

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 5, 2018

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held November 5, 2018, 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 November 1, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER The Council met in Closed Session for (a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Govt. Code 54956.9) – Name of Case: Crown Castle NG West, LLC v. City of Piedmont. Following the 6:30 p.m. Closed Session, Mayor McBain called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Bob McBain, Vice Mayor Teddy Gray King, and Councilmembers Jennifer Cavenaugh, Tim Rood and Betsy Smegal Andersen
Staff: City Administrator Paul Benoit, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, and Administrative Assistant Lisa Argue

CONSENT CALENDAR The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

Council Meeting Minutes Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 10/01/18

Aquatics Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reconvene the City Council Ad Hoc Aquatics Subcommittee consisting of Mayor McBain and Councilmember Andersen to investigate and recommend action items to Council regarding next steps with regard to the Aquatics Master Plan Conceptual Design
(0320)

Agreement with Computer Courage Approval of a 12 Month Extension of the Agreement with Computer Courage for IT Support Services in the Amount of \$270,826
(0045, 0385)

Annual Turkey Trot Race Approval of a Street Use Permit for the Annual Turkey Trot Race Sponsored by PTT Thanksgiving Race, Inc.
(1000)

Resolution No. 77-18

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the Consent Calendar as submitted.
Moved by King, Seconded by Rood
Ayes: Andersen, Cavenaugh, Rood, King, McBain
Noes: None

PUBLIC FORUM Dimitri Magganas encouraged residents to vote in tomorrow's election.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS Mayor McBain presented a proclamation by which the City of Piedmont would participate in the Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition. Erin Dando, Representative of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sensitive America, thanked the Council for its support and discussed gun violence. Vice Mayor King thanked Dr. Amy Maidenberg for her work on the movement.

Councilmember Andersen announced the City of Piedmont/Piedmont Unified School District Thanksgiving Book Drive and each Councilmember donated a book.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Status of Measure H1
Construction Program**

Piedmont Unified School District Superintendent Randall Booker provided an overview of the district's Measure H1 construction plan. He reviewed plans for Phase 1, including construction of a STEAM building and a new theatre, including architecture, design features, floor plans, and construction timeline.

In response to Council inquiries, Superintendent Booker discussed options for performance space while the Alan Harvey Theater was out of commission and Phase 2 cosmetic upgrades to the existing buildings. He indicated he did not anticipate impacts to the Piedmont Adult School and explained existing challenges for disabled students and faculty. Superintendent Booker stated the voters had approved \$66 million in bond funding and the cost estimate was forthcoming. He discussed the need to mitigate construction impacts and anticipated the Witter Field renovation in March 2019.

PUSD Facilities Manager Pete Palmer ensured safe removal of asbestos and explained drainage issues at Witter field. He anticipated construction from March 2019 to August 2019.

Councilmember Cavanaugh suggested sharing the aquatics plan with the School District.

There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.
(0765)

**Citizen Option for
Public Safety Grant**

City Administrator Benoit reported on the receipt of the California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) annual grant awards since 1997 and estimated award of \$140,000. He discussed the requirement for recipients to account for the grant award in a special fund and annually adopt a plan on how the funds would be allocated. He recommended that Council accept the grant award and approve the required spending plan.

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers discussed the use of last year's funds.

There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.

Resolution No. 78-18

RESOLVED, that the City Council accepts the 2018/19 State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant in the amount of \$140,000 as allocated in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) for the Piedmont Police Department and approves the spending plan to purchase items supporting frontline law enforcement services.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King, McBain

Noes: None

(0085, 0785)

**Police Department
Quarterly Report**

Chief Bowers presented the quarterly Police Department report, outlining an increase in reportable crime, increased calls for services, and increased community engagement. Chief Bowers summarized the use of technology in solving crimes. He also highlighted the Department's partnership with the Piedmont Unified School District regarding educating students and parents. City Administrator Benoit discussed the recent application for a grant for a school resource officer.

Public Testimony was received from:

Mary Beth Russell offered support for a school resource officer.

The Council thanked Chief Bowers, discussed the need for additional staffing and new driver training and requested a quarterly report on the Traffic Safety Group.

The Council indicated support for a resource officer and thanked the Department for increasing its community outreach.

Chief Bowers announced the presentation on elder abuse by the District Attorney on December 5.
(0785)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor McBain announced the Boy Scout Food Drive on November 10th. He also announced a commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the armistice ending World War I, which would be held at the Veterans' Hall on November 11, at 1:00 p.m.

Councilmember Rood announced a workshop entitled, "How to Achieve Climate Action Goals at Home" to be held on November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Hall.

Council Andersen announced the Piedmont Educational Foundation Empty Nester Party on November 15. She also announced the Avoiding Financial Exploitation Seminar, which will be held on December 5th.

Vice Mayor King reported on the work of the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

Councilmember Cavanaugh made several announcements concerning School District and Piedmont Educational Foundation events. She also announced the upcoming Appreciating Diversity Film Series showings. She reminded residents of the upcoming Joint Park Commission and Recreation Commission meeting on November 7th to discuss the Linda Beach Master Plan.

Mayor McBain reminded residents to vote in the statewide General Election tomorrow, November 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.