

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 6, 2020

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held January 6, 2020, 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 2, 2020.

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 Councilmember Jennifer Cavanaugh

Absent: Councilmembers Betsy Smegal Andersen (excused) and Tim Rood (excused)

Staff: City Administrator Sara Lillevand, Assistant City Attorney Sergio Rudin, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Parks & Project Manager Nancy Kent, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, 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 12/02/2019

2020 Council Liaison Assignments Approval of Council Liaison Assignments for the Period 01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020 (0085)

Resolution No. 01-20
RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the consent calendar.
Moved by King, Seconded by Cavanaugh
Ayes: Cavanaugh, King, McBain
Noes: None
Absent: Andersen, Rood

PUBLIC FORUM Lester Ellis requested the Council install bike racks throughout the City.

Rick Schiller requested the Council consider improving the intersection of Grand and Fairview Avenues with bulb-outs and a bioswale rather than the planned bollards and striping.

Sunny Bostrom Fleming recommended following the example of Mr. Rogers in our every day lives.

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

Recreation Commission Recommendation for Pickleball City Administrator Sara Lillevand reviewed the history of pickleball in Piedmont and the Recreation Commission's prior recommendation for a trial pickleball program.

Recreation Director Chelle Putzer indicated that the number of pickleball players continues to grow and the courts are used extensively during the allotted hours. She advised that the Recreation Commission's Subcommittee on Tennis

Court Use and Pickleball reviewed the eight-month trial program, hosted a community meeting, received written and verbal public comment, and provided a recommendation to the Recreation Commission.

Recreation Commission Chair Steve Roland indicated that pickleball provides both social and physical activity for seniors, and that the Recreation Commission seeks programming for the senior community. He advised that the Recreation Commission had adopted the Subcommittee's recommendation to make the trial pickleball program permanent and to increase the usage of courts at Piedmont Middle School and to provide professional instruction and specific programming for pickleball.

Public Testimony was received from:

Tom Reicher indicated support for making the trial program permanent and asked the Council to add additional playing time for pickleball at the City courts and the Middle School courts.

Jane Lande indicated her support for permanent pickleball courts in Piedmont.

Lester Ellis indicated that the pickleball hours are at their capacity and requested the Council consider adding additional hours.

Rick Schiller thanked Recreation Department staff, especially Steven Chavarria, for meeting and working with the pickleball community. He concurred with the request for increased pickleball hours, and indicated his support for the Recreation Commission's recommendation.

The Council appreciated the high participation in pickleball, supported increasing usage of the Middle School courts, and acknowledged the need for additional facilities for all sports. Councilmembers thanked the Recreation Commission for its extensive community engagement and excellent report.

Resolution No. 02-20

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Recreation Director to designate hours and regulations for pickleball play on City tennis courts consistent with the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and its Subcommittee on Tennis Court Use and Pickleball.

Moved by King, Seconded by Cavanaugh

Ayes: Cavanaugh, King, McBain

Noes: None

Absent: Andersen, Rood

(0745-0625, 0745-0627, 0860-0370)

**Agreement for Clean
Water Consulting
Services**

City Administrator Sara Lillevand reported that the City is required to comply with the requirements of the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program (ACCWP) and the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP). She indicated that previously, the City had a contract with an outside consultant to assist with this compliance, which expired in December of 2019. She advised that staff solicited proposals from other firms and recommends Kimley Horn to provide support for the City's continued compliance and program development.

Public Works Director Chester Nakahara indicated the contract's scope of work is driven by regulatory requirements and is similar to the scope of work in previous NCE contracts. He reviewed the services Kimley Horn will provide,

such as developing programs, preparing the annual report, providing general advice on clean water issues, and interpreting technical requirements.

Marcy Kamerath of Kimley Horn advised that her firm will provide guidance and recommendations on the implementation of the City's Green Infrastructure Plan. She added that if the Council wishes, projects from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan could be included in the list of green infrastructure projects.

Public Testimony was received from:

Rick Schiller and Michael Henn noted the City's Green Infrastructure Plan does not include any of the high priority projects listed in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and suggested the Council direct the consultant to integrate green infrastructure and pedestrian and bicycle projects into a future priority list.

Garrett Keating remarked that many of the proposed green infrastructure projects will inefficiently or will not capture street runoff or could utilize more water than they treat. He indicated his support for considering bicycle and pedestrian projects for inclusion in the green infrastructure plan.

The Council thanked the speakers for their comments and expertise of the community. Councilmembers agreed with utilizing an integrated approach to achieve multiple goals and funding efficiencies.

Resolution No. 03-20

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves an agreement with Kimley Horn to provide professional services related to compliance requirements of the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program (ACCWP) and the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) for a fee not to exceed \$83,868.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by King

Ayes: Cavanaugh, King, McBain

Noes: None

Absent: Andersen, Rood
(0045)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor King announced the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, jointly sponsored by the City and the Piedmont Appreciating Diversity Committee, is scheduled for noon on January 20th at Veterans Hall and that all are invited to attend.

Councilmember Cavanaugh announced the Appreciating Diversity Film Series will continue on January 16th and 19th. She requested a future Council discussion of bike racks and bikeshare programs and an update regarding housing.

Mayor McBain announced the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. King holiday on January 20.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.