

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 16, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held December 16, 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 December 12, 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, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Finance Director Michael Szczech, Planning Technician Steven Lizzarago, Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

CONSENT CALENDAR The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

**Sale of the City's
Bankruptcy Claim
Against PG&E**

Resolution No. 83-19
RESOLVED, that the City Council approves an agreement with SPCP Group for the sale of the City's bankruptcy claim against PG&E.
Moved by Rood, Seconded by Cavanaugh
Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood
Noes: None
Absent: None
(0045, 0088, 0595, 0715)

**Council Meeting
Minutes for 11/18/19**

Councilmember Andersen requested revisions to pages 2 and 3 of the draft Minutes.

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

Resolution No. 84-19
RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the Minutes of its November 18, 2019 meeting, as amended.
Moved by Andersen, Seconded by Cavanaugh
Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood
Noes: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC FORUM

Sunny Bostrom-Fleming invited residents to attend the Piedmont Community Church's alternative gift market on December 22.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Regulation of Single-
Use Food Ware**

City Administrator Sara Lillevand reported that the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA), also known as StopWaste.org, was considering the possibility of implementing regulations with regard to single-use food service ware. She indicated that ACWMA had requested that member jurisdictions provide feedback on whether they would prefer a countywide ordinance or implementation on a city by city basis. She also indicated that Councilmember Rood, the City's representative on the ACWMA board, had requested a Council discussion of the whether the City has a preference.

Planning Technician Steven Lizzarago shared a presentation from ACWMA regarding the policy objectives of a single-use food service ware ordinance as well as potential elements of an ordinance. He compared the possible provisions of countywide ordinance and a model ordinance, which would be adopted by cities. He also gave details on ordinances adopted or under consideration by other jurisdictions in the Bay Area. Mr. Lizzarago indicated that the ACWMA board will consider the issue at its meeting in January based on feedback from cities.

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

The Council discussed the impacts that a single-use food service ware ordinance would have on Piedmont, given the fact that there is only one traditional food service establishment within the city limits. The Council also discussed the application of these regulations, should they be enacted, to events held in the City and functions held at city owned rental facilities.

The Council indicated its support for a countywide approach to this issue, and would consider providing funding to help with implementation and enforcement of an ordinances, if it is enacted. The Council also indicated its support for the proposed ordinance elements.
(0459, 0700-0702)

**Information Technology
Support Services
Agreement with
Computer Courage**

Ms. Lillevand indicated that Computer Courage has provided Information Technology support services to the City since January of 2017. She provided details on the proposed contract amendment and its terms.

Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch indicated the contract extension will be for one additional year and the charges will remain at the current rate. He advised that the City with Computer Courage has accomplished a number of initiatives in the Information Technology Strategic Plan.

Adam Schwartz, Computer Courage, advised that the focus for the previous year has been security and productivity. He reviewed projects undertaken in 2019 as well as upcoming projects. Mr. Schwartz indicated the achievements of 2019 were accomplished for less than the budgeted amount.

Tom Jakobsen, ClientFirst Consulting Group, reviewed the 2020 schedule for improvements to land management, financial, and public safety scheduling software.

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

The Council appreciated the many improvements, particularly security upgrades and training. The Council noted the improvements will benefit City staff and are a worthwhile investment of City funds.

Resolution No. 85-19

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the second amendment to the agreement with Computer Courage for IT Support Services in the amount of \$270,826.

Moved by King, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

Absent: None
(0045, 0385)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Andersen announced that the Planning Commission had changed its meeting time from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Councilmember Rood suggested that the Council discuss a proposal to restructure Pacific Gas and Electric Company into a public owned utility and consider a resolution in support of the proposal.

Vice Mayor King announced the Recreation Department Winter Spring registration is open and that there is space available in winter break programming. She encouraged individuals interested in learning the locations of homeless shelters to contact Supervisor Keith Carson or the Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Cavanaugh announced the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, jointly sponsored by the City of Piedmont and Piedmont Appreciating Diversity will be January 20. She indicated the next Appreciating Diversity film series will open in January.

Mayor McBain thanked the community, the Piedmont Beautification Foundation, and staff for a wonderful Holiday Tree Lighting event. He announced the completion of the Oakland Avenue bridge railing project. He thanked staff for its work in hosting the Alameda County Mayors' Conference dinner. He expressed thanks for the work and cooperation of City staff and Councilmembers during 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.