

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 5, 2020

Special and Regular Sessions of the Piedmont City Council was held October 5, 2020, via teleconference, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the Alameda County Health Official's Order #20-14. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957(b), the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on October 1, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Bob McBain called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Deepa Sharma, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Senior Engineer John Wanger, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, 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 09/08/2020 and 09/21/2020

2nd Reading of Ord. 757 N.S. – Street Vending & Solicitors 2nd Reading of Ord. 757 N.S. – Implementing a Comprehensive Sidewalk Vending Program in Compliance with Senate Bill 946 and Amending Solicitor Regulations (0705)

Resolution No. 78-2020

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the consent calendar.

Moved by King, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain, Rood

Noes: None

Absent: None

Councilmember Andersen abstained from the vote on the September 21, 2020 minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no **Public Testimony**.

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

Public Safety Camera Program Procurement Update City Administrator Sara Lillevand reviewed the Council's direction to staff on February 3, 2020 regarding the Public Safety Camera Program and indicated the item before the Council is an informational update regarding connectivity options, data storage, hardware capabilities, and a cost estimate.

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers advised that staff has worked with ClientFirst Consulting Group to define system capabilities and the scope of the project. He noted the pilot program has demonstrated the effectiveness of public safety cameras. He committed to respecting residents' privacy and to providing transparency for the public.

Tom Jakobsen, ClientFirst Consulting Group, utilized a presentation to discuss connectivity options of 5G wireless, leased service, City-owned fiber, and a

hybrid solution; the methodology for estimating costs; the pros and cons of the options; maps of camera locations in relation to options; estimated total cost for each option; cameras and accessories; camera angles of view; data storage; and a five-year budget.

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

Councilmember Cavanaugh expressed concern about funding the annual maintenance of the program.
(0785-0370)

**Traffic & Safety
Projects Overview**

City Administrator Lillevand reported traffic and safety projects will evolve in parallel to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan update and guide the Council and new Public Works Director in prioritizing the use of limited resources for projects.

Public Works Director Chester Nakahara related that details of specific projects will be provided to the Council when projects are presented for review. He advised that traffic and safety issues arise from streets not designed for automobiles, residents commuting to work in surrounding cities, and an increase in traffic due to growth in population, business activities, drivers and cars per household, delivery services, and shared ride applications.

Mr. Nakahara discussed staff's current approach to addressing traffic and safety issues and noted projects are categorized as infrastructure projects, capital projects, or Traffic Safety Team projects. He indicated the Traffic Safety Team meets monthly to discuss requests and inquiries from residents and needs identified by staff and categorizes the requests and needs as needing Police Department enforcement, Public Works mitigation measures, or capital projects.

Mr. Nakahara referred the Council to Exhibit A to the staff report, a list of projects currently under consideration. He reported the projects have been sorted by next steps and discussed the meaning of next steps.

Mr. Nakahara noted the pandemic has disrupted pedestrian and vehicle traffic patterns and alleviated parking congestion in some areas. He indicated traffic studies conducted under the current circumstances would not be accurate; consequently, staff's ability to work on projects has been delayed.

Public Testimony was received from:

Casey Bivens appreciated the Council's discussion of the Greenbank Avenue project and preferred the installation of bollards and striping.

Councilmembers did not believe the number of public complaints or the length of time on the list is a good way to prioritize projects; indicated Exhibit A will help the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee structure its discussions; requested regular updates; and expressed interest in phasing projects and an online platform for residents to report problems and track progress.
(1060)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor King announced the County has deemed trick or treating and traditional Halloween events as high-risk activities. She requested an agenda item regarding street sweeping alerts for the community.

Councilmember Rood announced an opening on the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board for a person with experience in recycling programs.

Councilmember Cavanaugh requested an update regarding leaf blowers. She announced the League of Women Voters has scheduled a candidate forum for October 8th and a ballot measure forum for October 14th, and the Piedmont Racial Equity Campaign has scheduled a program entitled Coloring Outside the Red Lines on October 21st.

Councilmember Andersen announced the Recreation Department is offering a virtual leadership class for fifth grade boys beginning October 19th, and tennis court reservations, program and class registrations, and facility rentals may be made online through the Recreation Department's new software beginning in November. She encouraged residents to vote and provided information regarding voter registration and returning ballots.

Mayor McBain announced the Alameda County Transportation Commission has transferred funding from the project to connect BART to Livermore to a new rail system that will travel to Tracy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.