

# PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 5, 2009

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held October 5, 2009, 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 October 1, 2009.

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice Mayor Barbieri called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Vice Mayor Dean Barbieri and Councilmembers John Chiang, Margaret Fujioka and Garrett Keating
- Absent: Mayor Abe Friedman
- Staff: City Administrator Geoff Grote, City Attorney George Peyton, Public Works Director Larry Rosenberg, City Clerk Ann Swift, City Planner Kate Black, Assistant Planner Kevin Jackson, Planning Technician Sylvia Toruno and Recording Secretary Chris Harbert
- CONSENT CALENDAR** The following items were considered under one vote by the Council:
- Minutes** Approves as amended Council meeting minutes of September 21, 2009
- Grant** Directs staff to seek Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) funds distributed by the California Energy Commission and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and authorizes the use of the EECBG funds received by the City to cover the cost, in full or in part, of eligible municipal energy efficiency upgrade projects such as a light emitting diode (LED) street light replacement project.
- Resolution 83-09**  
RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts the consent calendar as noted.  
Moved by Chiang, Seconded by Keating  
Ayes: Barbieri, Chiang, Fujioka, Keating  
Noes: None  
Absent: Friedman  
(0459)
- PUBLIC FORUM** There were no speakers for the public forum.
- REGULAR CALENDAR** The Council considered the following items of regular business:
- EBMUD** East Bay Municipal Utility District Board of Director and former Piedmont Mayor Katy Foulkes updated the Council on the status of the EBMUD's water supply plans. She noted that the district's current water supply plan expires in 2020 and the district is achieving its goals of conservation, water recycling and increasing water supplies. Development of the district's 2040 plan is underway with attention being given to continuing conservation, exploring underground water storage capacities, obtaining water rights transfers, enlarging Pardee

Dam capacity and examining desalination feasibility. She encouraged interested residents to comment on the district's 2040 plan.

**Election**

The City Clerk requested Council approval of a resolution requesting the services of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for the City's February 2, 2010 municipal election and reaffirming the City's 2008 decision not to charge candidates a pro-rata printing fee to have their statements printed in the sample ballots. She also requested that John Tulloch, an Administrative Services Technician II in her office be appointed as Deputy City Clerk to assist in the issuance and authorization of nominating papers. She stated that Mr. Tulloch's appointment as Deputy City Clerk would not change his current job description or salary. It was noted that for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> municipal election, there are three positions available on the Council (one vacancy, two incumbents eligible for re-election) and two School Board positions (two incumbents eligible for re-election). The filing period for submission of nomination papers runs from October 12 through November 6.

**Resolution 84-09**

RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts the resolution on file in the City Clerk's Office, requesting the services of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for the regular municipal election of February 2, 2010, and setting other election details; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, appoints John O. Tulloch as Deputy City Clerk.

Moved by Chiang, Seconded by Fujioka

Ayes: Barbieri, Chiang, Fujioka, Keating

Noes: None

Absent: Friedman  
(0435)

**EveryOne Home Program**

Elaine de Coligny, Executive Director of Alameda County's *EveryOne Home*, requested Council endorsement of the county's *Alameda Countywide Homeless and Special Needs Housing Plan*, stating that it has been developed in response to Federal Government mandates to end chronic homelessness in Alameda County and ensure that low-income people with mental illness, HIV/AIDS, and/or at-risk of homelessness have affordable housing with the support services they need. She stated that all other cities within Alameda County have endorsed this plan. She noted that City endorsement will not create any specific financial obligations for Piedmont but it would establish an agreement with the general strategies of the plan, would serve as a guide for City staff to address homelessness in a way that is consistent with other communities in Alameda County and would allow the county to be more competitive for public and private funds related to ending homelessness.

**Resolution 85-09**

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing generally throughout Alameda County and in Piedmont affects the housing opportunities available to the homeless and special needs households; and

WHEREAS, people with multiple disabilities fall through the cracks in systems whose policies and procedures may present barriers to participation; and

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of consumers of homeless, mental health, and HIV/AIDS services have histories of institutionalization in jails/prisons, foster care, and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for homeless people to consistently work towards or maintain employment without stable housing and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, EveryOne Home, the Alameda County-wide Homeless and Special Needs Housing Plan addresses the need to update the countywide homeless continuum of care plan adopted in the late 1990s by the County, and Piedmont; and

WHEREAS, Agencies sponsoring the Plan identify a need for planned and coordinated responses to the federal government's initiative to end chronic homelessness in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the central purpose of the Plan is to increase Alameda County's capacity for producing and administering supportive housing for the long term, and to end homelessness and housing crises among the vulnerable target populations of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's recommendations address homelessness prevention, housing production, flexible services, measurement of success, the need for leadership and political will, and establishes a new governance process for implementing the Plan among the three systems of care; and

WHEREAS, Council endorsement of the Plan will likely make Piedmont and Alameda County more competitive for public and private funds that look favorably upon applications from jurisdictions that have endorsed a Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Piedmont to adopt EveryOne Home, the Alameda County-wide Homeless and Special Needs Housing Plan and directs the City Administrator to use it as a guide to influence decisions to 1) increase the amount and range of affordable housing opportunities in Piedmont for extremely low-income and disabled residents; 2) strengthen the continuum of services the City provides to ensure that residents can be successful in their housing; and 3) inform relevant advisory commissions of Council's intent that the Plan be used to guide City policy.

Moved by Fujioka, Seconded by Chiang

Ayes: Barbieri, Chiang, Fujioka, Keating

Noes: None

Absent: Friedman

(0890)

### **Recycling Plan**

The Assistant Planner reported that in accordance with a recommendation from the City's Environmental Task Force and pursuant to Council direction of January 5, 2009, City staff prepared a

plan for enhancing recycling in the City's parks, playgrounds and streetscapes by creating recycling stations in these public places. On September 2 the Park Commission approved the plan and appointed a committee consisting of Park Commissioner Chris Kukula, Piedmont Beautification Foundation Member Bobbi Stehr and the City's Park & Projects Manager Mark Feldkamp to oversee its phased implementation over the next 12 months. The Assistant Planner stated that the entire cost of this project, estimated at \$30,000, will be covered by grant funds from StopWaste.Org and the California Department of Conservation. He added that while the School District is implementing its own recycling program, the City is providing the District with three 3-bin recycling receptacles as well as other recycling bins paid for by the City's Measure D funds.

**Public testimony** was received from:

George Childs cited a recent news report indicating that glass is no longer being recycled. The Assistant Planner responded that pursuant to the City's franchise agreement with Richmond Sanitation, glass is being collected and taken to the local recycling site.

Councilmember Fujioka suggested that consideration be given to appointing a member from the Environmental Task Force to the Park Commission's implementation committee and also requested staff to ascertain if recycling/food waste receptacles are available at the Community Hall and Veterans Memorial Building to encourage facility renters/users to recycle all appropriate materials. Staff agreed to follow-up on Councilmember Fujioka's requests.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations—The Vice Mayor congratulated the organizers of the last week's *Harvest Festival* for producing another outstanding community event.

Open Forum – The City Administrator announced that the Piedmont League of Women Voters is hosting a delegation of government officials from the Republic of Kalmykia on October 15 at the Piedmont Community Hall for an open forum discussion.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Storm Water Management—Councilmember Keating requested that a staff report concerning storm water management issues be scheduled on a future Council agenda.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Barbieri adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.