

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, August 2, 2021

Special and Regular Sessions of the Piedmont City Council were held August 2, 2021, via teleconference, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957(b), the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on July 29, 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: Special Assistant Paul Benoit, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Fire Chief David Brannigan, Sustainability Program Manager Alyssa Dykman, and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Argue

CONSENT CALENDAR The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

**2020 California
Health & Safety Code
Inspections**

Approval of a Resolution Accepting the 2020 California Health and Safety Code Mandated Inspections Report (0480-0370)

Resolution No. 53-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the Consent Calendar.

Motion by: McCarthy, Seconded by: Rood

Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

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

**Designation of Four
City Employee
Parking Spaces as
Compact**

Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales reported on-street parking around the Piedmont Civic Center is highly congested; numerous City employees drive compact cars; and three standard spaces for on-street parallel parking can be converted to four compact spaces with minor changes to striping and signage. He indicated staff is preparing to conduct a parking study, which may disclose areas where conversions can provide additional parking.

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

Councilmembers appreciated staff's efforts to improve parking availability and suggested staff review Piedmont Unified School District teacher and staff parking for additional conversions.

Resolution No. 54-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the modification of three existing employee parking spaces to be restriped as four compact employee parking spaces in front of 342 Vista Avenue.

Motion by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King

Noes: None

Absent: None
(0735)

**Agreement for
Environmental
Review of the 6th
Cycle Housing
Element**

Special Assistant Paul Benoit reported staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for firms to complete the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for the 6th Cycle Housing Element. He indicated an ad hoc review panel selected Rincon Consultants as the most qualified proposer, and staff recommends approval of an agreement with the firm.

Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson related the not-to-exceed amount of \$252,619, analysis of the maximum buildout of the updated Housing Element, timeline for analysis, benefits and increased cost of a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and reasons for the selection of Rincon Consultants.

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

Councilmembers discussed the environmental analysis and Housing Element Update traveling parallel paths and the benefits of a programmatic EIR.

Resolution No. 55-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the consulting services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$252,619 between the City of Piedmont and Rincon Consultants, Inc. for services related to the environmental review of an update of the Housing Element of the Piedmont General Plan.

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Rood

Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King

Noes: None

Absent: None
(0045, 0775)

**Agreements for
Implementation of
Public Safety
Cameras**

Mr. Benoit noted that Chief Bowers and his staff have identified the most appropriate equipment and the most capable vendors to transition the Public Safety Camera Pilot Program to a permanent program.

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers shared staff's and the community's thorough review of the Public Safety Camera Pilot Program, requirements for equipment, the RFP process, selection of equipment and vendors, camera locations, terms of the three agreements, and funding sources.

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

Councilmembers ensured that new equipment will integrate with Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) equipment, privacy and racial equity concerns have been addressed, and annual costs are sustainable. Councilmembers also appreciated technology's ability to improve the community's safety.

Resolution No. 56-2021

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves agreements with Applied Video Solutions, Inc. and Comcast Business Communications, LLC to implement the Public Safety Camera Program.

Moved by Rood, Seconded by McCarthy

Ayes: McCarthy, Andersen, Cavanaugh, Rood, King

Noes: None

Absent: None

(0045)

SB 1383 Compliance Efforts

Mr. Benoit indicated that the state legislature passed SB 1383 in 2016 and that its regulations are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2022. He reviewed the legislations's mandate and its impacts on California cities.

Mr. Gonzales introduced Sustainability Program Manager Alyssa Dykman, Rose Bradford of R3 Consulting Group, and Rachel Balsley and Kelly Schoonmaker of StopWaste.

Sustainability Program Manager Alyssa Dykman discussed landfilled organic waste and methane gas, SB 1383 requirements, key implementation dates, organics collection, an edible food recovery program, community education and outreach, recyclable and recovered organic products, construction and landscaping requirements, recycling and edible food recovery capacity, compliance and enforcement, recordkeeping requirements, and CalRecycle oversight.

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

Councilmembers suggested partnerships with local organizations to distribute mulch to residents and to encourage PUSD's participation in programs and requirements and supported enforcement of sorting waste into the three bins and the City providing three bins on streets.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor King announced City Administrator Lillevand will be returning shortly and thanked Mr. Benoit for serving in her place.

Councilmember Cavanaugh announced the first day of school and the Schoolmates program on August 10th, an Alameda County redistricting training workshop on August 11th, and Piedmont Connect's search for gardens to tour in September.

Councilmember Andersen announced National Night Out on August 3rd and the Park Commission meeting on August 4th, Fire Department personnel's safe return from deployment to the Dixie Fire, and online publication of the Police Department's Strategic Plan.

Councilmember McCarthy announced that a draft Piedmont Safer Streets Plan is available for public review at www.piedmontsaferstreets.org, and the comment deadline of August 23rd.

Fire Chief David Brannigan announced that a new mandate to wear masks in indoor public spaces takes effect at midnight.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of John and Jill St. John, who passed away recently.