PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 6, 2026

A Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held Monday, April 6, 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 April 2, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor McCarthy called the Regular Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Conna McCarthy, Councilmember Jennifer Long, Councilmember Lorrel Plimier, and Councilmember Tom Ramsey

Absent: Mayor Betsy Smegal Andersen

Staff: City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Attorney Deepa Sharma, Communications Program Manager Echa Schneider, Fire Chief Dave Brannigan, Police Chief Frederick Shavies II, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Planning and Building Director Kevin Jackson, Parks and Project Manager Nancy Kent, and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Argue

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no **Public Comment** received.

PRESENTATIONS

California Department of Insurance

Outreach Analyst Sharon Smith presented on insurance-related legislation Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara is supporting and will soon pass.

She explained how insurance companies view home hardening through a discount structure and catastrophe model.

Outreach Analyst Smith noted her department serves as the enforcement and auditing of insurance companies not complying with the law.

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 March 2, 2026; March 16, 2026; and March 23, 2026.

Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 790 N.S.

Approval of second reading and adoption of ordinance 790 N.S. related to State of California revolving fund loan application for the Phase 6 sanitary sewer rehabilitation project.

Contract Amendment with Computer Courage

Consideration of a contract amendment in the amount of $41,075 with Computer Courage for information technology support services and authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement in substantially the same form as presented.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution No. 22-2026
RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts Consent Calendar Items 1 to 3 as submitted.
Moved by Long, Seconded by Plimier

Ayes: McCarthy, Long, Plimier, and Ramsey
Noes: None
Absent: Smegal Andersen

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

Receipt of the Recreation Commission's 2025 Annual Report

Recreation Commission member Chris Hart presented the Commission's 2025 annual report. He noted the Commission has not presented an annual report in over 10 years.

Recreation Director Putzer explained the Recreation Department advertises volunteering opportunities in their activity guides and on the City's website. Moving forward, Recreation Director Putzer will advertise volunteer opportunities during the Recreation Commission's meetings.

The Council discussed making the process easier for the public to recommend items for the Council's agendas, and for the Council to better address public concerns expressed during and outside of meetings.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Public Hearing: Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance 791 N.S. and Resolution to Amend Chapter 2 of Piedmont Design Guidelines

Planning and Building Director Jackson presented on the code changes in the ordinance and resolution.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution No. 23-2026
RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the First Reading of Ordinance 791N.S. Amending Divisions 17.60 [General provisions] and 17.78 [Appeals; Call for Review] Amendments to and Resolution to Amend Chapter 2 of the Piedmont Design Guidelines Related to Story Pole Certification Deadline (CEQA Review: Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section15378(b)(5) and 15183)
Moved by Ramsey, Seconded by Long
Ayes: McCarthy, Long, Plimier, and Ramsey
Noes: None
Absent: Smegal Andersen

Receipt of Military Equipment Annual Report and Consideration of the Renewal of Ordinance 764 N.S.

Police Chief Frederick Shavies II presented the annual report on the police department's use of military gear and weapons and the ordinance.

Police Chief Frederick Shavies II explained that the state decided to require all departments create an annual report after several police departments began purchasing military tools after military conflicts.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution No. 24-2026
RESOLVED, that the City Council approves renewal of Ord. 764 N.S. adopting a Military Use Equipment Policy as Required by State Law
Moved by Long, Seconded by Plimier
Ayes: McCarthy, Long, Plimier, and Ramsey
Noes: None
Absent: Smegal Andersen

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Plimier reported the Design and Sustainability Awards Gala is scheduled for April 15, and the StopWaste compost class is on April 11 at Merrit College.

Councilmember Ramsey reported that the Earth and Arbor Day event at Community Hall is on April 23. The Park Commission's meeting is rescheduled to April 9, 2026.

Councilmember Long reported on the upcoming Cop on the Block events on April 7, April 16, April 24, and April 29. She also shared the opening day of the Piedmont Community Pool is on April 11.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Mayor McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.