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PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 22, 2026

A Special and Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held on Tuesday, September 22, 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 September 17, 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 Karen Smith, Police Chief Frederick Shavies II, Fire Chief Dave Brannigan, Communications Officer Echa Schneider, Interim Public Works Director Rich Cunningham, Planning and Building Director Leslie Mendez, Parks and Project Manager Nancy Kent, Finance Director Kiran Bawa, City Clerk Anna Brown, and Sustainability Program Manager Deniz Ergun

PRESENTATIONS

**National Hunger
Action Month**

Mayor Andersen presented the proclamation to Jessica Montes with the Alameda County Food Bank, who accepted and reminded the public of the population of elderly people who are in need of food.

**Introduction of New
City Staff**

Planning and Building Director Mendez introduced new City staff members Carlina Rose, Elizavyeta Dmitrieva, and Michae Legault.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Comment was received from:

Dick Carter and Lisa Gardner announced that they are organizing the Piedmont Adult Recreation Expo and shared the history and need for the event. The event will be on November 15.

The League of Women Voters of Piedmont is hosting a Piedmont City Commissioner candidate forum on September 29. The League is also hosting a luncheon on October 30.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**Acceptance of
Improvements for
the Bonita Avenue
Accessible Parking
and Striping Project**

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**Acceptance of
Improvements for
the Piedmont Park
ADA Improvements
Project**

Acceptance of Improvements for the Piedmont Park ADA Improvements Project.

**Approve the Award
of a Contract to
BlueAlly**

Approve the Award of a Contract to BlueAlly to Provide CrowdStrike Falcon Platform Capabilities to the City of Piedmont in the Amount of \$164,740.64.

Resolution No. 63-2026

RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts Consent Calendar Items 1 to 3.

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Plimier

Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, Ramsey

Noes: None

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

**Consideration of
Award of a
Contract for
Moraga Avenue
Pedestrian Safety
Project**

Interim Public Works Director Cunningham gave a summary of the project to the Council. He noted staff received a large amount of positive feedback from the public.

Staff will research whether the green bar bikeway striping can continue throughout the entire project.

Public Comment was received from:

Billy Rustein lives near the Moraga Avenue and Mesa Avenue intersection. He expressed his support for the project.

Resolution No. 64-2026

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves to award the contract for Moraga Avenue pedestrian safety project to Terocons Inc. in the amount of \$785,533, the overall construction budget of \$864,086, and a finding that the project is categorically exempt under the CEQA Section 15301.

Moved by Ramsey, Seconded by Long

Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, Ramsey

Noes: None

**Consideration of
Approval of
Ordinance No. 794
N.S. Amending
Ordinance No. 737
and Approving a
First Amendment to
the Solid Waste
Collection Service
Agreement with
Richmond Sanitary
Service**

Sustainability Program Manager Ergun gave a presentation on ordinances and agreement amendments.

She explained that community engagement would include breaking down rates, but staff is unsure what the form of the engagement will be. The Council agreed that one of the focuses of community engagement is affordability.

The Council received some written comments prior to the meeting sharing frustrations about the high cost of waste collection services.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution No. 65-2026

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the first reading of the solid waste collection service agreement with Richmond Sanitary Service (dba Republic Services) to extend the term by one additional year.

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Long

Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, Ramsey

Noes: None

**Consideration of
Approval of Second
Reading of
Ordinance 793 N.S.
Amending Chapter
4 of Piedmont City
Code**

Commissioner Plimier explained that her suggestion that someone who is bitten by a dog should report the bite to the City along with the dog owner was not added to the amendment, as it was deemed unnecessary.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution No. 66-2026

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the second reading of Ordinance 793 N.S. amending Chapter 4 of the Piedmont City Code – Animals.

Moved by Plimier, Seconded by McCarthy

Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, Ramsey

Noes: None

Mayor Andersen noted the space that can be created for the PRD programming within the Sustainable Park Management Plan.

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Long announced that the Piedmont New Family Night is September 25, followed by a Movie in the Park. Coffee Cars and Cops is scheduled for September 26. The Piedmont Harvest Festival is September 27.

Councilmember Plimier announced the Talking Dirt event, a weekly online discussion forum. The next event is October 7.

Mayor Andersen announced the Piedmont Boosters' Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 24. Early sign-up for the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day is open. She noted that she spoke at a mayor's panel to the Associated Student Body at Cal State East Bay.

Mayor Andersen proposed a future agenda item to discuss Piedmont's growing deer population.

City Administrator Bayon Moore announced that Piedmont Community Pool became LEED Silver certified.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Andersen adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.