

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 17, 2023

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held April 17, 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 13, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and shared no reportable action from the Closed Session meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh, Vice Mayor Betsy Smegal Andersen and Councilmembers Jennifer Long and Tom Ramsey

Absent: Councilmember Conna McCarthy

Staff: City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Fire Chief David Brannigan, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Finance Director Michael Szczech, Communications Program Manager Echa Schneider, Sustainability Program Manager Alyssa Dykman, Police Sergeant George Tucker, Police Officer Jorge Faucher, Police Officer Thomas Krolczyk, City Engineer John Wanger, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk John Tulloch

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers provided a brief background for Police Officer Jorge Faucher, Police Officer Thomas Krolczyk, and Police Sergeant George Tucker before the Police Department Badge Pinning and remarks.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Testimony was received from:

Dimitri Magganas welcomed City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, noted housing costs, interests rates, and challenges related to lenders, and provided an update on the Peralta Community College District campus development.

Steven Jones, External Affairs Representative with AC Transit, encouraged participation in a service survey and announced new service anticipated by August 2023. He noted [ACtransit.org/realign](https://www.actransit.org/realign) for more information.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no **Public Testimony** received.

Military Equipment Report

Resolution 25-2023

RESOLVED, that the City Council receives the military equipment annual report for 2022, determines that the Police Department's use of military equipment complied with the Piedmont Police Department Policy #710, and finds no need to modify the policy or Ordinance 764 N.S., which adopted the policy.

Moved by Long, Seconded by Andersen

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, Ramsey

Noes: None

Absent: McCarthy

(0785-0370)

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Measure UU Bond
Oversight Committee
Report**

City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore introduced the first report from the Measure UU Bond Oversight Committee.

Patricia Leicher, Bond Oversight Committee Chair, described the mandate and work of the committee. She described the methods used by the committee to ensure that the funds from the Measure UU Bonds were being spent appropriately. She reported that the Committee is convinced that the funds are being used appropriately in the construction of the pool and noted production schedule delays related to weather and power loss.

There was no **Public Testimony** received.

(0155)

**Agreement for Design
of FY 2023-24
Pavement Restoration
Project**

Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales reviewed how Piedmont manages its roadway network through a Pavement Management Program where roadways are ranked and assigned a Pavement Condition Index (PCI). He noted Piedmont's current PCI ranking in the mid-sixties out of a goal of seventy. He described the roadway improvements included in this proposed project, including enhanced crosswalks on Grand Avenue as well as how public notification of the work would take place once the project is approved and under construction.

City Engineer John Wanger noted the roadways and pedestrian ramps and crossings included in this year's Street Restoration Project, selection process, coordination with the utility company, treatments, and plans for striping refurbishing.

There was no **Public Testimony** received.

Resolution No. 26-2023

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the project specific supplemental agreement with Coastland Civil Engineering for the design of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Pavement Restoration Project, based on a time and materials basis, at an amount not to exceed \$186,600.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by Ramsey

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, Ramsey

Noes: None

Absent: McCarthy

(0045)

**Consideration of the
Formation of a
Subcommittee on
Facilities Renovation
Needs**

Ms. Bayon Moore recommended the formation of an ad-hoc subcommittee for facility renovation needs for a period of six months to review reports, gather additional information, and formulate recommendations to return to the Council for discussion and action.

City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon relayed the requirements for an ad-hoc subcommittee of the Council.

The Council deliberated on a process, geographic focus area, scope of work, and time frame.

Public Testimony was received from:

Don Chandler indicated his support for the formation of a subcommittee and thanked Councilmembers Andersen and Ramsey for discussing the matter with him.

Resolution No. 27-2023

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the formation of a Subcommittee on Facilities Renovation Needs, consisting of Mayor Jen Cavanaugh and Councilmember Tom Ramsey.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by Long

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, Ramsey

Noes: None

Absent: McCarthy

(0270-0370)

**Agreement for
Community Pool
Project Inspection
Services**

Ms. Bayon Moore recommended that the Council accept a supplemental agreement with Coastland Civil Engineering for Community Pool Project inspection services to ensure that the work done by the contractor adheres to the appropriate building and fire codes. The contract is for approximately 1,000 hours at a not to exceed fee.

Mr. Gonzales indicated that the inspection services are an essential component to the pool project and beyond the capacity of City staff. He noted other work by Coastland Civil Engineering in the City and thought they were qualified for the job.

There was no **Public Testimony** received.

Resolution No. 28-2023

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the proposed project specific supplemental agreement with Coastland Civil Engineering for inspection services for the Piedmont Community Pool Project, based on a time and materials basis, at an amount not to exceed \$259,250.

Moved by Long, Seconded by Ramsey

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, Ramsey

Noes: None

Absent: McCarthy

(0045)

**Climate Mayors'
Network**

Ms. Bayon Moore explained the composition and focus of the Climate Mayors Network, its commitment to adopting, honoring, and upholding the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement goals, and criteria milestones for membership.

Sustainability Program Manager Alyssa Dykman reviewed the requirements for membership and noted its intention to complement the climate action efforts by the City.

There was no **Public Testimony** received.

Resolution No. 29-2023

WHEREAS, there is broad scientific consensus that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gasses (GHG) from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has mandated a statewide reduction of GHG emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jerry Brown signed Executive Order B-55-18 setting a new statewide goal of net-zero GHG emissions as soon as possible, and no later than 2045 with net-negative emissions thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Piedmont has been a leader in the fight against climate change, having adopted an initial Climate Action Plan in 2010 and an updated Climate Action Plan 2.0 in 2018, which aims to reduce the City's GHG emissions 40% below 2005 levels by 2030 and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, the Paris Climate Agreement was adopted by the global community and included a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

1. Pledges its continued commitment to demonstrating leadership on climate change through meaningful actions in the community; and
2. Authorizes the Mayor to join the Climate Mayors network on behalf of the City.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by Long

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, Ramsey

Noes: None

Absent: McCarthy

(0459)

**Update on City
Communications
Programs**

Communications Program Manager Echa Schneider presented an informational update on the City Communication Program, background, responsibilities of the Communication Program Manager, KCOM-TV structure, initial focus areas during the first six months, needs assessment, external messaging, and high-impact channels like eNews, the news section of the City website, and social media. She relayed three developmental phases in the Strategic Communications Plan and focus areas for the remainder of 2023. Lastly, Ms. Schneider announced an online engagement portal launch in early May and noted more exploration of community partner channels.

There was no **Public Testimony** received.

(0820-0370)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Ramsey announced the 2nd annual Play Like a Girl event on April 23 and Planning Commission Design Awards on Wednesday.

Vice Mayor Andersen announced a League of Women Voters meeting on May 3, Arbor Day on April 27, and the Free Compost Giveaway on April 22.

Mayor Cavanaugh announced the upcoming Appreciating Diversity Film Series, the 2nd annual Food Fest, the Piedmont Adult School Art Expo, the annual Readmont program, and a program for parents to help their children thrive in a diverse world hosted by School District DEIB Director Dr. Vanden

Wyngaard. She requested a future agenda item requesting staff to provide the Council with an update on the IT Strategic Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.