

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, August 17, 2026

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held on Monday, August 17, 2026, 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 August 13, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Smegal Andersen called the Regular Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Betsy Smegal Andersen, Vice Mayor Conna McCarthy, Councilmember Jennifer Long, Councilmember Lorrel Plimier, and Councilmember Tom Ramsey

Staff: City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, Acting City Attorney Denise Bazzano, Police Chief Frederick Shavies, Interim Public Works Director Rich Cunningham, Planning and Building Director Leslie Mendez, Parks and Project Manager Nancy Kent, Finance Director Kiran Bawa, and City Clerk Anna Brown

PUBLIC FORUM There was no **Public Comment** received.

CONSENT CALENDAR The following items were considered under one vote by the Council:

Approval of Minutes Approval of the Minutes for the City Council meetings of July 7, 2026, and July 20, 2026.

Appointment of Voting Delegate Appointment of Voting Delegate and Alternate for League of California Cities 2026 Annual Conference.

Approval of a Resolution Updating City Council Policy No. 24 Approval of a Resolution Updating City Council Policy No. 24 – Conflict of Interest Code.

Approval of a Resolution Cancelling the Election Held on November 3, 2026 Approval of a Resolution Cancelling the Election to Be Held on November 3, 2026, for the Purpose of Electing Two Members of the Piedmont Unified School District Board of Education Due to Insufficient Nominees.

Approval of a Resolution Requesting and Authorizing the County of Alameda to Levy a Tax Approval of a Resolution Requesting and Authorizing the County of Alameda to Levy a Tax on All Real and Personal Property in the City of Piedmont as a Voter Approved Levy for the General Obligation Bonds Issued Pursuant to a General Election Held November 3, 2020, for the Piedmont Community Pool.

Approval of a Resolution Amending the Design Review Permit for 139 Lexford Road DRPC2023-018 Approval of a Resolution Amending the Design Review Permit for 139 Lexford Road (DRPC2023-018) to Extend the Expiration Date.

Public Comment was received from:

Christopher Van Gundy, 139 Lexford Road, thanked the Council and City staff for their assistance in aiding in the settlement of litigation for the project.

Resolution No. 60-2026

RESOLVED that the City Council adopts Consent Calendar Items 1 to 6 as submitted.

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Long

Ayes: Andersen, McCarthy, Long, Plimier, and Ramsey

Noes: None

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Presentation on
Youth E-Bike and
Electric Motorcycle
Use**

Police Chief Shavies gave a presentation on the dangers of e-bikes and electric motorcycles. He noted he is presenting this to the Council because of the increase of e-bikes and electric motorcycle use in Piedmont and California. While he is not against e-bikes, his concern is when children drive e-bikes at high speeds unsafely on roads. Police Chief Shavies explained that the Piedmont Police Department is creating a communications campaign to educate parents and children of the dangers these electric vehicles. He explained that other municipalities have passed legislation regulating riding e-bikes and electric motorcycles. He noted the school district is considering new rules addressing e-bikes and electric motorcycles.

James Crawford-Jakubiak, Piedmont resident and Medical Director of the Center for Child Protection: UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, presented on his experiences with the increase of injuries involving e-bikes and electric motorcycles.

The Commission directed staff to research licensing standards for e-bikes and electric motorcycles.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Long announced the annual Coffee, Cars, and Cops event will be held September 26, 2026.

Councilmember Ramsey reported that the ADA path improvement and swing set installation project at Piedmont Park is under construction. The installation of the infield for the Hampton Field turf replacement project begins August 24.

Mayor Andersen reported that she, along with the Vice Mayor and City Administrator, attended a meeting with Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senator Jesse Arreguin, and representatives from surrounding municipalities for a transfer tax discussion. All municipalities in attendance stressed how catastrophic it would be to budgets if the transfer tax were to be eliminated, anywhere from a loss of 7% to 10%.

City Administrator Bayon Moore introduced the City's new Planning and Building Director, Leslie Mendez, and thanked Jeff Bond for serving as interim.

Planning and Building Director Mendez introduced herself to the Council.

Mayor Andersen announced Food Truck Friday and a Movie in the Park is scheduled for August 21 at Piedmont Park. She noted the passing of former Piedmont Parks and Projects Manager Mark Feldcamp, and former Piedmont Middle School Principal John Morrison, and highlighted their vast contributions to the community of Piedmont.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Smegal Andersen closed the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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