

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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, October 27, 2015, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present. The meeting was recessed and immediately reconvened in a closed session personnel matter pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1) and 54957(b)(4). Public employee appointment: Interim City Attorney.

The meeting recessed at 6:30 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, October 27, 2015, with Mayor Grayson presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Leone. 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

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Susanne Brown, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Joelle Fockler, City Clerk; Tim McGallian, City Treasurer; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic Development; Jovan Grogan, Deputy City Manager; Robert Ovadia, City Engineer; Laura Simpson, Planning Manager; Steve Voorhies, Parks Manager; Shannon Griffin, Volunteer Program Coordinator; Pedro Garcia, Economic Development Specialist

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: George Fulmore, Concord; Paul Poston, Concord; Jennifer Raska, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

George Fulmore, Concord, requested funding for Meadow Homes Park.

Paul Poston, Concord, spoke of the widening of Highway 4, and requested clarification of the project.

Jessica Raska, Concord, spoke of concern of schedule changes at the Concord BART Station.

PRESENTATIONS

MANUFACTURING DAY

Mayor Grayson presented James Gardner, East Bay Advanced Manufacturing Partnership, a proclamation declaring October 2, 2015, as "Manufacturing Day" in the City of Concord.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Mayor Grayson presented Ricardo Simental, Monument Corridor Anti-Drug & Alcohol Coalition Coordinator, a proclamation declaring October 23-30, 2015 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Concord.

CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE (CLEC) 2014 SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD

Mayor Grayson introduced California Highway Patrol Chief Paul Fontana and California Highway Patrol Captain Costigan, who presented the Concord Police Department Traffic Unit with the California Law Enforcement Challenge (CLEC) 2014 Support and Leadership in Traffic Safety Award.

PARKS VOLUNTEERS

Mayor Grayson introduced Steve Voorhies, Parks Manager, and Shannon Griffin, Volunteer Program Coordinator, who presented parks volunteer honorees Arnel Jaime and the Boy Scouts of America, Concord; Marvin Hutchinson; Matt Huffaker and Life Church; Reiko Chong and the Shinnyo-Eu Buddhist Temple; Wes Brinkman and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Concord; and Oliver Wesson, III and the California State Automobile Association, Concord with certificates of recognition.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE MONUMENT FIRST FIVE CENTER

Mayor Grayson introduced members of the Community Advisory Council of the Monument First Five Center, who gave an update on current activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2015. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR TODOS SANTOS PLAZA ARCHWAY – Project 2294

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to accept the improvements for Todos Santos Plaza Archway, Project 2294, constructed by Hess Construction Co., Inc. of American Canyon; and to direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-68 - MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Helix to adopt Resolution No. 15-68 entitled, "A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICE PROGRAM AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16." Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT – Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Planning Manager Laura Simpson presented a report, referring to the staff report dated October 27, 2015, and explaining that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) recently held a meeting at which they discussed transferring funding from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to MTC by the end of 2015, in what appeared to be an expedited merger process for the two organizations. She reported that MTC will hold a hearing on this issue at its meeting of October 28, 2015, and many jurisdictions, including the City of Concord, have written to express concern about a process that is not transparent and inclusive of all stakeholders. Ms. Simpson noted that the idea of merging ABAG and MTC is supported by many, but it will take time to prepare a transition plan and implement a plan in a thoughtful, meaningful way.

Following questions from the Council, Mayor Grayson opened a public comment period.

Paul Poston, Concord, spoke of his concern of a merger in order to raise more funds for the MTC.

Mayor Grayson closed the public comment period.

Following comments from the Council, the Council provided staff with direction on the

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. City of Concord Volunteer Appreciation 2015 PowerPoint Presentation.
- b. Monument First 5 Center Recommendation Summary 2014-15 PowerPoint Presentation.
- c. Benched Item No. 3.c – Resolution No. 15-68.
- d. MTC and ABAG Potential Merger PowerPoint Presentation.
- e. Letter from Contra Costa Economic Partnership Executive Director Kristin Connolly to the MTC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PRESENTATION ITEMS - NoneCLOSED SESSION REPORTS

Senior Assistant City Attorney Susanne Brown reported that prior to the open session the Council met in Closed Session regarding a personnel matter pursuant to public employee appointment Interim City Attorney; and that the Council would return to Closed Session following the Open Session and report out on any determination after deliberations.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Councilmembers shared information on events and activities in which they had participated since the last meeting and commented on items of interest.

The Council recessed at 8 p.m. to reconvene in Closed Session in the City Council Conference Room.

The Council reconvened in regular session at 8:24 p.m. and Senior Assistant City Attorney Susanne Brown reported that in Closed Session the Council had taken action to appoint an individual to the Interim City Attorney position and directed the City Manager to prepare a Legal Services Agreement with that individual. The City Council will consider the agreement at the November 3, 2015 City Council meeting. Ms. Brown reported that the voting tally was unanimous.

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. in memory of Bill Shinn.


TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON
MAYOR


JOELLE FOCKLER, CMC
CITY CLERK