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PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 3, 2025

A Special and Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, was held on November 3, 2025. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on October 30, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smegal Andersen called the Regular Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and noted no reportable action from the Closed Session today or the Closed Session of 10/31/2025.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff: City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore, Deputy City Attorney Deepa Sharma, Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson, Finance Director Kiran Bawa, Sustainability Program Manager Deniz Ergun, Communications Program Manager Echa Schneider, Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Fire Chief Dave Brannigan, Police Chief Frederick Shavies, Parks Program Manager Nancy Kent, and City Clerk Anna Brown

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Comment was received from:

Dimitri Magganas spoke about California Senate Bill 326 (SB 326), which mandates regular inspections of balconies and other elevated elements in homeowners' associations (HOAs).

PRESENTATIONS

Planning & Building Director Kevin Jackson provided an update of the Sustainability Services Program and funding. Sustainability Program Manager Deniz Ergun introduced Climate Fellow Emma Grossman, who expressed her excitement for joining the team.

Cameron Oakes, Deputy District Director of Transportation Planning and Local Assistance for California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), provided an overview of the Interstate 580 Truck Access Study including the study's purpose, area, goals, schedule, technical analysis and forecasting, existing conditions, public and stakeholder engagement, and upcoming work and events.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for the City Council meeting of 10/20/2025.

Second Reading & Approval of Ordinance 785 N.S.

Second Reading and Approval of Ordinance No. 785 N.S. Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds in the Amount of $57,974.49 with 0 Percent Interest as Part of the PG&E Energy Efficiency Retrofit Loan Program to Finance Improvements to the City of Piedmont City Hall/Fire Department

Building, Veteran's Hall/Police Department, and 801 Magnolia; Authorization of the City Administrator to Execute Related Agreements (0705)

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution 59-2025
RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts Consent Calendar Items 1 – 2.
Moved by Long, Seconded by Plimier
Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, and Ramsey
Abstain: None
Absent: None

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

Review of FY 2024-25 Unaudited Financial Results

Finance Director Kiran Bawa reviewed the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 unaudited financial results as of June 30, 2025, that included the FY 2025 report summary, FY2025 revenues and expenditures, uses of year-end funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update, Equipment Replacement Fund, Capital Funds, and Trust Funds.

Staff answered questions from the Council regarding the Facilities Maintenance and Facilities Capital Funds, budget carryovers for delayed projects and associated risk of increased costs, Project Facility Assessments in the 5-year plan (2027 and beyond), ambulance services reimbursement, approach to staffing, current transfer tax rate, and possibility of a replacement cost savings plan for City facilities over 100 years old.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

This item was informational and required no action by Council.

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Consideration of FY 2024-25-Year End Transfers

Mayor Smegal Andersen read aloud the recommendations for Council's consideration of FY 2024-25-year end transfers.

City Administrator Rosanna Bayon Moore relayed that staff is asking that unspent funds, resulting from underspending and greater than anticipated revenues, be transferred between departments so end of year financials are within the audited framework.

Council questioned how the dollar amounts were derived, what the Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committees thought about the request, and the status of the financial audit. Additionally, they expressed concern for real estate transfer tax trends.

In response, Finance Director Bawa replied to questions and provided an audit status.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution 60-2025
RESOLVED that Council approves the following year-end budget adjustments and transfers:

1.Transfer a total of $2,600,000 from the General Fund to designated Capital and Maintenance Funds to rebuild long-term reserves, as follows:
   a. Facilities Fund $1,500,000
   b. Equipment Replacement Fund $850,000
   c. Facilities Maintenance Fund $250,000

2. Approve intra–General Fund transfers to align departmental budgets with actual year-end expenditures:
   a. From Police Department to Fire Department - $189,500
   b. From Administration to Non-Departmental - $175,500
   c. From Administration to Recreation Department- $56,500

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Long
Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, Ramsey
Abstain: None
Absent: None
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REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Long announced the Piedmont Recreation Department (PRD) trick or treating event on Halloween at the Recreation building, Piedmont Adult Expo at Veteran's Building on November 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Piedmont Police Department's (PPD) successful Trunk and Treat event, and dispatch information session hosted by the PPD on December 8.

Councilmember Plimier announced the next Planning Commission meeting on November 10 and League of Women Voters luncheon at the PCA building on December 5, 11:30 a.m.

Vice Mayor McCarthy reminded the public that tomorrow is election day and to vote early.

Mayor Smegal Andersen thanked Vice Mayor McCarthy for attending the gathering of the mayors in the City's congressional district and announced the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.

Councilmember Ramsey suggested a future agenda item or workshop to discuss the Facilities Capital Fund 5 Year Plan Infinity and Beyond column.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Smegal Andersen adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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