

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 15, 2021

Special and Regular Sessions of the Piedmont City Council were held March 15, 2021, 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 March 11, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Teddy Gray King called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Teddy Gray King, Vice Mayor Tim Rood and Councilmembers Jennifer Cavanaugh, Betsy Smegal Andersen, and Conna McCarthy

Staff: City Administrator Sara Lillevand, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Interim Fire Chief Micheal Despain, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzalez, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Human Resources Administrator Stacy Jennings, and Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes for 03/01/2021

Stand-By Pay for Maintenance Worker Position in SEIU

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Stand-By Pay for the Maintenance Worker Position in the Service Employees International Union, Local 1021, Public Works Unit (0045, 0750)

Resolution No. 15-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves consent calendar items 1 and 3. Moved by Rood, Seconded by Andersen
Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King
Noes: None
Absent: None

Renewal of Support & Maintenance Agreement

Councilmember Cavanaugh indicated that she removed the item from the consent calendar in order to inquire about the implications of the Fire Department obtaining a different dispatch software within the three-year period of the proposed contract renewal.

Police Chief Bowers reported that the Fire Department would continue to utilize the existing dispatch software regardless of any software it purchases in the pertinent timeframe.

Resolution No. 16-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the renewal of an Amended Support and Maintenance Agreement with New World Public Safety/Tyler Technologies to be paid annually for the three-year period beginning April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2024.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Andersen
Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King
Noes: None
Absent: None
(0045)

CEREMONIAL ITEM

Mayor King presented a proclamation making March 2021 Red Cross Month.

Shari Aylesworth of the American Red Cross shared the many services that the Red Cross offers and thanked staff for volunteering with the Red Cross and the Council for the proclamation.

Councilmembers appreciated the service of the American Red Cross to the community.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no **Public Testimony**.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Community Pool
Advisory Committee**

City Administrator Sara Lillevand noted an important component of building a new Community Pool will be community engagement. She advised that the Community Pool Advisory Committee will provide advice, support, recommendations, communications, input, and assistance to the Council, staff, project team, and community, but will not manage or direct project activities. Ms. Lillevand related that the Committee will engage and educate the community and provide opportunities for public input by holding public meetings.

Ms. Lillevand reported staff proposes the Committee consist of five or seven community members and meet at least quarterly until the Community Pool project is complete. She indicated that the recruitment process would be similar to the one utilized for standing committees and commissions and would follow the ongoing recruitment process. She noted the Committee would begin work following the engagement of a project manager and prior to the selection of a design team.

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

Councilmembers discussed the proposal and acknowledged the community's support for a new Community Pool.

Resolution No. 17-2021

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City launched a study to analyze possibilities for a new pool facility that would meet community aquatic needs; and

WHEREAS, that work, involving robust community involvement, culminated with adoption of the Aquatics Master Plan Conceptual Design in November 2016; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Measure UU, in November 2020, the City is moving forward with refinement of the conceptual design and construction of a complete replacement of the Piedmont Community Pool; and

WHEREAS, public participation and outreach will be essential to the success of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont does hereby resolve, declare, determine, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. The Community Pool Advisory Committee is hereby established as a temporary advisory committee of the City of Piedmont.

SECTION 2. The efforts of the Community Pool Advisory Committee will be to offer advice throughout the design process and to serve as a conduit for the community's voice in the design refinement and construction of the Piedmont Community Pool, specifically by:

- 1) Assisting the project team to ensure the project meets community expectations.
- 2) Communicating project progress to the community.
- 3) Making recommendations to staff and the Council on how to balance any conflicting priorities against budget resources and community expectations.

SECTION 3. The Community Pool Advisory Committee shall consist of five or seven residents at large, including one current or former member of the Recreation Commission.

SECTION 4. The City Council shall appoint one member to serve as Committee Chair.

SECTION 5. The Community Pool Advisory Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis or as needed.

SECTION 6. The term of the Community Pool Advisory Committee shall extend from the date of establishment to completion of construction of the Community Pool project.

SECTION 7. The Community Pool Advisory Committee shall comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §§54950, et seq.) including, but not limited to notice, agenda posting, and public participation requirements.

SECTION 8. The Community Pool Advisory Committee is an advisory body to the City Council and is not an independent decision-making body. All of its recommendations are subject to approval of the City Council.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by Cavanaugh
Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King
Noes: None
Absent: None
(0320)

**Updates on the
Impacts of the
COVID-19
Emergency**

Ms. Lillevand noted the one-year anniversary of public health orders issued in response to COVID-19, administration of vaccines, reopening of schools and businesses, and passage of the American Rescue Plan Act, which will provide direct aid to small and mid-sized cities. She encouraged everyone to remember those who are ill with and have died from COVID-19.

Interim Fire Chief Micheal Despain added that the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decrease, and Alameda County has begun the three-week window for possibly moving into the orange tier. He advised that approximately 30% of Alameda County residents over the age of 16 have received their first vaccination, outdoor sporting events may resume on April 1st, and the change in quarantine protocols will reduce staff absenteeism.

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

Councilmembers appreciated staff's and Piedmont Unified School District's responses to changes in public health orders over the past year.
(0440)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor Rood encouraged residents to participate in the Community Fair Housing Survey at <https://piedmontishome.org>

Councilmember Cavanaugh announced the opening of registration for several Recreation Department programs, including the Spring Scavenger Hunt, Spring Session II, and summer programs. She noted that the Recreation Department is hiring for afterschool and summer camp leaders. She noted several community events from the Piedmont Arts Fund, the Piedmont Scouts, and the Piedmont Racial Equity Campaign. She requested future agenda items regarding a joint anti-racism training with the PUSD Board of Education and an update of potential housing legislation and area Legislators' priorities.

Councilmember Andersen announced upcoming events, including the nomination period for heritage trees, a Public Safety Committee meeting, the annual Arbor Day celebration, and the League of Women Voters essay contest. She announced that due to COVID-19 restrictions easing, doubles tennis and pickleball are now allowed. She noted the success of the recent the Linda Beach Master Plan community meeting,

Councilmember McCarthy indicated that the Planning Commission's Design Awards were presented on March 8th as well as the Commission's consideration of a wireless communications facility application at the City's corporation yard.

Mayor King urged residents to apply for open positions on committees and commissions by the March 17th deadline. She noted that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference passed a resolution condemning the rise in anti-Asian violence and requested that staff provide an update on the topic.

**ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor King adjourned the open session of the meeting in memory of the over 500,000 deaths from COVID-19 in the past year. The Council then adjourned to a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54956.8 for a Conference with Real Property Negotiators regarding 223 Linda Avenue; Negotiating Parties: City and Linda Paramount Properties LLC; Negotiators: City Admin. & Attorney; Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment. There was no reportable action.