

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL/
CITY COUNCIL SITTING AS THE
LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014

The Concord City Council met in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber located at 1950 Parkside Drive at 6:34 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present and the pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Birsan. Minutes follow in abbreviated form per Resolution 3361 and Council Minutes of September 26, 1966.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Edi Birsan, Dan Helix, Laura Hoffmeister,
Ron Leone, Tim Grayson

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Mark Coon, City Attorney;
Joelle Fockler, Deputy City Clerk; Victoria Walker,
Director of Community and Economic Development;
Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Tom Kuhlman,
Interim Director of Information Technology; Guy
Swanger, Chief of Police; Laura Brunson, Human
Resources Director; Joan Carrico, Director of Parks and
Recreation; Robert Ovadia, City Engineer; Karan Reid,
Director of Finance; Jovan Grogan, Budget Officer; John
Montagh, Economic Development and Housing
Manager; Lesyle Asera, Community Relations Manager;
Robert Woods, Chief Building Inspector, Jonathan
Palmer, Accountant; Florence Weiss, Downtown
Program Manager; Mary Rae Lehman, City Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: Jill Chioino, Martinez; Tim Madigan, Contra Costa
County Library; Anita Bell-Karno, Diablo Valley Mustang
Association; Brian Cory, Concord; Elizabeth Cofer,
Concord; Jay Bedecarre, Clayton; George Fulmore,
Concord; Azita Berlou, Concord; Guy Bjerke, Concord;
Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jill Chioino, Martinez, explained that the Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board will acknowledge both volunteer and non-volunteer individuals, as well as groups who have significantly contributed toward combating alcohol and other drugs in Contra Costa Communities, by presenting them with a "People Who Make A Difference Award" at the June 24th Board of Supervisors meeting, and encouraged nominations from the community.

Tim Madigan, Contra Costa County Library, shared information about the library's summer programs and encouraged children in the community to read during the summer vacation period.

Anita Bell-Karno, Diablo Valley Mustang Association, shared highlights of the Mustang Association's recent celebration of the 50th Birthday of the Ford Mustang in Concord, North Carolina, and presented Mayor Grayson and the City Council with a gift from J. Scott Pagett, Mayor of Concord, North Carolina.

Brian Cory, Concord, extended an invitation to a meeting of the recently formed North Todos Santos Neighborhood Watch to be held on May 21st at 6 p.m., 2000 Almond Avenue.

Elizabeth Cofer, Concord, extended an invitation to the Relay for Life, a 24-hour event to raise funds and awareness for Cancer, scheduled for July 12 and 13, 9 a.m. – 9 a.m. in Todos Santos Plaza.

Jay Bedecarre, Clayton, invited the community to attend the 25th Annual Bay Area KidFest scheduled for May 24, 25 and 26, 2014 at Mt. Diablo High School located at 2450 Grant Street from 10 am – 6 pm daily.

George Fulmore, Concord, expressed concern over a website, **concord.pavilioncalifornia.com** that charges fees for tickets to shows at the Concord Pavilion.

Azita Berlou, Concord, spoke of the easement access to the Lime Ridge Trail located on Rose Lane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to approve the minutes for the meeting of April 22, 2014. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING – Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget and Ten-Year Forecast

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to set public hearings for June 3 and June 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget for the City of Concord, Ten-Year Financial Forecast and Related Items – including Annual Appropriation Limits and Adjustment Factors, and Capital Improvement Program. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING – DOWNTOWN CONCORD SPECIFIC PLAN GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Motion was made by and seconded by to set a public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution No. 14-19 approving the Addendum to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the 2030 General Plan EIR for the Concord Development Code Project; and adoption of Resolution No. 14-4823.1 approving the Downtown Concord Specific Plan General Plan Amendment at Volume IV to the 2030 Concord General Plan. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

The City Council then convened as the Local Reuse Authority.

CITY COUNCIL SITTING AS
THE LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH ALH URBAN & REGIONAL ECONOMICS (ALH Economics) – Disposition and Land Transfer Planning

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to approve an amendment to the Master Services Agreement with ALH Urban & Regional Economics (ALH Economics) for professional services associated with disposition and land transfer planning at the Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 (OEA Grant) for a total contract

price of \$71,460 thus requiring Council approval; and authorizing the Executive Director of the LRA to execute the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council Sitting as the Local Reuse Authority.

The Local Reuse Authority reconvened as the Concord City Council.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND 10-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST

City Manager Valerie Barone made a presentation, referring to her memorandum dated May 13, 2014, stating that the proposed annual budget is balanced, relying on voter-approved Measure Q revenue to support the operations of vital city services. She noted that the 10-Year Financial Forecasts for the General Fund and the City of Concord's other major funds accompany the recommended annual budget. Ms. Barone introduced Budget Officer Jovan Grogan who reviewed the Budget Summary.

Budget Officer Grogan concluded his presentation by giving a 10-year general fund forecast, identifying key assumptions, revenue scenarios, budget stabilization options, and a 10-year General Fund Financial Forecast.

Guy Bjerke, Chair of the Measure Q Oversight Committee, presented the Measure Q Oversight Committee's review of the FY 2012-13 audit and evaluation and report on the City's proposed use of Measure Q revenues in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 General Fund Budget, referring to his memorandum dated May 13, 2014. He noted the Committee's concern that the expiration of Measure Q in March 2016 will once again cause the City to rely on the use of reserves to fund on-going operations. Mr. Bjerke concluded by stating that the Committee urges the City Council and City management to develop a clear roadmap to stabilize the General Fund budget.

The planned presentations on the Capital Improvement Budget, the Enterprise and Special Revenue Ten-Year Plans including the Diablo Creek Golf Course Fund and the Sewer and Stormwater Fund, were deferred to the meeting of June 3, 2014.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Guy Bjerke, Concord, urged Council and staff promote a community wide understanding of the City's financial status and raise awareness of the need to address both the operating gap and unfunded liabilities stating that Concord needs to find ways to remain an attractive place to live, work and raise families. He suggested this might be accomplished by extending Measure Q.

Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord, conveyed that he felt the City should not keep producing a status quo budget, rather strive to offer more services to the public and expressed his support for extending Measure Q because it will address the existing operating gap and unfunded liabilities.

Correspondence from Rich Eber, Measure Q Oversight Committee Vice Chair, was read into the record expressing his belief that the City should consider extending Measure Q.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Members shared their comments and concerns and asked staff to provide additional information on the following:

- What types of cuts would the City need to make without Measure Q?

- What would the 10-Year Forecast look like if Measure Q were extended – would the City be able to continue to provide vital services and/or address its unfunded liabilities and infrastructure needs?
- What would the process look like if Council desired to consider an extension of Measure Q?
- Additionally, Council directed staff to move forward with outreach to the community on the success of Measure Q in preserving vital services and rebuilding the City's reserves as well as on the City's fiscal challenges.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board "People Who Make a Difference" Awards 2014 Nomination Form.
- b. Bay Area KidFest 2014 Flyer presented by Jay Bedecarre.
- c. Email from Richard Eber, Measure Q Oversight Committee Vice Chair.
- d. PowerPoint Presentation and Discussion of the City Manager's Proposed Budget.
- e. Stormwater & Sewer Enterprise Budget PowerPoint Presentation.
- f. Golf Course Enterprise Fund PowerPoint Presentation.
- g. List of events and activities in which Vice Mayor Leone participated during the period May 7, 2014 – May 13, 2014.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS - None

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Councilmember Helix spoke of prayer at the start of meetings, stated that he would like to reinstate the practice of an invocation at the outset of City Council meetings and received support from Council to have staff bring information on the issue to the Policy Development and Internal Operations Council Committee for consideration.

Councilmembers shared information on events and meetings in which they had recently participated, and identified future activities that they would be attending.

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON
MAYOR

JOELLE FOCKLER, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK