

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 17, 2021

Special and Regular Sessions of the Piedmont City Council were held May 17, 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 May 13, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Teddy Gray King called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: City Administrator Sara Lillevand, Assistant City Attorney Deepa Sharma, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Recreation Supervisor Erin Rivera, Sustainability Manager Alyssa Dykman, and Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk John Tulloch

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes for 04/19/2021, 04/29/2021, 05/03/2021, and 05/10/2021

2nd Reading of Ord. 760 N.S. – Property Lease with Gulf South Towers at 898 Red Rock Road

2nd Reading of Ord. 760 N.S. – Property Lease with Gulf South Towers at 898 Red Rock Road (0705, 0045)

Resolution No. 33-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2.
Moved by Rood, Seconded by Andersen
Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavenaugh, Rood, King
Noes: None
Absent: None

Agreement for Audit Services

At the Council's request, Rose Radford, R3 Consulting Group Project Manager, reported some performance measures will be audited over the period of the existing contract, while other measures will be audited in more detail over 12 and 24-month periods. She noted the City has had remarkably good diversion performance for solid waste. She related that the audit would include review of Republic Services' education and outreach materials for the public.

Sustainability Manager Alyssa Dykman, indicated that waste is shipped to various locations for processing based on the type of material. She noted that volatility in the recycling market is expected to continue for some time.

City Administrator Sara Lillevand clarified that the audit will evaluate Republic's educational materials rather than the City's educational efforts.

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

Mayor King suggested education efforts focus on the difficulties of processing recyclable materials and encouraging the public to reuse more items.

Resolution No. 34-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves Consent Calendar Item 3.

Moved by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King

Noes: None

Absent: None

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PUBLIC FORUM

There was no **Public Testimony**.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

It was announced that Recreation Supervisor Erin Rivera would be retiring after 27 years of service to Piedmonters. City Administrator Sara Lillevand, who formerly served as Recreation Director, indicated that Ms. Rivera has been integral to the evolution of Recreation Department programs for her entire tenure with the City. She noted Ms. Rivera's attentiveness to preschoolers, middle schoolers, and parents. Ms. Lillevand noted that both as a parent, and as a coworker, she appreciated Ms. Rivera's support. She stated Ms. Rivera has made things great for kids and enriched countless lives.

Recreation Director Chelle Putzer shared her good fortune in having Ms. Rivera on staff during the pandemic. She congratulated Ms. Rivera on her retirement.

Public Testimony was received from:

Cora Wood, Michael Carter, Kia Moor Conn, Allie Dean, Fallon Spencer, Nancy Rodriguez, Jeff & Courtney Dorman, Sarah Normart, Fernando Rivera, Heather Haggarty, Susan Terrill, Tammell Gilkerson, Emilia Rivera, and Jen Colton appreciated working with Ms. Rivera, her dedication and leadership, and the many excellent programs and events she led at the Recreation Department.

Recreation Supervisor Erin Rivera related fond memories of working with staff, children, and parents. She appreciated her coworkers' support and collaboration and the trust parents have placed in her. She expressed her gratitude for family, friends, City staff, and the opportunity to create experiences and traditions for kids.

The Council expressed its gratitude for Ms. Rivera's many years of service to the Piedmont community, the programs and events she developed, and her creativity, tireless work ethic, and welcoming manner.

On behalf of the City, Ms. Lillevand presented Ms. Rivera with a replica of the Exedra vase.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**1st Quarter 2021
Police Department
Quarterly Report**

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers recognized Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15th, National Police Week May 10th-16th, and two police officers killed in the line of duty during the previous week.

Chief Bowers presented the 1st Quarter 2021 Police Department Report. He provided the Council with statistics and information on Police Department activities in early 2021. He discussed the department's community outreach

efforts, on several topics, including sexual assault. He provided updates on the status of the public safety camera program, maps of crimes, collision reports and locations, and the Strategic Plan.

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

Councilmembers thanked Chief Bowers for an informative report and a comprehensive approach to anti-racism training and requested future reports include data for the Community Assessment and Transport (CAT) team.
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**Distribution of
Proposed FY 2021-22
City of Piedmont
Budget**

Ms. Lillevand announced the proposed fiscal year 2021-22 budget is complete and will be available on the City website by 9 a.m. on May 18th. She indicated that the annual budget workshop is scheduled for May 22nd, a public hearing for June 7th, and budget adoption for June 21st. She related that community members should direct questions regarding the contents of the budget to Finance Director Szczech via email. Ms. Lillevand noted the public may provide comments via email to citycouncil@piedmont.ca.gov and orally during the three budget discussions.

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

Mayor King encouraged the public to participate and comment on the budget.

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Cavanaugh announced several recreation related items. She also announced Piedmont High School's performances of *Mama Mia*, and the School District's Town Hall regarding consent on May 27th. She noted the community's leadership in obtaining COVID-19 vaccinations and community efforts to combat racism against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Councilmember Andersen encouraged community members to visit the League of Women Voters' website to learn about their speakers and upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.