

## PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 1, 2023

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held May 1, 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 120 Vista Avenue. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on April 27, 2023.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh, Vice Mayor Betsy Smegal Andersen and Councilmembers Jennifer Long, Conna McCarthy, and Tom Ramsey

Staff: City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Finance Director Michael Szczech, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk John Tulloch

**CEREMONIAL ITEMS** Mayor Cavanaugh presented and read a proclamation naming May 1, 2023 Highlander Robotics Team Day.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR** The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

**2021 Pavement  
Rehabilitation Project**

WHEREAS, at the April 4, 2022 City Council meeting, the City Council approved an overall budget for the 2021 Pavement Rehabilitation Project (Project) and authorized the award of the construction project to McGuire and Hester; 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 2021 Pavement Rehabilitation 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 are 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.

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**June 2023 Council  
Meeting Date Change**

Approval of changing the date of the second Council Meeting in June 2023 to Tuesday, June 20th in commemoration of Juneteenth  
(0795)

**City's Agreement with  
Griffin Structures**

Approval of a second amendment to the City's agreement with Griffin Structures for geotechnical testing and observation and special inspection services for the Piedmont Community Pool Project and approval of an amended overall budget for the contract.  
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There was no **Public Testimony** received.

**Resolution 30-2023**

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Long  
Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, McCarthy, Long, Ramsey  
Noes: None

**Meeting Minutes**

Approval of City Council Minutes for 03/20/2023, 03/24/2023, 04/03/2023, 04/04/2023

There was no **Public Testimony** received.

**Resolution 31-2023**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves meeting minutes for 03/20/2023, 03/24/2023, and 04/03/2023.  
Moved by Andersen, Seconded by McCarthy  
Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, McCarthy, Long, Ramsey  
Noes: None

The City Council directed the City Clerk to review the recording of the April 4, 2023 City Council meeting to determine whether the meeting minutes accurately reflect the Council's appointments to commissions and committees. Council also directed staff to determine whether there was any discussion of equalization in the length of appointments on the Recreation Commission.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**East Bay Regional  
Parks Presentation**

East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) Ward 2 Board Member Dee Rosario gave a presentation on the history and work of the East Bay Regional Park District. He detailed recently completed and ongoing projects and directed the community to the EBRPD web site for information on the parks.

**Public Testimony** was received from:

Kate Benson of Scout Troop 11 asked for more information on trail sharing at Briones Park.

**Amendments to  
Housing Element  
Contracts**

Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson asked for the Council to consider an amendment to the contracts with Lisa Wise Consulting (LWC) for an amount not to exceed \$142,320 to carry out the work to complete the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update and related General Plan amendments bringing the full contract amount to \$833,550 and Rincon Consultants for

an amount not to exceed \$177,136 to complete the environmental review of the Housing Element Update bringing the full contract amount to \$429,755. He noted that the additional work stems from the time it took the City to prepare a stable sites inventory and project description and additional tasks needed to prepare a certified and substantially compliant Housing Element with State law and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that readies Piedmont for compliance with the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element.

Mr. Jackson itemized the additional tasks noted in the agreement with LWC and Rincon Consultants and indicated that public meetings will take place for adopting the General Plan amendments. He noted the challenges and expenses related to the Housing Element and the experiences of other jurisdictions. City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon relayed the uniqueness and complexity of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update preparation.

David Bergman of LWC and Karly Kaufman of Rincon Consultants detailed the additional work covered in the proposed contract amendments and the genesis of that work.

Mr. Jackson explained the process to complete the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update, timeline, funding sources, General Fund projects, and optional tasks included.

**Public Testimony** was received from:

Kirsten Myers expressed concern for traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety on Moraga Avenue.

**Resolution No. 32-2023**

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves amendments to the City's agreements with Lisa Wise Consulting to update the City's Housing Element and related documents and with Rincon Consultants to complete the environmental review of the Housing Element Update and related documents.

Moved by Long, Seconded by Ramsey

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, McCarthy, Long, Ramsey

Noes: None

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**REPORTS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Long reviewed the Design Awards event.

Vice Mayor Andersen thanked the Piedmont Recreation Department and the community for making the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Play Like a Girl event a success. She also noted the amazing turn out at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Food Fest. She provided details on the upcoming League of Women Voters for Piedmont annual meeting and a mahjong event hosted by the Piedmont Asian American Club.

Councilmember McCarthy reported on the annual Arbor Day event.

Mayor Cavanaugh announced an upcoming survey for the Appreciating Diversity Film Series, the need for Teen Sidekicks, additional safety measures for the pool project, a program for parents to help their children thrive in a diverse world hosted by School District DEIB Director Dr. Vanden Wyngaard. an upcoming book reading hosted by the Piedmont Antiracism & Diversity

Committee, and an event this weekend at the Piedmont Center for the Arts featuring Oakland artist Marvin McMillian.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.