

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 1, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held April 1, 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 28, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Bob 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, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, City Engineer John Wanger, and Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

PUBLIC FORUM Tom Walters discussed the Kingston, Lake, Rose and Linda Preferential Parking District, approved by the Council in October 2017 on a trial basis. He stated the trial period ended July 2018 and Council had received a report on the district in March 2019. He requested that the Council agendaize a discussion of the trial period.

Sunny Bostrom-Fleming announced that the Piedmont Community Church Treasure sale raised \$37,000 to support the annual Mexico service trip to build homes.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Chinese American Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Proclamation Mayor McBain presented a proclamation recognizing the service of Chinese American Veterans of World War II on the occasion of the award of a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of their service. Mary Geong and Cassidy Chao of the Piedmont Asian American Club thanked the City for recognizing these deserving veterans of World War II.

Proclamation Supporting 2020 United States Census Mayor McBain presented a proclamation recognizing the importance of the 2020 US Census. Shahidah Lacy of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's office thanked the City for issuing this proclamation and discussed the importance of an accurate census count to all levels of government.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

Minutes for 03/04/19 The Council considered the draft minutes for its March 4, 2019 meeting.

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

Resolution No. 16-19

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the minutes for 03/04/19.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

Agreement with Alameda County Transportation City Administrator Paul Benoit reported that, based on Council direction, staff worked on plans for design and installation of pedestrian safety railing on both sides of the Oakland Avenue bridge. He explained that the bid estimates were

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Oakland Avenue Bridge**

significantly higher than anticipated and Vice Mayor King had obtained supplemental funding through ACTC, in the form of a matching grant of \$218,000 to support the project. He requested Council approval of the project funding agreement and authorize staff to solicit bids.

Public Works Director Chester Nakahara thanked Vice Mayor King for obtaining the funding. He discussed the importance of the project as part of the Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan.

Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Nakahara discussed the design of the proposed railings, safety improvements, and signage. He also discussed proposed future projects in the area, including paving of Oakland Avenue, pedestrian enhancements at Howard and Sunnyside Avenues, painting the bridge, and lighting the underside of the bridge in conjunction with the Linda Beach Master Plan.

The Council acknowledged the importance of this transportation corridor and the improvements which have previously taken place, including lighting. The Council expressed appreciation to the voters of Alameda County and the Alameda County Transportation Commission for the grant funds, which help make this project possible.

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

Resolution No. 17-19

WHEREAS, one of the high-priority projects identified in the City's adopted Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan is the installation of sidewalk railings on the Oakland Avenue bridge; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications have been completed for the project and the project is ready to be publicly bid; and

WHEREAS, part of the funding (\$208,000) associated with the project is with Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) monies as allocated by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC); and

WHEREAS, as a condition of using CMA TIP monies, ACTC requires that the City enter into an agreement with ACTC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City hereby authorizes the City Administrator to sign the Agreement with ACTC for CMA TIP monies associated with the Oakland Avenue Bridge Pedestrian Railing project.

2. The City hereby authorizes the release of the project for public bidding per the Public Contract Code and City Ordinances.

Moved by King, Seconded by Cavanaugh

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

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REPORTS AND

Mayor McBain announced that the annual Arbor Day celebration will be held on

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 11, 2019 at Community Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Cavanaugh announced that the Recreation Department will hold its annual Bunny Blast on April 6, at 9:30 a.m. and the Piedmont Asian American Club's South Asian Cultural Festival on April 6, at 5:30 p.m., and the League of Women Voters immigration speaker on April 7, at 3:30 p.m. She announced other school related issues, including the Friends of the Piedmont High School Library book drive and requested donations and a rally in Sacramento regarding education funding.

Vice Mayor King congratulated the members of the Beach School Community on the 51st Annual Beach Revue. She also discussed a League of California Cities event.

Councilmember Rood thanked those that applied for openings on City commission and committees.

Councilmember Andersen announced that the Planning Commission would consider the new Design Guidelines at its meetings on April 8 and May 13. She advised that the final Hazard Mitigation Plan public meeting will be held on April 10 at 6 pm in Council Chambers. She encouraged residents to participate in the Piedmont Climate Action Fair and Reception on April 24.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.