

PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 3, 2024

A Special and Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, was held on June 3, 2024. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on May 30, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Cavanaugh called the Regular Session meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and no reportable action from the Closed Session.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Communications Program Manager Echa Schneider, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Fire Chief Dave Brannigan, Finance Director Michael Szczech, Parks and Project Manager Nancy Kent, and City Clerk Anna Brown

PUBLIC FORUM **Public Comment** was received from:

Jeremy Droga expressed concern for public safety at the intersection of Wildwood Avenue and Crocker Avenue.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS Mayor Cavanaugh presented a proclamation in recognition of June 2024 as LGBTQ Pride Month. Ella Hughes, incoming Piedmont High School Gender Sexuality Alliance President, thanked the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

Minutes Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Meeting for the Special and Regular Meetings of 5/20/2024

Approval of a Crossing Guard Services Two-Year Contract Approval of a Two-Year Contract with All City Management Services for Crossing Guard Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$191,290 in Fiscal Year 2024-25 and \$181,087 in Fiscal Year 2025- 26, For a Total Contract Amount of \$372,377 (0045)

Receipt of the City Council Regular Meeting Calendar (FY 2024-25) Receipt of the City Council Regular Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (0040-0285)

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution 25-2024

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves Items 1 – 3 of the Consent Calendar as presented.

Moved by Andersen, Seconded by Long

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

Abstain: Ramsey (Item 1)

Absent: None

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Public Hearing of the
Proposed 2024-25
Budget**

City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore thanked the Council and Budget Advisory Committee for helping the prepare the proposed 2024-25 budget, including the potential addition of full-time personnel and proposed levy for the Municipal Services Special Tax and Special Municipal Sewer Tax. She indicated that four City Council study sessions were devoted to establishing City goals, priority projects, revenue projections, and budget variables. Furthermore, five overarching goals were established by the City Council through a consensus building process to guide priorities, policies, and operations and they are financial stability, community wellness and inclusion, City infrastructure, effective government, and environmental stewardship. In addition, she noted four key efforts for the next fiscal year identified by the City Council that included the completion of the community pool project, dispatch center relocation project, Sidney and Irene Dearing memorial project, and public safety building in the Civic Center area. Lastly, she relayed that two subsequent study sessions explored revenue projections and expenditures to preserve existing service levels and recommendations to manager risk, increase efficiency, and improve public service delivery, and reviewed the approach applied to this budget cycle to imagine a two-year budget that will be examined by the Budget Advisory Committee and City Council.

Finance Director Michael Szczech presented the current budget status and General Fund recap, and for the 2024-25 proposed budget, highlighted the General Fund overview, revenue recap, grant funds, General Fund proposed revenues 2024-25 pie chart, transfer tax history, year over year percent changes in property and transfer tax, expenditure recap, personnel costs by category, operating costs, and non-departmental costs. Also, he reviewed the street related funds, FY 2024-25 proposed purchase plan, equipment replacement fund, five-year projected sewer fund, facilities maintenance fund, facilities capital fund, and community pool project.

Chair Frank Ryan of the Budget Advisory Committee and Financial Planning Committee emphasized a lack of funding to cover the City's infrastructure needs and recommended excess transfer tax revenue be added to the Capital Fund.

Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson relayed funding in the budget to implement programs in the Housing Element and complete the Moraga Canyon Specific Plan and revenue sources.

Mayor Cavanaugh opened the public hearing.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Mayor Cavanaugh closed the public hearing.

No Council action was required. The budget will come back for adoption on June 17.

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Mayor Cavanaugh recessed the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and reopened it at 7:37 p.m.

Award of Contract for the Piedmont Park Bridge Replacement Project and Overall Construction Budget

Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales addressed the consideration of the Award of a Contract for the Piedmont Park Bridge Replacement Project to GSW Construction in the amount of \$189,025, approval of an Overall Construction Budget of \$207,928, and a finding that the project is categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15301. Furthermore, he emphasized safety, stated that the bridge will remain open during the construction, noted funding sources, reviewed the bidding history, relayed the public's concern for the bridge's aesthetic design and incorporated changes, and stated the project goals.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution 26-2024

RESOLVED, that City Council approves the award of the Contract for the Piedmont Park Bridge Replacement Project to GSW Construction based on their submitted bid of \$189,025; approves the Overall Estimated Construction Budget of \$207,928, which includes the construction cost and a 10% contingency; finds the project to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline 15301(c); and authorizes the City Administrator to execute project related documents.

Moved by Ramsey, Seconded by McCarthy

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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2nd Reading of Ordinance 773 N.S. – First Amendment to Property Lease with Gulf South Towers

Ms. Bayon Moore introduced the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 773 N.S. – first amendment to property lease with Gulf South Towers at 898 Red Rock Rd., including authorization of the City Administrator to execute related documentation. She reviewed the Council's consideration of the 1st reading of Ordinance 773 N.S. on April 15, 2024, and stated that all outstanding matters between City staff and GST Partners have been resolved and detailed the lease agreement modifications. She indicated that the ordinance would become effective July 3, 2024, if passed.

Matthew Hefty, Executive Vice President of Site Development, was available online for questions.

Planning and Building Director Kevin Jackson responded to questions from the Council.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution 27-2024

RESOLVED, that City Council approves Ordinance 773 N.S. – First Amendment to Property Lease with Gulf South Towers at 898 Red Rock Rd., including Authorization of the City Administrator to Execute Related Documentation.

Moved by Long, Seconded by Andersen

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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**Piedmont Community
Pool Project Update**

Ms. Bayon Moore stated that the project is in its last 30% phase and highlighted from the quarterly report the commissioning phase and contingency funds for the final phase.

Jon Hughs, President of Griffin Structures, and George Sanen, Project Executive, provided a detailed update on the Piedmont Community Pool Project from the last quarter and upcoming tasks, noted the project is 70% complete, targeted substantial completion by the middle or end of December, and noted punch list items anticipated in January 2025, staff training, and coordination with PG&E.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

There was no action required by the Council.

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**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Long announced a public hearing of the Planning Commission on June 10 to consider a recommendation to the Council regarding zoning code amendments.

Vice Mayor Andersen announced that public schools are on break.

Councilmember Ramsey announced that summer camps started today, summer camp enrollment opportunities and some fees have been reduced with the number of hours extended, and the July 4th parade and scholarships to offset the entry cost of a float.

Councilmember McCarthy announced that the Piedmont Fire Department sent a four-person crew on Saturday to the Patterson fire as part of the Alameda Strike Team.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting with no further business at 8:37 p.m.