

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014

The Concord City Council met in a special meeting in the City Council Conference Room located in Wing A at 1950 Parkside Drive at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present. The meeting was recessed and immediately reconvened in a closed session to confer with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – existing litigation entitled: *Ana Ramos v. City of Concord, et al.* Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. C13-01663.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to reconvene in special session in the Council Chamber.

The Concord City Council met in a special meeting in the Council Chamber located at 1950 Parkside Drive at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 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; Joelle Fockler, Deputy City Clerk; Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic Development; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Karan Reid, Director of Finance; Laura Brunson, Director of Human Resources; Leslye Asera, Community Relations Manager; Jovan Grogan, Budget Analyst; Florence Weiss, Downtown Program Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: Michael Munzell, Concord; Greg Sanborn, Concord; George Fulmore, Concord; Florence Weiss, Downtown Program Manager; Carlyn Obringer, Concord; Wanda Kinney, Concord; Jeff Kaspar, Concord; Ray Barbour, Concord; Rich Eber, Concord; Guy Bjerke, Concord; Paul Poston, Concord; Floyd Roseberry, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Michael Munzell, Concord, spoke of his concern with having a religious moment at the beginning of City Council meetings.

Greg Sanborn, Concord, spoke of his opposition to proposed prayer and inspirational moment at City Council meetings.

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of health care insurance and the importance of getting uninsured citizens signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act.

Florence Weiss, Downtown Program Manager, highlighted four upcoming events scheduled for Todos Santos Plaza including:

July 31, 2014 – Mayor’s Healthy Cook-off and Killer Karaoke Contest

August 14, 2014 – Mike Amaral’s California Beach Boys Tribute Band

August 23, 2014 – Festival of Latin Culture sponsored by Contra Costa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

August 28, 2014 – California Symphony – Pops in the Plaza

Carlyn Obringer, Concord Ambassadors Boardmember, announced that October 2014 is the 40th Anniversary visit to Concord from Concord’s Sister City, Kitakami, Japan, and highlighted an upcoming event the Concord Ambassadors are holding to prepare for the visit, a Zumba Fitness Master Class, to be held September 20, 2014.

PRESENTATIONS – 2014 4TH of July Events Recognitions

Mayor Grayson introduced Downtown Program Manager Florence Weiss who presented a Certificates of Recognition to 5K Run/Walk Coordinator Linda Graham, Concord Police Officers’ Association.

Downtown Program Manager Weiss introduced Parade Coordinator Tammy Grayson who thanked Ann Notarangelo and Jeff Kasper for MC’ing the parade and presented the following Certificates of Recognition:

Most Patriotic – Rosie the Riveters

Most Spirit – Concord Kung Fu Academy

Most Creative – All Star Cheer Reaction

Crowd Pleaser – Da Island Way

Most Talented – Blue Devils

Ms. Weiss introduced Patty Deutsche, Director Northern California Government & Public Affairs, Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery, and thanked Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery for its donation to the event.

Mayor Grayson gave special recognition to Florence Weiss, Tyce Dekker, Rob Schweitzer and the entire Events Team for their work behind the scenes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Grayson acknowledged the attendance of Boy Scout Troop 168.

CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 8, 2014. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

CONSIDERATION OF PLACING A MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 BALLOT –
Extending an Existing Voter-approved Transactions and Use Tax

City Manager Valerie Barone presented a report, referring to her memorandum dated July 29, 2014, explaining that Measure Q is set to expire, and without Measure Q revenues, the City will be forced to make at least \$4 million in additional permanent budget reductions, which will further reduce community programs and services. Ms. Barone stated that even with permanent reductions, the 10-year forecast projects the use of \$16 million of reserves to balance the annual budget over the next 10 years, and during the budget adoption process, a number of members of the public asked the City Council to consider placing an extension of Measure Q on the November ballot, in order for the voters to decide if they desired to continue to pay the same taxes they currently pay in order to preserve vital city services. She concluded by recommending that the City Council approve Resolution No. 14-62 placing on the November 2014 ballot a measure to extend Measure Q, the one-half cent local sales tax (transactions and use tax) measure approved by voters in 2010, for 9 years.

City Manager Barone introduced Brian Godbe, Godbe Research, who presented the results of the 2014 Sales Tax Renewal Survey.

Following comments by the City Councilmembers, Mayor Grayson opened the Public Comment period.

Wanda Kinney, Concord, questioned the reductions and requested more specific information on proposed reduced services.

Jeff Kaspar, Concord, encouraged Council to adopt the proposed resolution placing a measure on the November 2014 ballot to extend Measure Q.

Ray Barbour, Concord, spoke in support of extending Measure Q.

Rich Eber, Concord, shared that when Measure Q was before the voters in 2010 he was opposed to the measure, but since being a part of the Measure Q Oversight Committee and seeing first-hand the difficulties the City is experiencing, he now supports the Measure extension.

Guy Bjerke, Concord, spoke in support of extending Measure Q and placing it on the November ballot, explaining that the timing to place it on the ballot is now, before Measure Q expires in 2016.

Paul Poston, Concord, spoke in favor of extending the measure.

Mayor Grayson closed the Public Comment period.

Following comments by the Council, a motion was made by Helix and seconded by Hoffmeister to adopt Resolution No. 14-62, entitled "A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION ON A PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE TO EXTEND THE EXISTING, VOTER-APPROVED FUNDING WITH NO INCREASE IN THE RATE CURRENTLY PAID BY RESIDENTS THROUGH VOTER APPROVAL OF A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX FOR 9 YEARS TO FUND GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES, AND ESTABLISHING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCH AN ELECTION AND REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA CONDUCT SUCH AN ELECTION." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

CONSIDERATION OF FONT SIZE FOR PRINTING THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

Deputy City Clerk Joelle Fockler presented a report, referring to her memorandum dated July 29, 2014, explaining that at the City Council's request, information from the Contra Costa County Clerk was being provided on the cost of candidate statements for the November 4, 2014 election in 10 pt., 11 pt., and 12 pt. font. Ms. Fockler noted that the Contra Costa County Clerk is using as its standard Arial 10 pt., but the font size for City of Concord City Council and Treasurer Candidate Statements could be at a larger 11 pt. or 12 pt. font if Council requested.

Following questions from the City Council, Mayor Grayson opened and closed a public comment period without receiving any comments.

A motion was made by Leone and seconded by Helix to direct the Deputy City Clerk to request the Contra Costa County Elections Division to print City of Concord Candidate Statements in 11 point font. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Helix, Hoffmeister, Leone, Grayson NOES: Birsan ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. City of Concord 2014 Sales Tax Renewal Survey PowerPoint Presentation.
- b. List of events and activities in which Vice Mayor Leone participated during the period July 24 – July 29, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESENTATIONS MADE

Floyd Roseberry, Concord, commented that he recently received in the mail a well prepared information sheet regarding the extension of Measure Q.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS - None

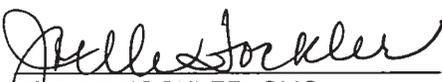
COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

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 8:35 p.m.



 TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON
 MAYOR



 JOELLE FOCKLER, CMC
 DEPUTY CITY CLERK