote by the Council:

Appeal Continues until April 7, 2008, consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission's February 11, 2008, conditional approval for new house construction at 22 Valant Place

Election Result Certification Accepts the official certificate of election results prepared by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and adopts the following Resolution declaring the results of the regular municipal election of March 4, 2008:

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters has provided the official canvass of the regular municipal election held March 4, 2008, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council now finds and declares that the whole number of ballots cast and numbers of votes received are as set forth in the above-referenced canvass, that Dean Barbieri and Margaret Fujioka have been elected to the Piedmont City Council; that Martha Jones, June Monach and Richard Raushenbush have been elected to the Board of Education; and that Measures C and D have been adopted by the voters of the City of Piedmont.

Resolution 22-08

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the consent calendar as noted.

Moved by Barbieri, Seconded by Chiang

Ayes: Friedman, Barbieri, Chiang, Keating

Noes: None

Absent: None

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**EXPRESSIONS OF
APPRECIATION**

Outgoing Board of Education Member Ward Lindenmayer expressed his gratitude for the privilege of serving on the Piedmont Board of Education for over six years and thanked PUSD students, faculty, administrators, parents and the community as a whole for their continuing strong support of Piedmont schools. He also thanked his family, fellow Board members and PUSD administrative staff for making his tenure on the Board so enjoyable. He noted that outgoing Board member Cathie Geddeis shares his appreciation and gratitude but unfortunately is too ill with the flu to attend tonight's meeting.

SWEARING-IN

In accordance with the results of the March 4, 2008, municipal election, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to newly elected Board of Education members June Monach, Martha Jones and Richard Raushenbush, each of whom thanked the Piedmont electorate for the opportunity to serve and pledged their commitment to continuing the successful partnership between the School District and City in promoting the best interests of Piedmont students.

In accordance with the results of the March 4, 2008, municipal election, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to newly elected City Council members Dean Barbieri and Margaret Fujioka, each of whom later in the meeting made brief statements acknowledging their appreciation for those who assisted in their election campaigns and their expectations for the next four years.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Resolution 23-08

RESOLVED, that the City Council selects Abe Friedman to serve as Mayor of the City of Piedmont.

Moved by Barbieri, Seconded by Chiang

Ayes: Friedman, Barbieri, Chiang, Keating, Fujioka

Noes: None

Absent: None

Resolution 24-08

RESOLVED, that the City Council selects Dean Barbieri to serve as Vice Mayor of the City of Piedmont.

Moved by Chiang, Seconded by Keating

Ayes: Friedman, Barbieri, Chiang, Keating, Fujioka

Noes: None

Absent: None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS
OF APPRECIATION**

Mayor Friedman, on behalf of the Council and community, thanked former Mayor Nancy McEnroe for her service on the Council, noting that she will receive a hand-blown miniature of the Exedra Blue Vase and a bronze paperweight commemorating the City's 100th anniversary which coincided with her term as mayor. Councilmembers Keating, Chiang and Barbieri also voiced their gratitude for the many contributions Mrs. McEnroe provided to the City during her tenure on the Council.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Friedman outlined his major priorities for the City over the next two years, his commitment to continuing private-public partnerships to improve community assets and his request for Council ratification of the formation of an environmental task force to improve and expand City/School recycling and energy efficiency as well as educate and

assist residents in their recycling and energy efficiency efforts. He nominated Park Commission Vice Chair Teddy King and Ryan Gilbert to serve as task force chair and member, respectively, and encouraged the School District to also identify representatives to serve on this task force. In conclusion, the Mayor thanked his family for their continuing support of his public service efforts and invited the public to remain for refreshments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Friedman adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.