

## PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 4, 2016

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held April 4, 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 March 31, 2016.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in Closed Session for (a) Public Employee Performance Evaluation held pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b) regarding the City Administrator. Following the 7:00 p.m. Closed Session, Mayor Fujioka called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Assistant City Attorney Chad Herrington, Interim Planning Director Kevin Jackson, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara and City Clerk John Tulloch

#### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public speakers.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

##### Minutes

The Council requested the following revisions to the March 21, 2016 minutes:

- On Page 2, last line, change “dog owner’s desire” to “dog owners’ desire”

##### Resolution 31-16

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the March 21, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Moved by King, Seconded by McBain

Ayes: Fujioka, King, McBain, Wieler

Noes: None

Abstain: Rood

##### Donation from Piedmont Citizens Task Force Against Crime

City Administrator Benoit stated the Piedmont Citizens Task Force Against Crime was created to support the Police Department. He discussed the Task Force’s request to support the Public Safety Committee in its distribution of “Get Ready Piedmont.” He recommended the Council accept the Task Force’s \$5,000 donation.

The Council expressed its appreciation for the Task Force’s generosity.

##### Resolution 32-16

RESOLVED, that the City Council accept a \$5,000 donation from the Piedmont Citizens Task Force Against Crime and appropriate the donation to the Public Safety Committee account in the Fire Department budget.

Moved by McBain, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Fujioka, King, McBain, Rood, Wieler

Noes: None

(0088, 0520)

**Recycling and  
Conservation Grant**

City Administrator Benoit explained that, each year, the City applied for and received a grant from the CalRecycle Beverage Container City/County Payment Program. He stated that, beginning this year, qualifying jurisdictions were required to adopt a resolution prior to application submittal. He explained that past funds were used for purchasing disposable recyclable containers for events and to assist schools in recyclable collection.

The Council encouraged businesses to recycle.

**Resolution 33-16**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 48000 et seq., the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has established various payment programs to make payments to qualifying jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the administration of the payment programs; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle's procedures for administering payment programs require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of the payment program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Administrator, or his/her designee, is authorized to submit an application to CalRecycle for any and all payment programs offered.

SECTION 2. The City Administrator, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized as Signature Authority to execute all documents necessary to implement and secure payment.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by McBain  
Ayes: Fujioka, King, McBain, Rood, Wieler  
Noes: None  
(0185, 0525)

**Crocker Park  
Garage Roof**

City Administrator Benoit discussed the City owned Crocker Park garage and adjacent private residence at 90 Crocker Avenue. He stated that the property containing the garage had been donated to the City in the 1950's and that the City's only obligation was to allow unfettered access to the pool equipment. He stated former Parks & Projects Manager Mark Feldkamp, had worked for many years on a plan to relocate the pool equipment and demolish the garage. He provided an overview of the plans to move the pool equipment and garage and the estimated cost of \$148,176. Mr. Benoit stated his belief that spending such a large amount of money for such a minimal gain was not a good use of public funds.

Mr. Benoit indicated that current efforts were focused on repairing the roof and he recommended approving the bid from Fidelity Roof Co. He stated funds for the project were previously appropriated in the Capital Improvement Fund. He stated the City benefitted from use of the building and it was less expensive to repair the roof than to remove the building. He stated the City Attorney had prepared a well researched legal opinion on the City's obligations.

The Council supported this course of action, agreeing that this was a better use of public funds.

**Resolution 34-16**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves award of the contract to Fidelity Roofing Co., for the Crocker Park Garage Roofing Project in the amount of \$14,733, in accordance with their proposal dated November 13, 2015.

Moved by Wieler, Seconded by King

Ayes: Fujioka, King, McBain, Rood, Wieler

Noes: None

(0045, 0745-0367)

**REPORTS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Recreation Department – Councilmember King encouraged residents to register for Spring Break camps and summer programs. She announced three new Recreation Commissioners coming on board. She stated the Aquatics Master Plan was proceeding..

Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Study - Councilmember Rood stated the Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Study was nearly complete and the joint powers authority was being developed.

Arbor Day – Mayor Fujioka announced the annual Arbor Day Celebration would be held on April 27, 2016, at the Japanese Tea House, from 5-7 p.m.

League of Women Voters of Piedmont – Mayor Fujioka announced the League of Women Voters Voter Service Forum on April 28, 2016, in the Council Chambers, from 7-9 p.m. The forum will provide information for voters on local and regional ballot measures as well as candidates for the state legislature.

Paris to Piedmont – Mayor Fujioka discussed the recent Paris to Piedmont event and commended the speakers including Dan Reicher of Stanford, and Daniel Hamilton from Oakland. She stated the event was well attended and sparked thought provoking discussions. She reminded residents that the City of Piedmont had adopted its Climate Action Plan and explained that the goals could be met if all homes reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 20%. Councilmember Rood suggested residents utilize [homeenergyanalyzer.org](http://homeenergyanalyzer.org) to determine causes of power draws and to obtain personalized cost effective tips for home improvement. City Administrator Benoit indicated the Climate Action Plan and Environmental Task Force recommendations would be reviewed in the coming months.

Commission and Committee Interviews – Mayor Fujioka announced that interviews were held on March 22, 2016. She thanked the applicants, congratulated the appointees and encouraged those that were not appointed to reapply. She stated the new commissioners began their service on April 1, 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Fujioka adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.