

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 2015, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present. The meeting was recessed and immediately reconvened in a closed session to confer with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property: area within Concord Community Reuse Plan. Negotiating Parties: Mike Wright, City of Concord; Guy Bjerke, City of Concord; Alan Lee, Department of Navy, BRAC Project Office; Suheil Totah, Lennar Concord LLC; Steve Buster, Catellus Development Corporation. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

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 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 with all Councilmembers present. Mayor Grayson 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; Jovan Grogan, Deputy City Manager; Brian Libow, Interim City Attorney; Joelle Fockler, City Clerk; Tim McGallian, City Treasurer; Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic Development; Karan Reid Director of Finance; Jeff Lewis, Director of Information Technology; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Leslye Asera, Community Relations Manager

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WHO ADDRESSED COUNCIL: Arturo Zuniga, Concord; Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord; George Fulmore, Concord; Joe Partansky, Concord; Jason Ruderman, Concord; Margaret Romiti, Concord Police Department; Sgt. Kristin Coupar, Concord Police Department

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Arturo Zuniga, Concord, spoke of the homeless person who recently passed away and how he is trying to help homeless by donating blankets, jackets, food, etc.

Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord, spoke of public perception of the police department and implementing a police commission to monitor the police department to improve the public's perception of the police department.

George Fulmore, Concord, presented the Council an article on the concept of placemaking, spoke of his opposition of installing bathrooms at Ellis Lake Park, and spoke of installing a play structure at Meadow Homes Park.

Joe Partansky, Concord, presented Council with a public records act request reply by Chief Swanger about officer-involved shootings involving civilians in 2010, a flyer regarding the 41st Annual Conference of Forensic Mental Health Association of California, and a flyer regarding Proposition 47 Progress Report, and spoke of posting articles written by City staff, including the Chief of Police, on the City of Concord website.

Jason Ruderman, Concord, spoke of the need for traffic calming at Willow Pass Road and Salvio Street.

Margaret Romiti and Sg. Kristin Coupar, Concord Police Department, acknowledged Chaplain Tim Grayson for his 8 ½ years of service with the Concord Police Department.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Grayson formed an ad hoc committee to discuss project labor agreements and project stabilization agreements and appointed Councilmember Helix as Chair and himself as member of the committee.

REORGANIZATION
PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Grayson welcomed Lindy Lavender from Supervisor Mitchoff's office and George Escutia from Senator Glazer's office.

PRESENTATION - Mayor's Community Service Award

Mayor Grayson presented Sandra Scherer, Monument Crisis Center, with the 2015 Mayor's Community Service Award.

NOMINATION OF VICE MAYOR

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Hoffmeister to nominate Ron Leone for Vice Mayor. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

NOMINATION OF MAYOR

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to nominate Laura Hoffmeister for Mayor. Motion passed by the following vote of the Council:

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-70 – Designation of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Birsan to adopt Resolution No. 15-70 entitled, "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LAURA M. HOFFMEISTER AS MAYOR AND RONALD E. LEONE AS VICE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF CONCORD." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR GRAYSON

Mayor Hoffmeister presented outgoing Mayor Grayson with gifts from the City Council.

COMMENTS BY OUTGOING MAYOR GRAYSON

Outgoing Mayor Grayson made comments regarding his term as Mayor.

CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Birsan to confirm designation of Mayor Hoffmeister and Vice Mayor Leone 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 McGallian and Mayor Hoffmeister each made comments thanking their colleagues and staff for their support and expressing their pleasure in having the opportunity to serve the citizens.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Hoffmeister invited the audience and listening public to join her in celebration at Roberto's Grill.

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


LAURA M. HOFFMEISTER
MAYOR


JOELLE FOCKLER, CMC
CITY CLERK

