

## PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, August 19, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held August 19, 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 August 15, 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 Sara Lillevand, Assistant City Attorney Sergio Rudin, Deputy City Attorney Janae Novotny, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Human Resources Administrator Stacy Jennings, City Engineer John Wanger, and Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

**CONSENT CALENDAR** The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

**Sewer Consent Decree Compliance Agreement** Approval of a Revised “Defendants’ Side Agreement to Facilitate Consent Decree Compliance” related to the On-going Technical and Legal Activities of the East Bay Sewer Collection System Agencies.

**Resolution No. 50-19**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the revised Defendants’ Side Agreement to Facilitate Consent Decree Compliance related to the on-going technical and legal activities of the East Bay Sewer Collection System Agencies.  
Moved by King, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

(0045, 0935)

**League of California Cities Voting Delegate** Councilmember Rood thanked Vice Mayor King and Councilmember Cavanaugh for representing the City at the League of California Cities annual conference.

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

**Resolution No. 51-19**

RESOLVED, that the City Council designates Vice Mayor Teddy Gray King as the City of Piedmont’s voting delegate and Councilmember Jennifer Cavanaugh as alternate for the League of California Cities 2019 Annual Conference.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

(0085)

**Land Management Software Consulting Agreement** Councilmember Cavanaugh reported that the proposed software was another behind the scenes technology improvement. She discussed the outdated DOS system and effectiveness and efficiencies to be gained. She requested clarification on the proposed timeline for completion and total cost.

City Clerk Tulloch discussed the equipment replacement budget of \$95,000 this year and \$85,000 next year. He explained that the agreement was for the

majority of the consulting work that goes with the improvements and that there would be additional software licensing costs and data conversation costs that will come at a different point.

Tom Jakobsen, ClientFirst, anticipated an 18-month process.

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

**Resolution No. 52-19**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves an agreement with ClientFirst Technology Consulting for land management software consulting services.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

(0045, 0385)

**Personnel Rules**

Councilmember Cavanaugh acknowledged Human Resources and City Attorney staff for working to bring the City's Personnel Rules up to modern standards. Councilmember Andersen thanked the Civil Service Commission for its review.

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

**Resolution No. 53-19**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves updated Personnel Rules, dated August 19, 2019.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by Cavanaugh

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

(0750-0370)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Cavendish Lane  
Bid Authorization**

City Administrator Sara Lillevand reported on the road failure on Cavendish Lane within the City of Oakland and loss of vehicular access to four homes in the City of Piedmont in February 2017. She explained that because Oakland had higher priority emergency projects, the city of Piedmont took the lead, funded, and completed temporary repairs to Cavendish Lane which again allowed residents to access their homes. Ms. Lillevand reminded the Council that in December 2018 the cities of Piedmont and Oakland agreed to allow Piedmont to take the lead on the design and construction of permanent repairs to the roadway. She indicated that the Council had approved an agreement with the City of Oakland by which Oakland would reimburse Piedmont for the cost of the permanent repair project. She stated staff was requesting Council authorization to solicit bids.

Public Works Director Chester Nakahara discussed the long, trying process to reach the point of putting the project out to bid. He outlined the proposed construction schedule, anticipating 6 to 8 weeks for the work. He indicated that the project would most likely be paid for out of the General Fund, pending reimbursement from the City of Oakland.

City Engineer John Wanger described the critical drilling that must be done before the rains. He stated golf carts would be provided for the four residents to

access their homes, with dedicated parking spaces. He indicated there would be temporary provisions for garbage and delivery services.

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

The Council thanked the residents of Cavendish Lane for their patience in this process and heartily supported putting the project out to bid. Councilmembers suggested holding a special meeting to approve the construction agreement so that no time would be lost.

**Resolution No. 54-19**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the construction documents for the Cavendish Lane Road Repair Project and authorizes Staff to release the project for public bidding.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

(1000)

**REPORTS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor McBain complimented Public Safety staff on National Night Out. He announced the upcoming dedication of the Corey Reich Tennis Center on August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Vice Mayor King announced that Schoolmates was working with the Piedmont Unified School District to provide child care on early release days at the elementary schools. She also indicated her attendance at a tour of the former Glen E. Dyer Detention Center to determine if additional homeless services could be housed in that space.

Councilmember Cavanaugh made several announcements related to the Recreation Department, including recruitment for a new director, pool operations, and the opening of the Middle School sport courts for pickleball. She discussed wildfire prevention efforts, announced a league of Women Voters event, the Appreciating Diversity Film Series, Police Department Events, and the Harvest Festival on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember Rood discussed East Bay Community Energy contracts for generation and energy storage.

Councilmember Andersen announced that the Planning Department was fully staffed and exciting news would be coming in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.