

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 18, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held March 18, 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 March 14, 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 Cavenaugh, Tim Rood and Betsy Smegal Andersen

Staff: City Administrator Paul Benoit, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Recreation Director Sara Lillevand, City Engineer John Wanger, Parks & Project Manager Nancy Kent, Recreation Supervisor Jackson Stearns, Senior Planner Pierce Macdonald-Powell, Associate Planner Mira Hahn, Climate Corps Fellow Brooke Edell 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 02/25/19 (Special)

Memorandum of Agreement with City of Oakland to 30 Blair Place Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between City of Piedmont and City of Oakland related to 30 Blair Place Regarding Jurisdiction for Planning and Building (0025, 0045)

2018 Housing and Community Development Annual Report Receipt of the 2018 Housing and Community Development Department Annual Report (0775)

Resolution No. 12-19
RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the consent calendar as submitted.
Moved by Cavenaugh, Seconded by Rood
Ayes: Andersen, Cavenaugh, King, McBain, Rood
Noes: None

PUBLIC FORUM There were no speakers for Public Forum.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Red Cross Month Proclamation Mayor McBain presented the proclamation declaring March 2019 as Red Cross Month to Sheri Aylesworth, on behalf of the Red Cross. Ms. Aylesworth summarized the services provided by the Red Cross and thanked the City for its support in preparing for emergencies.

Introduction of New Employee Recreation Director Sara Lillevand introduced Recreation Supervisor Jackson Stearns. Mr. Stearns expressed his enthusiasm in serving the City of Piedmont.

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

**Temporary Designation
of Parking Spaces on
Bonita and Highland
Avenues**

City Administrator Paul Benoit explained that the Piedmont Unified School District's demolition and construction of facilities at Piedmont High School associated with the H1 Master Plan would begin the first week in April which would disrupt traffic circulation and parking in the civic center. Additionally, the parking spaces on Magnolia Avenue currently designated for school employees would be lost for the duration of the project. He reminded the Council that PUSD's Director of Facilities, Pete Palmer, requested that additional PUSD employee parking spaces be designated.

Mr. Benoit stated that staff is proposing the designation of nine parallel parking spaces on Highland Avenue at the Sheridan Strip and five diagonal parking spaces on the west side of Bonita Ave. between Magnolia Ave. and Vista Ave. as temporary Permit A parking for the duration of the Piedmont Unified School District's Measure H1 Bond Construction project. He also noted that staff is also recommending that three diagonal parking spaces on Bonita Avenue between Vista and Magnolia Avenues be designated as city employee parking, and the remaining four diagonal spaces on this block be designated as two-hour parking.

Public Works Director Chester Nakahara noted that, if approved, the signage would indicate the fact that these designations are temporary. He explained ADA parking availability, inclusion in the traffic management plan, and disabled access to the pool.

Recreation Director Sara Lillevand described the impact PUSD's project would have on the Recreation Department and pool and the need for additional staff parking.

Public Testimony was received from:

Margaret Ovenden suggested this as an opportunity to encourage walking to school which was a part of the City's Climate Action Plan.

The Council discussed the need to review the new school pick up and drop off zone and suggested that the School District designate a contact person for residents to contact with issues.

Resolution No. 13-19

RESOLVED, that the City Council temporarily designates nine parallel spaces along Highland Avenue at the Sheridan Strip and five diagonal parking spaces on the west side of Bonita Ave. between Magnolia Ave. and Vista Ave. as temporary Permit A parking for the duration of the Piedmont Unified School District's Measure H1 Bond Construction project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council temporarily designates three diagonal parking spaces on the west side of Bonita Ave. between Magnolia Ave. and Vista Ave. as City of Piedmont employee parking, and four spaces as two hour parking spaces available for use by the community for the duration of the Piedmont Unified School District's Measure H1 Bond Construction project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff is directed to work with the Piedmont Unified School District to ensure that adequate Americans with Disabilities Act parking is available for the duration of the Measure H1 Bond Construction project.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by King

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None
(0735, 0765)

2017 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Climate Action Plan Implementation Update

Assistant Planner Mira Hahn introduced an update on the City's 2017 Greenhouse Gas Inventory and an update on the implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan 2.0.

Climate Corps Fellow Brooke Edell briefed the Council on the 2017 Greenhouse Emissions Inventory. She indicated that greenhouse gas emissions had increased slightly in 2017 over 2016, mostly due to an increase in building energy use. She provided details on energy use in various sectors as well as potential reductions which could take place in the future.

Ms. Hahn discussed opportunities for reducing GHG emissions, the City's participation in East Bay Community Energy, a continued focus on renewable energy, and other actions taken. She announced two upcoming climate action events, including an online community engagement platform, the Home Energy Assessment Tour on March 24, and the Piedmont Climate Action Fair and Reception on April 24.

City Administrator Benoit discussed the City's decision to opt all residential and government electrical accounts into EBCE's 100% renewable energy plan and the positive GHG impact of changing from gas to electrical appliances.

Ms. Hahn commended Ms. Edell for her work on climate issues and her superb public outreach.

Public Testimony was received from:

Margaret Ovenden expressed disappointment that emissions had increased and she encouraged all Piedmonters to undertake additional efforts to reduce climate impacts.

Garrett Keating commended Ms. Edell for her work and asked questions related to natural gas use, solid waste data, and whether electric vehicles were included in transportation data.

The Council discussed the report. Councilmembers expressed interest in the municipal sector results and suggested the City consider environmental impacts during its facilities master planning. The Council also discussed additional outreach on climate issues via social media. Councilmembers discussed the GHG increase in the solid waste sector as well as measures to encourage residents to better sort waste. Councilmembers also discussed incentives for electrification of home appliances during home remodels.

The Council commended Ms. Edell for her work on climate issues. The Council also thanked the members of Piedmont Connect for their diligent and dedicated work on to reduce Piedmont's climate impacts.
(0459, 0775)

Storm Sewer Mapping Agreement

City Administrator Benoit indicated that one of the next major infrastructure challenges facing Piedmont would be improvements to the storm sewer system. He explained that, similar to the sanitary sewer system, storm sewer pipes transitioned between public and private property. He indicated the need to inventory and map the existing, aging infrastructure. He proposed an agreement,

in an amount not to exceed \$85,920, with Coastland Engineers to survey, geolocate, and professionally map the system. He indicated that GIS mapping and condition assessments could be considered as a future phase.

City Engineer John Wanger explained that the proposed initial phase locates all structures. He stated 95% of the cost was for surveyors to physically locate and visit each structure and line. He estimated a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 to put the data into GIS.

Parks and Project Manager Nancy Kent discussed the City's efforts to implement its green infrastructure plan in preparation of future clean water regulation mandates.

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

Resolution No. 14-19

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the Project Supplemental Agreement with Coastland Engineers to provide professional engineering services for Phase One of the City-Wide Storm Sewer Mapping Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$85,920.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by King

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

(0045, 0735, 0765)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor McBain announced that resident recommendations for CIP Projects are due on March 19th. He noted that applications to fill vacancies on Commissions and Committees are due by close of business on Wednesday, March 20th. He also announced the City's annual Arbor Day celebration which will be held on April 11th. He also requested a future agenda item on pending legislation and CASA Compact related to affordable housing.

Councilmember Andersen indicated that the City's draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan would soon be posted to the web site for public review and comment. She also noted that the draft update to the City's Design Guidelines would also be available shortly. She alerted the public that the Civil Grand Jury was seeking members, with an application deadline of April 1.

Vice Mayor King announced the City will be receiving a \$160,000 grant from Alameda County Transportation Commission for pedestrian improvements on the Oakland Avenue Bridge. She indicated that this grant will allow the City to improve safety for residents. She indicated the matter would be presented to the Council for approval in April or May.

Councilmember Cavanaugh expressed sympathies to Oakland Council Member Lynette McElhaney who recently lost her son. She announced that March is Women's History Month. She noted the public meeting on public safety cameras held earlier this month by the Public Safety Committee and the Police Department. She reminded residents of ongoing registration for Recreation Department summer programs. She also noted upcoming events from community organizations, including the Appreciating Diversity Film series, the League of Women Voters, and others.

Councilmember Rood reminded residents of the upcoming Piedmont Home Energy Tour on March 24th. He also discussed his recent representation of Piedmont at California LGBTQ Leadership Summit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.