

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, August 1, 2016

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held August 1, 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 July 28, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER Acting Mayor Wieler called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Acting Mayor Jeff Wieler, Vice Mayor Bob McBain, and Councilmembers Teddy Gray King, Jonathan Levine and Tim Rood

Staff: City Administrator Paul Benoit, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Finance Director Kiran Bawa, Chief of Police Rikki Goede, Recreation Director Sara Lillevand, Fire Chief Warren (Bud) McLaren, City Engineer John Wanger, Police Captain Jeremy Bowers, Parks and Project Manager Nancy Kent, and City Clerk John Tulloch

CEREMONIAL MATTERS In accordance with the Council's appointment at its special meeting of July 19, 2016, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to newly appointed City Council member Jonathan Levine.

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

- Minutes** Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 07/18/16 and 07/19/16
- Sewer Rehabilitation State Loans** Approval of a Revised Resolution Dedicating Sewer Revenue for Repayment of State Loans for Sewer Rehabilitation (0045, 0935)
- Facility Use Agreement Piedmont Swim Team** Approval of a Renewed Facility Use Agreement with the Piedmont Swim Team Until August 14, 2018 (0045)
- Position Reclassification** Approval of the Reclassification of the Support Services Commander and Human Resources Administrator Positions as Recommended by the Civil Service Commission at its Meeting of July 22, 2016 as well as Approval of Updated Employment Resolutions Reflecting Changes Made to the Classifications (0045, 0750)
- Paul Benoit Employment Agreement** Approval of the Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the City of Piedmont and Paul Benoit (0045)
- Purchase of New Vehicle** Approval of the Purchase of a New Vehicle for the Fire Chief (0045)
- Animal Control Services** Approval of a Renewed Agreement to Provide Animal Control Services to the City of Emeryville in the Amount of \$93,421 Per Year (0045)
- Planning Commission Liaison** Appoint Councilmember Levine as Liaison to the Planning Commission (0085)

Resolution No. 71-16

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves Items 1 through 8.

Moved by King, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: King, Levine, McBain, Rood, Wieler

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Note: Councilmember Levine abstained from the vote approving the July 18, 2016 and July 19, 2016 Council minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dimitri Magganas addressed the Council regarding the Planning Commission's consideration of amendments to the zoning requirements for commercial properties.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

All Way Stop Signs

City Administrator Benoit introduced the topic of installing all-way stop signs at 10 intersections within Piedmont, stating the matter had been previously considered at the July 18, 2016 meeting. Mr. Benoit indicated that based upon testimony at the previous meeting, the intersection of Mountain and Dormidera Avenues had been removed from the proposal and that the intersection of Hampton Rd. and St. James Dr. had been added to the proposal.

Mr. Benoit indicated that the Public Works Department had solicited quotes for the proposed work, but had only received one, from Striping Graphics. Based upon this proposal, Mr. Benoit recommended that all way stops be installed at 10 intersections, Council approve the total project budget of \$33,130, and approve the associated contract.

City Administrator Benoit discussed the intersection of El Cerrito and Oakland Avenues, explaining that because Oakland Avenue is an arterial street, all way stop signs would be inappropriate. He noted the traffic safety improvements previously approved by the Council for this street, including flashing speed signs and a pedestrian activated crossing sign at this intersection.

City Engineer Wanger detailed the extensive public input received from the community on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and that 7 of the 10 intersections included in this proposal were included in that plan. He also detailed the City's efforts to obtain funding for the implementation of the Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan through applications for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant.

Correspondence was received from: Margaret Bridges, Birgit Hottenrott, Gail Trabish, Rick Schiller, Shirley Sapphire, Osa Wolff, Ed Manburg, and Mary Bertain.

Public Testimony was received from the following:

Susy Struble indicated support for installing all way stops and crosswalks at St. James and Hampton and suggested a stop sign at Prospect and Wildwood.

Virginia Watkins urged the Council to install stop signs at Jerome and Magnolia and at Hampton and St. James.

Lindsay Snyder requested a crosswalk at Jerome and Magnolia.

Jon Elvekrog questioned whether stop signs would improve safety. He stated data was necessary and the matter should be considered when more people were in town. He requested tabling the matter until data was provided and residents were able to provide input. He stated stop signs 5 through 11 were not needed and might have a negative consequence.

Acting Mayor Wieler closed public comment.

The Council thanked staff for being proactive prior to the start of the school year and the community for its input.

Resolution No. 72-16

RESOLVED, that the City Council Approve the installation of all-way stops according to the attached Coastland Engineers design at the following intersections:

- 1) Magnolia Ave., Nova Ave. & Wildwood Ave. (PBMP #17)
- 2) Magnolia Ave. & Park View Ave. (PBMP #16)
- 3) Magnolia Ave. & Jerome Ave.
- 4) Magnolia Ave. & El Cerrito Ave. (PBMP #15)
- 5) Wildwood Ave. & Prospect Ave. (PBMP #21)
- 6) Wildwood Ave. & Highland Ave. (PBMP #23)
- 7) Hampton Road & Sea View Ave. (PBMP #25)
- 8) Hampton Road & Glen Alpine Ave.
- 9) Blair Ave. & Scenic Ave.
- 10) Hampton Road & St. James Dr. (PBMP #26);

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont authorizes the Mayor to sign a construction contract with Striping Graphics for the installation of the approved all way stops based on their submitted bid of \$26,086;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont approves the overall estimated construction budget of \$33,129 which includes the construction cost, a 15% contingency and monies for construction management and inspection;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont authorizes the Public Works Director to execute any contract change orders so long as the total project cost does not exceed the total funding for this project in the adopted estimated project construction budget; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont determines the project to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Moved by King, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: King, Levine, McBain, Rood, Wieler

Noes: None

(1060)

**IT Support RFP
Issuance**

City Administrator Benoit discussed the need to maintain and improve the City's technology systems and implement the Five-Year Strategic Plan, investing in focused professional IT staffing. He requested the Council authorize issuance of an RFP. He corrected the typographical error on the date in Section 3.9.2.

The Council expressed enthusiasm in advancing the City's technology.

Resolution No. 73-16

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the issuance of a Request for Proposals for information technology support services.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by McBain

Ayes: King, Levine, McBain, Rood, Wieler

Noes: None

(0385)

**2nd Reading of Ord.
723 N.S. 801Magnolia
Lease Amendment**

Acting Mayor Wieler announced at the beginning of this item that due to his role as an advisor to the Piedmont Center for the Arts, he was recusing himself from discussion and action and he left the Council Chambers.

City Administrator Benoit stated that the Council had approved the first reading of this ordinance at its meeting of July 18th. He stated that the intent of the proposed lease amendment is to allow the Piedmont Center for the Arts greater flexibility in using the space it leases at 801 Magnolia Avenue.

Resolution No. 74-16

RESOLVED, that the City Council conducts second reading of Ord. 723 N.S., which approves the First Amendment to the City's Lease with the Piedmont Center for the Arts at 801 Magnolia Avenue.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by King

Ayes: King, Levine, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

Recused: Wieler

(0705, 0270-0375)

Acting Mayor Wieler returned to the Council Chambers and took his seat at the dais.

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Choice Aggregation – Councilmember Rood stated the County Board of Supervisors had been scheduled to conduct a hearing but the matter was postponed to a date uncertain in order to allow more analysis and public comment.

Recreation Department – Councilmember King announced the Fall Program catalog would soon be delivered to residents. She stated the Summer Program was a success.

Park Commission – Vice Mayor McBain discussed the upcoming Park Commission meeting on August 3, 2016. City Administrator Benoit discussed efforts to fill the vacancy on the Commission left by Mr. Levine's appointment to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Mayor Wieler adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.