

## PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 7, 2020

A Special Session of the Piedmont City Council was held December 7, 2020, via teleconference, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the Alameda County Health Official's Shelter in Place Order. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957(b), the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on December 3, 2020.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob McBain called the meeting to order at 5:01 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, Tim Rood (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), and Conna McCarthy

Staff: City Administrator Sara Lillevand, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Interim Fire Chief Micheal Despain, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Public Works Director Chester Nakahara, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Finance Director Michael Szczech, and Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the public forum.

### REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

#### Comments by Outgoing Mayor

Mayor McBain congratulated Councilmember Cavanaugh on her reelection and Conna McCarthy on her election and thanked the electorate for approving Measure UU. He appreciated the opportunity to serve the community for 16 years and the support of his family, City staff, Councilmembers, and volunteer commissions. He highlighted accomplishments of strong City finances, a plan to improve facilities, hiring quality personnel, and investing in public safety.

#### Public Testimony was received from:

Jamie Totsubo, Mark Menke, Patty Siskind, Sarah Pearson, Dean Barbieri, Paul Benoit, Andrea Swenson, Eric Havian, and Sue Smegal thanked Mayor McBain for his time and service to the community and noted his intelligence, humor, leadership, sense of calm, accomplishments, wisdom, common sense, and respect for others.

Liz McBain stated watching her father serve on the Council has been an experience of a lifetime, and he is an incredible role model.

Councilmembers and City Administrator Sara Lillevand expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to work with Mayor McBain, commending his humor, dedication, leadership, willingness to do what is right, optimism, dignity, and ability to build consensus and to listen.

Councilmember Rood departed the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

#### Election Result Certification

Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch indicated that the Alameda County Registrar of Voters has certified the results of the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election. He indicated that the Council must certify the results.

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

**Resolution No. 89-2020**

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters has provided the official canvass of the regular municipal election held November 3, 2020, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council now finds and declares that the whole number of ballots cast and numbers of votes received are as set forth in the attached canvass, that Jennifer Cavanaugh and Conna McCarthy have been elected to the Piedmont City Council and that Cory Smegal, Veronica Anderson Thigpen, and Hilary Cooper have been elected to the Board of Education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council now finds and declares that the whole number of ballots cast and numbers of votes received are as set forth in the attached canvass and that Measure TT has not received the required number of votes and has not been adopted by the voters of Piedmont, and Bond Measure UU has received the required number of votes and has been adopted by the voters of Piedmont.

Moved by King, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McBain

Noes: None

Absent: Rood

**Swearing In**

In accordance with the results of the November 3, 2020 municipal election, Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch administered the oath of office to newly elected City Council members Jennifer Cavanaugh and Conna McCarthy.

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

**Election of Mayor**

Vice Mayor King requested nominations for the Mayor of the City of Piedmont.

**Public Testimony** was received from:

Garrett Keating, Rick Schiller, Colleen Gallagher, and Susan Miller-Davis supported the nomination of Vice Mayor King because of the continuity of leadership and her experience and love of the community. Speakers also commented on the selection process for Mayor and Vice Mayor.

**Resolution No. 90-2020**

RESOLVED, that the City Council elects Teddy Gray King to serve as Mayor of the City of Piedmont.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by McCarthy

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, King, McCarthy

Noes: None

Absent: Rood

**Election of Vice Mayor**

Mayor King requested nominations for the Vice Mayor of the City of Piedmont and received nominations of Councilmembers Cavanaugh and Rood.

Councilmembers discussed postponing the election of Vice Mayor so that Councilmember Rood could be present, questioned electing Mayor in

Councilmember Rood's absence, and did not reach consensus.

**Public Testimony** was received from:

Rick Schiller suggested the Council vote in the current meeting as a quorum is present and staff publish the procedure for elevating Councilmembers to Vice Mayor and Mayor.

Councilmembers discussed the merits of both councilmembers who were nominated. They discussed at length the tradition for selecting councilmembers to leadership roles, whether that tradition should be formalized, and the possibility of not following the tradition.

**Resolution No. 91-2020**

RESOLVED, that the City Council elects Jennifer Cavanaugh to serve as Vice Mayor of the City of Piedmont.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by Cavanaugh

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh

Noes: King, McCarthy

Absent: Rood

**MOTION FAILED**

**Resolution No. 92-2020**

RESOLVED, that the City Council elects Tim Rood to serve as Vice Mayor of the City of Piedmont.

Moved by King, Seconded by McCarthy

Ayes: King, McCarthy

Noes: Andersen, Cavanaugh

Absent: Rood

**MOTION FAILED**

**Resolution No. 93-2020**

RESOLVED, that the City Council elects Tim Rood to serve as Vice Mayor of the City of Piedmont until December 6, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council elects Jennifer Cavanaugh to serve as Vice Mayor of the City of Piedmont commencing on December 7, 2021.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by King

Ayes: Andersen, King, McCarthy

Noes: Cavanaugh

Absent: Rood

**Comments by New Council**

Councilmember Cavanaugh noted community members working to address social injustices, global warming, COVID-19, and housing, and related that the Council with staff's support is positioned to be a positive change agent for the future of Piedmont. Councilmember McCarthy thanked her family, campaign team and supporters, City staff, and the voters of Piedmont.

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

Vice Mayor Rood rejoined the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**Comments by New Mayor**

Mayor King thanked Councilmembers and her family for their support and looked forward to working with the community and City staff. She shared her

priorities of fiscal management, climate action goals, the City pool, facilities maintenance, and housing. She committed to working hard and collaboratively to achieve goals and to make progress.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.