

## PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 6, 2016

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held June 6, 2016, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 120 Vista Avenue. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957(b) the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on June 2, 2016.

### CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in Closed Session for (a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): (One Case): (b) Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code §54956.8) Corp Yard, 898 Red Rock Rd.; Negotiating Parties: City and Verizon Wireless Negotiators: City Admin. & Atty; Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment; and (c) Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code §54956.8) 1658 Lower Grand Ave.; Negotiating Parties: City and AT&T Wireless Negotiators: City Admin. & Atty; Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment. Following the 6:30 p.m. Closed Session, Mayor Fujioka called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Margaret Fujioka, Vice Mayor Jeff Wieler and Councilmembers Teddy Gray King, Tim Rood and Robert McBain

Staff: City Administrator Paul Benoit, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Finance Director Kiran Bawa, Interim Planning Director Kevin Jackson, Recreation Director Sara Lillevand, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Police Captain Jeremy Bowers, Planning Technician Christopher Yeager, and City Clerk John Tulloch

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Minutes

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 05/16/16, 05/21/16, and 05/23/16

The Council requested the following revisions to the May 16, 2016 minutes:

- Corrected the spelling of Mr. Magganas' name
- Page 9 – Civil Grand Jury – “Information on the position and an application are available on the City’s web site.”

#### Resolution 48-16

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the May 16, 2016, May 21, 2016 and May 23, 2016 Minutes amended as indicated.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by King

Ayes: Fujioka, King, McBain, Rood, Wieler

Noes: None

Absent: None

*Note: Councilmember King abstained from the vote approving the May 16, 2016, Council minutes. Mayor Fujioka abstained from the vote approving the May 23, 2016, Council minutes.*

The following items were considered under one vote by the Council:

#### Timeline for November 8, 2016 Municipal Election

Receipt of a Report on the Timeline for the November 8, 2016 Regular Municipal Election (0435)

**Trash, Greenwaste and Recycling Service Rates** Receipt of a Report on the 2016 Annual Adjustment to Trash, Greenwaste and Recycling Service Rates  
(0700-0370)

**Resolution 49-16**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves items 2 and 3 on the Consent Calendar.

Moved by King, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Fujioka, King, McBain, Rood, Wieler

Noes: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Dimitri Magganas suggested that, given the Piedmont Unified School District's upcoming bond measure on the November Ballot, the City inform taxpayers, residents, and citizens about financial bonds.

David Weiner addressed the Council regarding parking and traffic issues at Beach School on Lake Avenue. He expressed concern regarding parking on street sweeping days and requested resident permit parking.

Paisley Strellis, City Editor for the Piedmont Post, announced that she is leaving the Post for a full time job in public affairs. She expressed gratitude to the Council, volunteers, and staff for assisting her with her stories. The Council and City Administrator thanked Ms. Strellis for her coverage of City events and congratulated and wished her well on her future endeavors.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Budget and Fee Proposals for FY 16-17**

City Administrator Benoit provided an overview of the proposed FY 16-17 budget as well as an overview of the City's financial standing. He reviewed the significant cost saving measures that the Council has undertaken over the past years and the contributions made by employee groups to the City's long term financial stability. He discussed Piedmont's reliance on property tax revenues and limited discretionary expenses. He attributed the City's financial stability to the Municipal Services Special Tax, real estate taxes, and modifications of employee benefits. He summarized revenue sources and discussed special funds.

Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committee Member John Chiang highlighted the key points in the committee's memorandum, stating the committee's focus on the reduction of long term shortfalls in key areas like facilities maintenance.

Mayor Fujioka opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Mayor Fujioka closed the public hearing.

The Council thanked the City Administrator for the overview, asking several questions of staff. They highlighted the conservative budgeting used in this document and urged staff to keep a watchful eye on the various revenue sources that the City depends on. The Council commended the Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committee for their work.

**CIP Projects for  
FY 16-17**

Based upon the report of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Review Committee's report and presentation to the Council at the Budget Work Session on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the City Administrator recommended that the Committee's top two priority projects be funded in the FY 16-17 CIP budget.

The Council discussed the project list, weighing the merits of the several proposals. Vice Mayor Wieler urged Council to look more closely at the proposed project to complete the lighting of the Oakland Avenue bridge. The Council concurred with the City Administrator's recommendation and, by consensus, directed staff to place the Coaches Field Master Plan and Beach Tot Lot / ADA Compliant Howard Ave Entrance and Restroom Facilities Master Plan in the budget proposal, without funding allocated to the projects. Council also directed staff to bring cost estimates for these two projects to a later meeting so that funding could be allocated to them.

The Council commended the CIP Review Committee for its work.  
(0165, 0320)

**REPORTS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Recreation Department – Councilmember King commended the Recreation Department on the Aquatics Master Plan process. She reminded residents to sign up for camps.

Hampton Field – Councilmember McBain announced the start of the Hampton Field project on Monday, June 13th.

Volunteer Reception – Mayor Fujioka thanked the City's many Commission and Committee members as well as all of the volunteers honored at the annual Volunteer Reception on May 19, 2016. She announced that the third annual Civic Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Carla Betts and that John Morrison and Katrina Morris were the recipients of the Recreation Commission Betty C. Howard awards.

We Are Piedmont Exhibit – Mayor Fujioka invited residents to view the "We Are Piedmont" exhibit which officially opened in City Hall on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The exhibit is a collaboration between the Piedmont Appreciating Diversity Committee, Piedmont and Millennium High Schools, and the City. She commended the photographers on their excellent work.

Election Day – Mayor Fujioka reminded residents of the June 7, 2016 election. City Clerk Tulloch provided drop off locations for vote by mail ballots, polling locations, and times.

City/School District Liaison Committee – Councilmember Rood requested the City/School District Liaison Committee discuss traffic, parking and pedestrian access to Witter Field via El Cerrito and Jerome Avenues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Fujioka adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.