

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 4, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held February 4, 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 31, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Bob McBain called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Fire Chief Bret Black, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Recreation Director Sara Lillevand, and Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

CONSENT CALENDAR The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

Council Meeting Minutes Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 1/7/19

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

Resolution No. 05-19

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the 1/7/19 Council meeting minutes.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by King

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with HGAC Councilmember Cavanaugh indicated she pulled this item from the Consent Calendar to acknowledge staff for finding the unique opportunity to partner with other communities.

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

Resolution No. 06-19

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves an Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement in the amount of \$2000.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

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PUBLIC FORUM Joseph Gold and Bob Kunselman requested that the City install license plate readers on Trestle Glen Road, highlighting recent crimes in the neighborhood.

Rick Schiller indicated his support for pickleball in Piedmont. He urged the Council to make fact based decisions on this matter.

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

2018 Police Department Chief of Police Jeremy Bowers presented the 2018 Year End Crime Report

Annual Report

indicating an increase in reportable offenses over 2017, which he attributed to crime trends in the Bay Area overall. He presented data on the City's automated license plate reader system as well as the efficacy of the Public Safety Camera pilot program. He provided details on traffic incidents and enforcement, highlighting the increase in traffic collisions along Grand Avenue due to construction projects. He discussed the monthly meetings with the Police Department and Public Works to consider means of resolving issues. He also discussed staffing levels.

Chief Bowers relayed the Police Department's efforts to increase community engagement, including National Night Out, stakeholder collaboration, and the Department's use of social media.

Public Testimony was received from:

Sunny Bostrom-Fleming commended the City on its use of license plate readers.

The Council acknowledged the work of the Police Department to keep Piedmont safe. It commended the Department for its increased focus on public engagement. Councilmembers asked staff to bring back additional traffic calming measures for Council consideration.
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**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Andersen announced that the Planning Commission would consider Design Awards at its regular meeting on March 11. She announced that AC Transit will hold public hearings on proposed fare increases on February 13th.

Councilmember Cavanaugh announced the kickoff of the fundraising campaign for upgrades to the Recreation Center Tennis Courts. She indicated that the Police Department now serves as a dropoff point for both expired prescription drugs and medical sharps.

Vice Mayor King requested an update on a possible prohibition of plastic straws as well as an update on the creation of the City's new web site.

Councilmember Cavanaugh requested an update from the Piedmont Unified School District on broader impacts of the upcoming Measure H1 construction projects at Piedmont High School.

Mayor McBain announced that there would not be a City Council meeting on February 19.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.