

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 2, 2014

The Concord City Council met in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber located at 1950 Parkside Drive at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 with all Councilmembers present. Mayor Ron Leone presided and led the audience in the pledge to the flag. 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; Scott Johnson, Assistant City Manager; Mark Coon, City Attorney; Joelle Fockler, City Clerk; Tom Wentling, City Treasurer; Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic Development; Laura Brunson, Director of Human Resources; Karan Reid Director of Finance; Jeff Lewis, Director of Information Technology; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Robert Ovadia, City Engineer; Laura Simpson, John Montagh, Jovan Grogan, Budget Officer; Mary Nakamura, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WHO ADDRESSED COUNCIL: Stefani Buzzard, Concord; Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord; George Fulmore, Concord; Carol Longshore and Carlyn Obringer, Concord Historical Society; Lindy Lavender, Supervisor Mitchoff's Office; Dominic Ciotola, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Stefani Buzzard, Concord, requested Council to consider contacting Animal Services to express concern over sheltering practices and set a goal of limiting shelter killing.

Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord, wished the Council a Happy Holidays, thanked the Concord citizens who voted for him for City Council, and urged the Council to work together to build a strong community.

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of no stories about Concord in the *Contra Costa Times*, and urged Concord citizens to support the *Concord Pioneer*.

Carol Longshore and Carlyn Obringer, Concord Historical Society, congratulated the Councilmembers and Treasurer on their re-election, and invited the public to tour the Galindo House, which has been beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Lindy Lavender, Supervisor Karen Mitchoff's office, spoke on behalf of Supervisor Mitchoff, extending congratulations to the re-elected Councilmembers and enthusiasm to work together in the future.

Dominic Ciotola, Battalion Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, congratulated the Councilmembers and Treasurer on their re-election and provided an update on the District's activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

REORGANIZATION
PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Grayson welcomed those in attendance and introduced visiting dignitaries and former Mayors in the audience and acknowledged attending Department Heads.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-83 – November 4, 2014 Election Results

City Clerk Joelle Fockler presented results, referencing her report dated December 2, 2014, of the November 4, 2014 election for three Councilmembers, one City Treasurer and of Ballot Measure Q asking the voters to continue approval of a one-half of one percent (0.5) transaction and use (sales) tax for an additional nine years to fund General Municipal Services.

City Clerk Fockler reported that 26,133 ballots were cast, for a voter turnout of 46.14 percent, and announced the following:

For the three positions of City Councilmember, the following candidates received the following votes:

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Timothy Grayson | 12,914 | 22% |
| Laura Hoffmeister | 12,340 | 21% |
| Ron Leone | 10,363 | 19% |
| Brent Trublood | 6,402 | 11% |
| Harmesh Kumar | 4,937 | 8% |
| Adam Foster | 4,206 | 7% |
| Terry Kremin | 3,696 | 6% |
| Patrick Hogoboom | 2,197 | 4% |
| Nicholas Lynch | 1,759 | 3% |

Therefore, the newly-elected Councilmembers are Laura Hoffmeister, Timothy S. Grayson, and Ronald Leone.

For the position of City Treasurer, the following candidates received the following votes:

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Thomas J. Wentling | 17,129 | 80% |
| Louis Mazzarella | 4,305 | 20% |

Therefore, the newly-elected City Treasurer is Thomas J. Wentling.

On the question of whether to approve an ordinance amending the expiration date of an existing sales tax in Concord (Ballot Measure Q) the following votes were received:

| | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|-----|--------------|-------------------|
| Yes | 19,291 | 77% |
| No | 5,694 | 23% |

Therefore, Ballot Measure Q passed, and a one-half of one percent (0.5%) Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax to fund general municipal services that was approved by a majority of the voters in November, 2010, and took effect in April, 2011, will be extended for a nine year period until 2025.

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to adopt Resolution No. 14-83, entitled "A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF CONCORD." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

COMMENTS ON FIRST YEAR AS MAYOR

Mayor Grayson commented on his first year as Mayor.

OATH OF OFFICE – City Treasurer

City Clerk Fockler administered the Oath of Office to elected City Treasurer Thomas J. Wentling and presented him with a Certificate of Election.

OATH OF OFFICE – City Councilmembers

City Clerk Fockler administered the Oath of Office to elected City Councilmembers Timothy S. Grayson, Laura M. Hoffmeister, and Ronald E. Leone.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-84 – Confirmation of Mayor

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Birsan to adopt Resolution No. 14-84 entitled, "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CONCORD." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-85 – Designation of Vice Mayor

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Birsan to adopt Resolution No. 14-85 entitled, "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LAURA M. HOFFMEISTER AS VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CONCORD." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to confirm designation of Mayor Grayson and Vice Mayor Hoffmeister to serve as the new Local Reuse Authority Chair and Vice Chair respectively as authorized by Local Reuse Authority Resolution No. 06-1 adopted January 10, 2006. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

COMMENTS

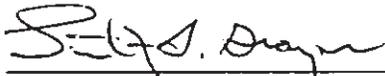
City Treasurer Wentling, Councilmembers Birsan, Helix, and Leone, Vice Mayor Hoffmeister, and Mayor Grayson each made comments thanking the voters for their support and expressing their pleasure in having the opportunity to serve the citizens.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

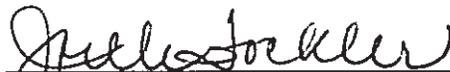
COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Grayson invited the audience and listening public to join him in celebration at Agave Restaurant.

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON
MAYOR



JOELLE FOCKLER, CMC
CITY CLERK