

## PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 22, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held January 22, 2019, 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 January 17, 2019.

**CALL TO ORDER** 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 Cavanaugh, Tim Rood, and Betsy Smegal Andersen

Staff: City Administrator Paul Benoit, Assistant City Attorney Sergio Rudin, Recreation Director Sara Lillevand, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk John Tulloch

**PUBLIC FORUM** Lisa Neville, David Zweig, Ryan Otis and Constance L. Whitting expressed concern with the proposed eight-month trial period for pickleball at Linda Beach. Speakers expressed concerns with noise which would be created by pickleball in an already noise impacted neighborhood.

**REGULAR AGENDA** The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 12/17/18**

**Resolution No. 03-19**  
RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the meeting minutes for 12/17/18.  
Moved by Rood, Seconded by Cavanaugh  
Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood  
Noes: None

**Linda Beach Conceptual Master Plan**

City Administrator Paul Benoit provided an historical background on the development of the Linda Beach conceptual master plan to date. He noted that the Council hired Groundworks Office, Landscape Architects to work with the community and staff to develop a conceptual master plan to improve the park for current and future needs. He commended the work of Recreation Director Sara Lillevand as well as each of the staff members who worked on the creation of the plan, especially for their willingness to hear and incorporate resident input.

Recreation Director Sara Lillevand summarized the community outreach, including public meetings and an online survey. She indicated that significant community input had been received and incorporated into the various iterations of the plan. Ms. Lillevand discussed the constrained site and excitement that the concept met the intent of the master plan.

Sara Peschel of Groundworks Office, Landscape Architects, presented the second revised iteration of the proposed master plan. She described the proposed plan, how it could be phased and provided additional other details on the proposed plan. John Ware of Groundworks Office, Landscape Architects, described the possibility of a third phase of the project.

Ms. Peschel discussed Americans with Disability Act access included in the master plan, as well as parking and traffic on Howard Avenue. Ms. Lillevand discussed the tennis court dimensions and orientation, rental of facilities, new

building in Phase 3 incorporating School Mates, and consideration of permeable space and stormwater features in the design.

**Public Testimony** was received from:

Park Commission Chair Betsy Goodman and Recreation Commissioner Conna McCarthy described the consideration of the proposed master plan and the enthusiastic support of both commissions for the proposed plan.

Clark Smith expressed his support for the master plan. He asked for clarification on whether pickleball was included in this proposal.

David Zweig stated reorientation of the courts would assist with sound impacts and suggested an acoustic barrier between the courts and the bridge.

Rick Schiller and Arleta Chang indicated support for the proposed plan, thanking the Council, Park Commission, Recreation Commission, and staff for listening to the public input which had been provided and incorporating it into the revised iterations of the plan.

Patty Siskind, Piedmont Beautification Foundation, indicated support for the proposed master plan. She indicated that PBF is committed to three years of fundraising for the project.

The Council thanked Groundworks Office and staff for their work in creating and revising the proposed Linda Beach Conceptual Master Plan. It also expressed its gratitude to the Park Commission and Recreation Commission for their input on the plan. Finally, the Council expressed its gratitude to the community for the extensive input provided regarding each of the iterations of the plan.

**Resolution No. 04-19**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council adopts the Linda Beach Conceptual Master Plan.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by King

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

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**REPORTS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Andersen indicated that the Appreciating Diversity Film Series would have a showing on January 24<sup>th</sup>, and that Piedmont High School would present the musical Rent on February 1, 2, 8, and 9 at Alan Harvey Theatre.

Councilmember Cavanaugh commended the Piedmont Appreciating Diversity Committee for the success of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. She indicated that the Public Safety Committee would discuss public safety cameras at its meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Councilmember Cavanaugh also reminded residents that the City is soliciting nominations for Heritage Trees.

Vice Mayor King announced the upcoming Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting on January 31 and the League of California Cities East Bay Division Legislative Briefing on January 24.

Mayor McBain announced that City Administrator Paul Benoit had announced his retirement, scheduled for the end of June.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.