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PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 5, 2026

A Special and Regular Session of the Piedmont City Council was held on Monday, October 5, 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 October 1, 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 Denise Bazzano, Police Chief Fred Shavies, Fire Chief Dave Brannigan, Communications Officer Echa Schneider, Interim Public Works Director Rich Cunningham, Recreation Director Chelle Putzer, Parks & Project Manager Nancy Kent, City Clerk Anna Brown

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no **Public Comment** received.

PRESENTATIONS

**Introduction of New
City Staff**

Police Chief Shavies introduced the department's new Police Support Services Commander Jodi Cornell and announced the promotion of Sergeant Kristina Foster. Sergeant Foster thanked the Council for acknowledging them during the meeting and for the City's faith in her.

Retired Support Services Commander Lisa Douglas was also recognized for her extraordinary career of service and her work with the police department after she retired.

City Administrator Bayon Moore introduced two new City staff members, Human Resources Manager Mika Barrett and Public Works Administration Analyst Jasmine McPeters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**Approval of the
Minutes for the City
Council meeting held
on September 8,
2026**

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**Acceptance of
Improvements for
the Hampton Field
Turf Replacement
Project**

Acceptance of Improvements for the Hampton Field Turf Replacement Project.

Second Reading 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

Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 794 N.S., Amending Ordinance No. 737 N.S. to Extend the Term of the Franchise for Solid Waste Collection Services Granted to Richmond Sanitary Service (DBA Republic Services) by One Additional Year.

Resolution No. 67-2026

RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts Consent Calendar Items 1 to 3.
Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Long
Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, Ramsey
Noes: None

REGULAR AGENDA

The Council considered the following items of regular business:

Consideration of Actions Related to the Appointment of Piedmont Public Works Director

City Administrator Bayon Moore provided a brief summary on the appointment process and an oral report of salary and benefits associated with the appointment.

Candidate Bonnie Tam thanked the Council for the opportunity and noted that she looks forward to growing the Piedmont Public Works Department and relationships with City staff and the Council.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

Resolution No. 68-2026

RESOLVED, that the City Council appoints Bonnie Tam as Piedmont Public Works Director, effective October 6, 2026, and approves the salary in alignment with City Council Resolution No. 69-2025.
Moved by Long, Seconded by McCarthy
Ayes: Andersen, Long, McCarthy, Plimier, Ramsey
Noes: None

Informational Report on the Alameda County Fire Chiefs Association Draft Extreme Fire Weather Approach

Fire Chief Brannigan presented on a draft model framework that instructs the City on how to react to extreme fire weather. Communications Officer Schneider noted that 12% of Piedmont citizens have signed up for AC Alert. She added that Piedmont has the highest percentage in Alameda County. The Council voiced their desire to raise that percentage.

Council held discussion and provided feedback on the draft framework. Council expressed the need for clear messaging to the community, sought clarification on any potential liability if they implemented framework, and shared concerns about striking the right balance when calling for evacuation. Council expressed interest in considering increased regulations for street parking on red flag days to unblock streets in the event of a wildfire.

There was no **Public Comment** received.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Long encouraged citizens to fill out the disaster survey on the City's website. She announced that the next Food Truck Friday and Movie Night

is scheduled for October 16.

Councilmember Plimier announced that the next Talking Dirt seminar is on October 7, and the League of Women Voters of Piedmont is hosting a luncheon on October 30.

Vice Mayor McCarthy notified the Council that the Governor of California signed SB1167, which establishes regulations and safety requirements when riding e-bikes and electric motorcycles.

Mayor Andersen announced that the State of the City is scheduled for October 15. The Adult Expo is scheduled for October 15. The Turkey Trot will happen again on Thanksgiving. She noted she attended a ribbon cutting for a new Aramis Solar Energy Generation and Storage field project by Ava Community Energy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Andersen adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.