

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

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, March 10, 2015, with Vice Mayor Hoffmeister presiding. Mayor Grayson was absent. The meeting was recessed and immediately reconvened in a closed session to confer with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 and to confer with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 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 7:07 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, with Vice Mayor Hoffmeister 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, Ron Leone, Laura Hoffmeister

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Grayson

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Mark Coon, City Attorney; Marsha Moore, Deputy City Clerk; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Karan Reid, Director of Finance; Jovan Grogan, Deputy City Manager; Victoria Walker, Community and Economic Development Director; Justin Ezell, Public Works Director; Robert Ovadia, City Engineer; Leslye Asera, Community Relations Manager; Ray Kuzbari, Transportation Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: Alex Chavez, Concord; Coire Reilly, Contra Cost Health Services; George Fulmore, Concord; Kenji Yamada, Concord; Smitty Ardrey, Concord; Johni Christenson, Concord; Ray Barbour, Concord; Joanne Rees, Concord; Roylen Stack, Concord; David Pitman, Concord; Blanca Colin, Concord; Dalila Quirarte, Concord; Nati Flores, Concord; Elva Cruz, Concord; Ana Villalobos, Concord; Nik Broman, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Alex Chavez, Central County Regional Group, spoke in support of the Detroit Avenue project.

Kenjii Yamada, Concord, spoke of Bike Concord's booth at the April 23 Music and Market, noting that they will have well used bikes, safety information and a mechanic from REI at the booth. Mr. Yamada also mentioned that Bike to Work Day will be held on May 14, 2015, and there will be energizer stations planned in Concord. He congratulated the City for sponsoring this event for the third year in a row.

Smitty Ardrey, Concord, Bike Concord, invited the public to a family bike ride at 10:30 a.m. on March 28 starting at the Concord BART station. The ride will be along the Iron Horse Trail to Walnut Creek, noting that those who wish can bike to Danville for a special program at the San Ramon Valley Museum.

Johni Christenson, Concord, spoke of an interest in creating a farm learning center in Concord, and stated she would find a way to do it if the City would provide the land. She welcomed those interested in the project to email her at concordfarmandlearningcenter@gmail.com.

Coire Reilly, Contra Costa County Health Services, invited the Council and public to a workshop at 5:30 p.m. on March 19, 2015, at the Concord Library to prepare community members for a workshop to be held on April 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Willow Pass Center regarding the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of the Monument Democratic Club's relationship with the Contra Costa Youth Soccer League and the great support from City staff, including Steve Voorhies, Justin Ezell and Fred Stahly, to improve the condition of Cambridge Park to get it ready for the soccer league.

PRESENTATIONS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Vice Mayor Hoffmeister made a presentation to Carlyn Obringer with Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista, proclaiming March 2015 as *Women's History Month*. Ms. Obringer thanked the Council for recognizing Women's History Month, discussed history of the month and described Soroptimist International. Ms. Obringer invited the Council, staff and public to the Annual Women of Distinction Lunch on March 25 at 12:00 p.m. at the Contra Costa Country Club.

DETROIT AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

Vice Mayor Hoffmeister introduced City Engineer, Robert Ovadia, who made a presentation on the Detroit Avenue Complete Streets Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy City Clerk Marsha Moore announced an extension to the recruitment to fill two positions on the Board of Appeals and set Friday, March 27 2015, at 5 p.m. as the deadline for receipt of applications.

CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Leone and seconded by Helix to approve the minutes for the meetings of February 10 and 11, 2015.

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HESS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC - PROJECT NO. 2294 - Todos Santos Archway Project

Motion was made by Leone and seconded by Helix to approve a construction contract for Project No. 2294, Todos Santos Archway Project, in the amount of \$125,275 to Hess Construction Co., Inc. of American Canyon and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract.

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

MATTER TO SET FOR A PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment to the Concord Municipal Code

Motion was made by Leone and seconded by Helix to set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber to consider an amendment to the Concord Municipal Code Title 2, Administration; Chapter 2.20, Boards, Commissions and Committees and Revising Policy and Procedure No. 89, Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

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

ORDINANCE No. 15-2 – Speed Limit on Farm Bureau Road

Ray Kuzbari, Transportation Manager, presented a report referring to his memorandum dated March 10, 2015, and recommending that based on the review of a recent Engineering and Traffic Survey the speed limit on Farm Bureau Road should be lowered from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.

Following questions by the Council, Vice Mayor Hoffmeister opened a public comment period.

Joanne Rees, Concord, spoke of speeding on Farm Bureau Road, supported reducing the speed limit and thanked the City for taking the heavy trucks off the road.

Ray Barbour, Concord, applauded the Council and staff for their proactive work to lower the speed limit on Farm Bureau Road and appreciated the City living up to the saying “families come first.”

Mayor Hoffmeister closed the public comment period.

Motion was made by Leone and seconded by Birsan introducing an amendment to Concord Municipal Code Title 10 (Traffic and Vehicles, Chapter 10.20 (Operation of Vehicles), Article IV (Special Speed Zones, Section 10-20-080 (Speed Limits Established) to change the speed limit on Farm Bureau Road from Willow Pass Road to Clayton Road from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. Ordinance No. 15-2 for introduction.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Item 1a – Annual Women of Distinction Invitation

PowerPoint Presentation Item 1b – Detroit Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

Public Comment on Presentation Items – Letter to Mayor Grayson from Adam Foster regarding the Detroit Avenue Project

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESENTATION ITEMS

Roylen Stack, Concord, spoke of the problem with cars parked for sale and large trucks parked on Detroit Avenue being a hazard turning out of Pine Creek, and suggested limiting parking during certain times or a four-way stop at Pine Creek.

David Pitman, Concord, spoke to the Detroit Avenue project and the involvement of the Concord Park Neighborhood Association in getting the sidewalks on the east side fixed with CDBG funds and hoped this project would fix the west side of Detroit Avenue. Mr. Pitman also shared his concern about right-of-way dedication in relation to the planned Poetry Gardens development.

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of the Detroit Avenue project and felt it was a good project; however, felt the intersection at Detroit and Sunshine was still dangerous and would eventually need a signal.

Blanca Colin, Concord, spoke of the Detroit Avenue project, shared concerns about the speed on Detroit Avenue, and thanked the City for including the four-way stop at Walters Way and Detroit Avenue in the project.

Dalila Quirarte, Concord, thanked the City for the efforts on the Detroit Avenue project, recognized the Council for its involvement from the beginning and for the importance put on community participation, and thanked the Planning Department for taking into consideration the concerns from residents regarding the need for stop signs.

Coire Reilly, Contra Costa County Health Services, spoke of the Detroit Avenue project being one of the most rewarding projects he had worked on, and thanked the Council, staff, and the residents for their dedication to the project.

Nati Flores, Concord, spoke about her excitement for the Detroit Avenue project, her pleasure to see the stop sign added at Walters, and that the community's feedback was applied to the project.

Elva Cruz, Concord, spoke in support of the street lighting and added that there would be a free Tuesday morning exercise group starting on March 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Meadow Homes Park.

Alex Chavez, Central County Regional Group, spoke of the group's participation in the Detroit Avenue project from the beginning, thanked Councilmember Birsan for his support on the project, and congratulated the City for involving the public in the process each step of the way.

Ana Villalobos, Concord, spoke about the Detroit Avenue project implementation being a dream come true and that the community felt its voice was strongly heard, and she acknowledged the strong support of City staff.

Nick Broman, Concord, spoke of the stop sign at Sunshine and Detroit Avenue being blocked by large vehicles parked on Detroit Avenue and noted he had contacted the Planning Department and Police Department about his concerns.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS – None.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Councilmembers shared information on recent events they had attended in the community.

By order of the Vice Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.


LAURA HOFFMEISTER
VICE MAYOR


MARSHA MOORE, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK