

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014

The Concord City Council met in a regular meeting in the City Council Conference Room located in Wing A at 1950 Parkside Drive at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present. The meeting was recessed and immediately reconvened in a closed session to confer with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. City Negotiators included Valerie Barone, City Manager; Laura Brunson, Director of Human Resources; and Charles Sakai, Esq. of Renne, Sloan, Holtzman & Sakai regarding Employee Organizations including Administrative, Technical & Clerical Representation Unit and Field & Operations Representation Unit of International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 856; Professional Representation Unit of OPEIU Local 29; and Executive, Management & Confidential Employees. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to reconvene in regular session in the Council Chamber.

The Concord City Council met in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber located at 1950 Parkside Drive at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Hoffmeister. 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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Mark Coon, City Attorney; Scott P. Johnson, Assistant City Manager; Mary Rae Lehman, City Clerk; Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic Development; Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Joan Carrico, Director of Parks & Recreation; Leslye Asera, Community Relations Manager; Robert Woods, Chief Building Official; Margaret Romiti, Emergency & VIPS Service Manager; Tom Kuhlman, Interim Director of Information Technology; Karan Reid, Director of Finance; Jovan Grogan, Budget Officer; Robert Ovadia, City Engineer; John Montagh, Economic Development and Housing Manager; Laura Brunson, Director of Human Resource; Mario Camorongon, Senior Civil Engineer; Cheryl Owens, Administrative Services Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: Lon Goetsch, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District; Roylen Stack, Concord; Roland Flamme, Concord; Joe Partansky, Clayton; Rosanne Nieto, Concord; Paul Poston, Concord; Ray Barbour, Concord; Ajit Kaushal, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Lon Goetsch, Battalion Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, provided an update on the District stating that a new academy had started and the District was hopeful that they would graduate 19 new fire fighters and that they were preparing to participate in a Request for Proposal to provide Ambulance Transport services.

Roylen Stack, Concord, expressed her dissatisfaction with the number of vehicles that park on Detroit Avenue between Sunshine and Pine Creek streets, explaining that it made the area look like a used car lot.

Roland Flamme, Concord, submitted a petition signed by 11 residents requesting that the City adopt an Ordinance banning Roosters in the residential areas of Concord.

Joe Partansky, Concord, shared his opinion that the City should use the bulletin board and agenda to better share that City Council and Planning Commission meetings are rebroadcast.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Grayson acknowledged Margaret Romiti, Emergency Response/Volunteers in Police Services Manager, for her work with Monument Impact to secure a grant which provided an emergency preparedness program for Spanish speakers and presented the instructors with certificates of appreciation for their "Listos" program. Ana Villalobos, Program Manager for Monument Impact, introduced the participants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 13, 2014. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBERS – League of California Cities Annual Conference

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to approve the appointment of Mayor Grayson as voting member and Vice Mayor Leone as first alternate for the General Business Meeting of the League of California Cities Annual Conference scheduled for September 3-5, 2014 in Los Angeles. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

BUDGET TRANSFER – From Offsite Street Improvement Program to Project No. 2133

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$30,000 from the Offsite Street Improvement Program (Fund 420) for Project No. 2133 (Arnold Industrial Way at Highway 4 on/off ramps Traffic Signal Installation). Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

MATTER SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING – Micro-Breweries/Micro-Distilleries and Tasting Rooms and Various Articles and Sections

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to set a public hearing for Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to consideration an ordinance amending the Concord Municipal Code by adopting clean up amendments to the 2012 Development Code; Volume 1, dated July 24, 2012, to revise various articles and sections by adding Micro-Breweries/Micro-Distilleries and Tasting Rooms; and amending Title 12, Chapter 12.50 (Vendors), Section 12.50.030 (Vending locations; permits and business licenses; vendor operations) Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-35 – Confirmation of Commercial Properties in Pleasant Hill Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District #20

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to adopt Resolution No. 14-35, entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL TO ALLOW SUNVALLEY MALL AND CERTAIN OTHER CITY OF CONCORD COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES TO BE INCLUDED IN PLEASANT HILL LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #20, COMMERCIAL AREA LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING" confirming the request of the City of Pleasant Hill. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CONCORD, TEN-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST AND RELATED ITEMS

A notice of Public Hearing announcing the hearing dates of June 3 and June 24 was published in the Contra Costa Times on Tuesday, Wednesday, May 20 and June 10, 2014, mailed to interested parties of record, and posted in the City's public posting cabinet.

Mayor Grayson stated that the evening's budget discussions were a continuation of the presentations begun at the May 13, 2014 Budget Workshop. He introduced City Manager Valerie Barone who explained that the proposed budget was balanced, with a status quo service level. She advised the Council that the budget was dependent on the \$11.6 million in sales tax revenue generated by Measure Q, and shared that \$8 million in Measure Q funds were proposed to support operations next fiscal year. Without Measure Q, the City would be forced to make \$4 million in cuts, which would not address deferred maintenance and fund infrastructure maintenance. She reminded the Council that the employees had assisted in reducing benefit costs, and that programs had been stripped. Police services, which had been protected in the past, would be in jeopardy.

She continued saying that during a recent community wide survey, 83% of the respondents said they were satisfied or very satisfied with current services, and when asked about extending Measure Q, 77% supported the extension.

Following comments by the Council, Mayor Grayson opened a public comment period.

Ray Barbour, Concord, expressed his support of extending Measure Q.

Ajit Kaushal, Concord, spoke on behalf of the small business community, and thanked the Council for their support.

Rosanne Nieto, resident of Concord and member of the Measure Q Committee, expressed her support of placing a measure on the ballot for extension of Measure Q.

Roylen Stack, Concord, advised the Council that Contra Costa County was entertaining a sales tax measure for the ballot in November as well.

Paul Poston, Concord, shared his appreciation of the Code Enforcement, and stated his support of a measure to extend Measure Q to save Code Enforcement staffing levels.

Councilmember Hoffmeister expressed the need for street lights, repaired roads, and traffic signals to attract business to a safe and appealing community and asked staff to come back with information on a measure to continue Measure Q.

Councilmember Helix shared that when Measure Q was first placed before the voters everyone was optimistic that the economy would improve. He stated that without Measure Q, we could lose the ability to promote and market the city which was not a good position to be in with the Concord Naval Weapons Station on the horizon.

Councilmember Birsan stated the need to extend Measure Q to protect core services and suggested annual fees and charges should be increased by 2.8% to be consistent with other cities and graffiti be subject to a \$1000 fine.

Vice Mayor Leone concurred with the request to review an extension of Measure Q sharing that without it the condition of our city and city facilities will continue to decline.

Mayor Grayson advised that there were discussions with the Mt. Diablo School District over a partnership which might equally share costs to restore the School Resource Officers on school campuses.

Mayor Grayson announced that he was creating an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Dan Helix as Chair and Laura Hoffmeister as member to review the health care benefits offered to elected officials and report back to the Council.

Robert Ovadia, City Engineer, presented a report on the City's Capital Improvement Program. He gave an overview of the projects which were completed in Fiscal Year 2013-14 and shared that much of the work had been performed because of the successful acquisition of numerous grants. He spoke of several projects that were pending start of construction or were under construction and of those projects which were currently in design.

City Engineer Ovadia continued his presentation by sharing information on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Stormwater and Sewer Enterprise Budget sharing information on the fiscal challenges which will occur due to outside agency cost increases. He stated that the 10-year forecast for the Sewer Enterprise fund will fall short by approximately \$2M and will require a fee increase to manage the deficit.

Tom Kuhlman, Interim Director of Information Technology provided information on several Information Technology projects.

Joan Carrico, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the proposed Budget for Diablo Creek Golf Course stating that the budget assumes no significant changes and sharing a proposed bi-annual fee increase for Fiscal Year 2015-16 to offset rising costs.

Mayor Grayson opened a public comment period and upon receiving no comments closed the public comment session.

Mayor Grayson announce that the public hearing would remain open and would be continue on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Council would take action on the following:

- a) Proposed Amendment to Exhibit A to Resolution No. 78-6042 (Establishing Fees and Charges for Various Municipal Services in the City of Concord) - consideration of amending Exhibit A to the Master Fees and Charges Resolution for fees relating to various municipal services, including but not limited to Administrative Fees; Business, Professional and Trades Fees; Parks and Recreation Fees; Permit Center Fees; Police Fees; Off-Site Street Improvement Program (OSIP) Fees; and Parkland In-Lieu Fees. Data is available, as required by Government Code Title 7 Division 1 Chapter 8 Section 66016. Resolution No. 14-6042.1 proposed.
- b) Annual Appropriation Limits and Adjustment Factors - approving annual appropriation limits and adjustment factors for Fiscal Year 2014-15, pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution and reaffirming Policy & Procedure No. 129, "Budget and Fiscal Policies" in order to ensure the City's continued financial health. Resolution No. 14-46 proposed.
- c) Establishment of the Minimum Purchase Threshold for Fiscal Year 2014-15 over which City Council approval is required in accordance with Concord Municipal Code Article VIII Sec. 2-644(a). Resolution No. 14-47 proposed.
- d) 2014-15 City of Concord Budget, Ten-Year Financial Forecast and Capital Improvement Program - consideration of Fiscal Year 2014-15 City of Concord Budget and Ten-Year Financial Forecast, and adoption of the 2014-15 Capital Improvement Program. Resolution No. 14-48 proposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Petition with 11 signatures supporting an ordinance to ban roosters in the City of Concord submitted by Roland Flamme during the public comment period.
- b. List of events and activities in which Vice Mayor Ron Leone had participated in during the period May 28 – June 2, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESENTATIONS MADE - None

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS - None

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Vice Mayor Leone stated that he had submitted a list of the activities and events in which he had recently participated.

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON
MAYOR

MARY RAE LEHMAN, CMC
CITY CLERK