

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 4, 2024

A Special and Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, was held on March 4, 2024. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on February 29, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Cavanaugh called the Regular Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and announced no reportable actions from the Closed Session.
ROLL CALL	Present: Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh, Vice Mayor Betsy Smegal Andersen, and Councilmembers Jennifer Long, Conna McCarthy, and Tom Ramsey Staff Present: City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Fire Chief Dave Brannigan, Planning and Building Director Kevin Jackson, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Communications Program Manager Echa Schnieder, Human Resources Administrator Stacy Jennings, and City Clerk Anna Brown
PUBLIC FORUM	Public Comment received from: Dimitri Magganas announced a massive commercial real estate conversion to residential. Helen Gerken anticipated Ronada Avenue getting paved this month after East Bay Mud installed water pipes in November.
CEREMONIAL MATTERS	Mayor Cavanaugh read aloud a proclamation in recognition of American Red Cross Month which was accepted by Richard Fateman, ARC Disaster Program Volunteer. Mayor Cavanaugh read aloud a proclamation in recognition of Women's History Month which was accepted by Piedmont High School students, Macy Puckett and Eve Tellegen. Chief Bowers introduced new Piedmont Police Officers: Ashley Gallion and Jessica Morey who received their badges and were sworn in by City Clerk, Anna Brown.
CONSENT CALENDAR	The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:
Minutes	Approval of City Council Minutes for 2/20/2024
Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 772 N.S.	Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 772 N.S. - Adding Divisions 17.52 Density Bonus, and 17.54 Urban Lot Splits and Two Unit Housing Developments (SB 9) to Chapter 17 of the Piedmont Municipal Code; Amending Divisions 17.02, 17.20, 17.22, 17.24, 17.26, 17.28, 17.30, 17.90, 17.40, 17.67 to Implement the 2023-2031 Housing Element Implementation Project (0705)

**Resolution for the
Aquatics Supervisor**

Consideration of a Resolution to Set Salary and Employment Compensation for the Aquatics Supervisor Classification, Add the Classification to the Unrepresented Professional, Technical and Supervisory Unit, and Revise Resolution 97B-2021.
(0750)

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Mayor Cavanaugh noted language in the minutes was revised to more accurately reflect the public comment made by Dr. Steve Sidney. The revised minutes were provided to the Council.

Resolution 12-2024

RESOLVED, that the City Council Approves the Consent Calendar.
Moved by Andersen, Seconded by McCarthy
Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, McCarthy, Ramsey
Noes: None
Abstain: None

REGULAR AGENDA

With the Council's unanimous consent, Mayor Cavanaugh reversed the order of items.

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Approval of
Emergency Service
Equipment and the
Authorization of
Related Agreements**

Fire Chief Dave Brannigan requested the Council approve the purchase of one Fire Department Leader Ambulance and associated outfitting in the amount of \$379,335.19 and authorize the City Administrator to execute related agreements. He noted that Piedmont is one of four cities in Alameda County to provide emergency 911 ambulance service, the benefits to the community, the composition of the ambulance staff and services, the current fleet, and the new ambulance design and upgrade features. Furthermore, he relayed that the agreement is \$20,000.00 under budget.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution 13-2024

RESOLVED, that the City Council Approves of the Purchase of One Fire Department Leader Ambulance and Associated Outfitting in the Amount of \$379,335.19 and Authorize the City Administrator to Execute Related Agreements.
Moved by Ramsey, Seconded by Andersen
Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, McCarthy, Ramsey
Noes: None
Absent: None
(0045)

**Approval of the
Renewal of the
Amended Support and
Maintenance
Agreement for Public
Safety**

Approve the Renewal of Amended Support and Maintenance Agreement with New World Public Safety/Tyler Technologies to be Paid Annually for the Three-year Period Beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027, and Receive a Demonstration of a New Component of the Software Suite Known as Citizen Connect

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers reviewed the background of public safety software purchased in 2002 from New World Public Safety/Tyler Technologies, the daily usage by the Police and Fire departments, the last amendment approved by the City Council in 2021 for support, maintenance,

and licensing, and the current agreement expiration date of March 31, 2024. Furthermore, he stated that approval of the agreement will enable the department to continue utilizing Citizen Connect for real time communication, reviewed the terms of the three-year agreement and budget, noted community outreach efforts, and presented the Crime Map features on the City website.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution 14-2024

RESOLVED, that the City Council Approves the Amended Support and Maintenance Agreement with New World Public Safety/Tyler Technologies to be Paid Annually for the Three-year Period Beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027.

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Long

Ayes: Andersen, Cavanaugh, Long, McCarthy, Ramsey

Noes: None

Absent: None

(0045)

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Long relayed that the March 4th City Council study session for the Moraga Canyon Specific Plan was fruitful and included public comment. She announced a Planning Commission study session on March 11 to introduce and provide comment on draft standards and guidelines for wireless communication facilities to update the design standards for WCF and WCF Ordinance and noted the importance of public engagement in the process.

Councilmember McCarthy announced the process leading up to three new entry level Piedmont fire fighters, encouraged participation in the Piedmont Disaster Preparedness survey on the City website, noted the Arbor birthday celebration on April 26 at Community Hall, 3- 5:30 p.m., and heritage tree nomination forms on the City website, and provided an update on park projects under construction.

Councilmember Ramsey announced that the 2024 summer activity guide is open for nonresidents starting tomorrow and Piedmont Pop Up, Put Put, and Picnic in the park event will take place at the end of April.

Vice Mayor Andersen announced the Piedmont FoodFest on April 20 in Piedmont Park. She relayed that the City is seeking volunteers for commissions and committees and applications are due March 15 at 5 p.m. and the mandatory in person interviews will take place the evening of March 25.

Mayor Cavanaugh encouraged folks to support the 14th Readmont, a community-wide opportunity, and announced a panel of social media experts speaking on March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Piedmont High School library hosted by a high school English teacher and librarian, discount books available, and a discussion at the high school during academy periods on March 6. Additionally, she encouraged voters to participate in the primary election underway and shared voting hours, locations, and options.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.