

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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, October 14, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present. The meeting was recessed and immediately reconvened in a closed session to (a) 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 and the session regarded 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; and (b) personnel matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1). Public Employee Appointment – City Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 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 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. 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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Mark Coon, City Attorney;
Scott P. Johnson, Assistant City Manager; Mary Rae
Lehman, City Clerk; Joelle Fockler, Deputy City Clerk;
Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic
Development; Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Jeff
Lewis, Director of Information Technology; Guy
Swanger, Chief of Police; Jeff Lewis, Director of
Information Technology; Karan Reid, Director of
Finance; Laura Brunson, Director of Human Resources;
Jovan Grogan, Budget Officer; Suzanne McDonald,
Financial Operations Manager; Leslye Asera,
Community Relations Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: Sandra Sherer, Monument Crisis Center; Carol Prell, Blue Star Moms; Jim Bordelon, Concord; Joseph Partansky, Concord; Brian Cory, Concord; Carlyn Obringer, Concord; California State Senator Mark DeSaulnier; California Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla; Lindy Lavender, Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff's Office; Contra Costa County District Attorney Mark Peterson; Guy Bjerke, Concord; Mike Pastrick, Concord; Colleen Coll, Concord; Adam Foster, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sandra Sherer, Monument Crisis Center, presented the Council with a packet of materials sharing information on the workshops, activities and services provided by the Center.

Carol Prell, President of the Blue Star Moms, and Blue Star Mom Linda Graham invited the Council and the public to participate in a Veterans Day 5K/10K Run & Walk being held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Hillcrest Park starting at 8:15 a.m.

Jim Bordelon, Concord, expressed his concern that rabbits were being sold as feeder material for snakes at a local business.

Joseph V. A. Partansky, Concord, suggested Council candidates be allowed to use the Concord Bulletin Board for their campaign materials at no cost and be able to use City meeting rooms for uncensored campaign speeches.

Brian Cory, Concord, shared his concern over air quality issues and referenced a recent incident at Tesoro Refinery.

Carlyn Obringer, Concord, announced an upcoming Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista presentation on Modern Day Slavery being held at Queen of All Saints Church Hall on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 6 p.m., and invited the public to attend.

PRESENTATIONS

CITY CLERK MARY RAE LEHMAN

Mayor Grayson invited City Clerk Mary Rae Lehman to the podium where several individuals including State Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblymember Susan Bonilla, Lindy Lavender, District Attorney Mark Peterson, Guy Bjerke, Mike Pastrick, Colleen Coll, Carlyn Obringer, City Attorney Mark Coon, Assistant City Manager Scott Johnson, and Mayor Grayson thanked Ms. Lehman for her service and presented her with proclamations and certificates in honor of her retirement and 23 years of services to the citizens of Concord.

2014 STATE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Grayson introduced Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla who provided a legislative update.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Mayor Grayson announced that a proclamation was presented to Thania Balcorta proclaiming October 23-31, 2014 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Concord and that Ms. Balcorta had to leave prior to the presentation.

MONUMENT COMMUNITY PARKS ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

Director of Community and Recreation Services Joan Carrico explained that the assessment of the Monument Community Parks was a community led process and introduced representatives from multiple participants in the project including Rhea Laughlin, First 5; Coire Reilly, Contra Costa Health Services; Alex Chavez, Central County Regional Group; Tonya Love, Healthy and Active before 5; and Ana Villalobos, Monument Impact, who gave a presentation on the assessment and recommendations for Monument Community Parks.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Mayor Grayson introduced Gail McPartland who gave an update on library activities.

FINANCE AWARDS

Mayor Grayson introduced Finance Director Karan Reid who presented the City with awards recently received by the City of Concord Finance Department from the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for year ended June 30, 2013, GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013, and National Procurement Institute's Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to approve the minutes of September 23, 2014 and September 30, 2014. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

MATTER TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING – Citywide Energy Services Company Energy Efficient Contract

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to confirm the approval of final changes to the Citywide Energy Services Company Energy Efficiency contract and acceptance of the improvements completed under the Energy Efficiency program. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

MATTER TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING – Electrical Charging Station Fee

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to consider amending the Master Fees and Charges, Section A, Administrative Fees, adding Subsection 19, Electrical Charging Station Fee. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NOS. 14-76, 14-77, 14-78, 14-79, 14-80 AND 14-81 – Fixing Employer's Contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA)

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan by to adopt Resolution No. 14-76, entitled, "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC UNIT (ALL UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, TO INCLUDE COUNCIL-APPOINTED EMPLOYEES, EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT, MID-MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES;" Resolution No. 14-77 entitled, "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC UNIT (ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL & CLERICAL REPRESENTATION UNIT);" Resolution No. 14-78 entitled, "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' AND MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC UNIT (FIELD & OPERATIONS REPRESENTATION UNIT);" Resolution No. 14-79 entitled, "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC UNIT (PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION UNIT);" Resolution No. 14-80 entitled, "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC UNIT (PEACE OFFICER REPRESENTATION UNIT);" and Resolution No. 14-81 entitled, "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC UNIT (POLICE MANAGERIAL REPRESENTATION UNIT)." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS – Project No. 2245, Willow Pass Road Trunk Sewer Upgrade

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to accept the improvements for Project No. 2245 (Willow Pass Road Trunk Sewer Upgrade) constructed by California Trenchless, Inc., of Dublin; and direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL & FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP – Project No. 2313

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Financial Services Group of Annapolis, MD, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$86,700 to prepare a sewer rate assessment and study for Project No. 2313 (Sewer Rate Study); and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO VERDE DESIGN – RFP #2298, Parks Facilities Condition Assessment and Maintenance Analysis

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to award a contract to Verde Design in the not-to-exceed amount of \$149,966 for RFP #2298, Parks Facilities Condition Assessment and Maintenance Analysis; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

REAPPOINTMENT TO THE JOHN MUIR/MT. DIABLO COMMUNITY HEALTH FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Ernesto Avila

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to reappoint Ernesto Avila to serve on the John Muir/Mt. Diablo Community Health Fund Board of Directors for a two-year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

AGREEMENTS WITH SWINERTON MANAGEMENT AND RFB CONSULTING – Project No. 2251, Farm Bureau Road Safe Routes to School

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Concord resident Adam Foster who noted that he would like to see buffered bike lanes, urged focus on safety, and stated he is looking forward to working with the Council and staff on this project.

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to approve an amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Swinerton Management & Consulting of San Francisco in the amount of \$9,600 for project management services; to approve a Task Order Amendment with RFB Consulting of Walnut Creek in the amount of \$35,063 for design services for Project No. 2251 (Farm Bureau Road Safe Routes to School Improvements from Willow Pass Road to Wren Avenue); and to authorize the City Manager to execute the amendments. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Brochures and materials on Monument Crisis Center presented by Sandra Sherer during public comment.
- b. Flyers regarding the Veterans Day 5K/10K Run & Walk presented by Carol Prell during public comment.
- c. Flyer concerning the Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista presentation on Modern Day Slavery submitted by Carlyn Obringer during public comment.
- d. Copy of the Powerpoint presentation made by the Monument Impact delegation; reference Item 1.b.
- e. Copy of the Monument Community Park Assessment Results Spring 2014 submitted by Monument Impact delegation; reference Item 1.b.
- f. Flyer submitted by Gail McPartland during her presentation; reference Item 1.c.
- g. List of events and activities in which Vice Mayor Leone had participated in during the period October 1, 2014 – October 14, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESENTATIONS MADE - None

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS - None

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Councilmembers shared information on recent events they had attended in the community, announced upcoming events, and expressed appreciation for the opportunities offered to the public.

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. in recognition of retiring City Clerk Mary Rae Lehman.


TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON
MAYOR


JOELLE FOCKLER, CMC
CITY CLERK