

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 2, 2020

Special and Regular Sessions of the Piedmont City Council were held November 2, 2020, via teleconference, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the Alameda County Health Official's Order #20-04. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957(b), the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on October 29, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Bob McBain called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Bob McBain, Vice Mayor Teddy Gray King, and Councilmembers Jennifer Cavanaugh, Betsy Smegal Andersen, and Tim Rood

Staff: City Administrator Sara Lillevand, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Fire Chief Bret Black, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Finance Director Michael Szczech, Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Martinez, Firefighter/Paramedic Chadwick Walker, and Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

CONSENT CALENDAR The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

Council Meeting Minutes Approval of Meeting Minutes for 10/19/2020

Supplemental Agreement for the 2021 Pavement Project Consideration of a Supplemental Agreement with Coastland Engineers for the 2021 Pavement Project in the Amount of \$122,570 (0045)

Purchase of a New Flusher/Jetter Truck Consideration of the Purchase of a New Flusher/Jetter Truck through Owens Equipment and Sourcewell in the amount of \$335,900 (0045)

Resolution No. 82-2020

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves Items 1, 3, and 4 of the consent calendar.

Moved by King, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King, McBain

Noes: None

Absent: None

Councilmember Rood abstained from the vote on Item 1.

Acceptance of Improvements for the Main Park Tennis Courts Vice Mayor King appreciated the improvements because tennis was her only activity with family and friends under public health orders. She also noted the project was completed for less than the budgeted amount.

Resolution No. 83-2020

WHEREAS, at the August 5, 2020 City Council meeting, the City Council approved an overall budget for the Main Park Tennis Court Renovation Project (Project) and authorized the award of the construction project to Vintage Contractors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been inspected and determined to have been

completed in accordance with the contract requirements; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, staff recommends acceptance of the Project on behalf of the City.

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

1. The City hereby accepts the improvements associated with the Main Park Tennis Court Renovation Project.
2. Authorizes the Public Works Director to release the Performance and Labor & Material surety posted with this project; and to hold the Maintenance Bond for a period of one year from the date of this resolution, at which time the Public Works Director is authorized to release said bond if the improvements remain in good condition and there is no issues to be resolved.
3. Authorizes and directs the Public Works Director to file a Notice of Completion concerning the Project with the Alameda County Clerk's Office within ten (10) days of the date of this Resolution

Moved by King, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Andersen, Cavenaugh, Rood, King, McBain

Noes: None

Absent: None

(0045)

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no **Public Testimony**.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Introduction of New Employees

Fire Chief Bret Black introduced new Firefighter/Paramedics Daniel Martinez and Chadwick Walker.

Councilmembers welcomed Mr. Martinez and Mr. Walker to the City of Piedmont.

Toys for Tots Kickoff

Fire Chief Black encouraged residents to donate toys to the Fire Department's annual Toys for Tots collection. He indicated that community members may donate new, unwrapped toys to Toys for Tots at Piedmont City Hall on or before December 15th. He announced that this year's toy collection would be contactless, with a bin located outside the front door of City Hall. He also encouraged residents to donate funds online to support the program.

Councilmembers thanked Chief Black for his service to the City, acknowledged his many positive changes in the Fire Department, and wished him well in his new employment.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

Acceptance of 2020-21 COPS Grant and Approval of Spending Plan

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers discussed the history and requirements of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grants, the grant not impacting City resources, future adjustments to the spending plan, and the grant not covering future costs associated with items purchased with grant funds. He noted the \$100,000 grant will be added to the \$505,000 balance of COPS grants from previous years. Chief Bowers advised that grant funds will be used for Police safety gear and field supplies, technology and software, crime prevention and community engagement, staff supplement, Police

Department facility updates, and National Incident Based-Reporting System (NIBRS) transition.

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

Resolution No. 84-2020

RESOLVED, that the City Council accepts the 2020/21 California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant in the amount of \$100,000 as allocated in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) for the Piedmont Police Department and approves the spending plan to purchase items supporting frontline law enforcement services.

Moved by King, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King, McBain

Noes: None

Absent: None

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**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor King requested a future agenda item regarding the condition of eucalyptus trees in the City.

Councilmember Cavanaugh encouraged residents to participate in the Piedmont Climate Challenge and to vote in the general election on the following day. She appreciated the Police, Fire and Recreation Departments' responses to the many COVID-19 challenges, social unrest, and wildfires.

Councilmember Andersen announced Fire Department Engine 2841 has returned from fighting wildfires in Orange County, 230 children participated in the Recreation Department's Halloween Treasure Hunt, 680 tennis reservations have been made online in the last two weeks, ACTIVE Net participants need to retrieve their data from ACTIVE Net before November 8th, and the League of Women Voters will present California's New Normal: Drought or Deluge on December 6th.

Mayor McBain commended staff's ability to address day-to-day tasks while adapting and responding to COVID-19 challenges.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION At 6:48 p.m., Mayor McBain adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sec. 54957 to discuss Public Employee Appointment

ADJOURNMENT At 7:15 p.m., the Council reconvened in open session. Mayor McBain announced that there was no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session and adjourned the meeting.