

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

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, January 26, 2016, with Mayor Hoffmeister 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: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Kay Winer, Interim Director of Human Resources - Negotiations; Charles Sakai, Esq. and Don Turko of Renne, Sloan, Holtzman & Sakai. Employee Organizations: Administrative, Technical & Clerical Representation Unit and Field & Operations Representation Unit of International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 856; Professional Representation Unit of OPEIU Local 29; Peace Officer Representation Unit of Concord Police Officers Association and Police Managerial Representation Unit of Police Management Association. Unrepresented Units: Executive, Management & Confidential Employees.

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 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, with Mayor Hoffmeister presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Helix. Minutes follow in abbreviated form per Resolution 3361 and Council Minutes of September 26, 1966.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Edi Birsan, Tim Grayson, Dan Helix, Ron Leone, Laura Hoffmeister

STAFF PRESENT: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Brian Libow, Interim City Attorney; Joelle Fockler, City Clerk; Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Guy Bjerke, Director of Community Reuse Planning; Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic Development; Karen Reid, Director of Finance; Laura Simpson, Planning Manager; Andrew Mogensen, Principal Planner; Leslye Asera, Community Relations Manager; Pedro Garcia, Economic Development Specialist

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: Roseanne Nieto, Concord; George Fulmore, Concord; Casilda Gonzalez, Concord; John Dorsett, Concord; Carlyn Obringer, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rosanne Nieto, Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee, requested a bike trail from Monument to the Iron Horse Trail on Solano Way.

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of installation of bathrooms at Ellis Lake Park and requested play structures at Meadow Homes Park.

Casilda Gonzalez, Concord, spoke of poor lighting at Detroit and Walters and in the Hillcrest area of Concord and the benefits of having a multicultural commission in Concord.

John Dorsett, Concord, spoke of his disappointment with Councilmember Birsan not being appointed Mayor and his disappointment with the process of making the position of Mayor a directly elected position.

Carlyn Obringer, Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista, invited the Council and public to a discussion on human trafficking to be held January 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at 2151 Salvio Street.

PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS – Luigi's Gourmet Deli and Acro Associates, Inc.

Economic Development Specialist Pedro Garcia presented an overview of the Business Recognition Awards Program, Marilyn Fowler introduced Louis and Kim Montano of Luigi's Gourmet Deli and Rondi Davidson and Russell Ziegler of Acro Associates, Inc., a Bimba Manufacturing Company, and Mayor Hoffmeister presented the recipients with Business Recognition Awards.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS – Plan Bay Area 2040

Johnny Jaramillo, Senior Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments, presented an overview of Plan Bay Area 2040.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Grayson to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 5, 2016. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-3493.1 – Creation of Community Reuse Area Planner Classification

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Grayson to adopt Resolution No. 16-3493.1 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMUNITY REUSE PLANNER." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – R3 Consulting Group, Inc.

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Grayson to approve a Professional Services Agreement with R3 Consulting Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$131,300 to conduct the preparation of the Base Year Rate Review request by Concord Disposal Service and provide ongoing support and coordination of solid waste services for an approximately 18-month period; and authorize the City Manager to make final revisions as needed and execute the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-1 – Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Principal Planner Andrew Mogensen presented a report, referring to the staff report dated January 26, 2016, and reporting that in response to the ongoing drought emergency, the State of

California requires that all cities and counties adopt the recently updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance or an equivalent which meets or exceeds the state's requirements. He explained that water efficient landscaping is a "balanced landscape," one that uses water efficiently and balances the lawn area, shrubs, and flowers with the hardscapes.

Principal Planner Mogensen noted that all new landscaping projects will have a reduced water allowance, and all landscaping projects associated with a building or landscape permit, plan check, or design review are subject to the Ordinance. He explained the benefits of the Ordinance, including improvements to landscaping and irrigation system efficiency.

Following questions by the City Council, Mayor Hoffmeister opened a public comment period, and upon receiving no public comment, closed the public comment period.

Motion was made by Birsan and seconded by Leone to continue the item to the February 23, 2016, City Council meeting in order to provide the City Council with additional information regarding the State's new landscaping requirements and to answer questions by the City Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Plan Bay Area 2040 PowerPoint Presentation.
- b. Model Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance PowerPoint Presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PRESENTATION ITEMS – None

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS – None

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Councilmembers Birsan, Grayson and Helix and Vice Mayor Leone commented on a recent article in the Contra Costa Times entitled, "Concord Councilman Wants Voters to choose the Mayor."

It was the consensus of the Council to send the subject of a directly elected mayor to the Policy Development and Internal Operations (PD&IO) Council Committee for review.

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

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



LAURA M. HOFFMEISTER
MAYOR



JOELLE FOCKLER, CMC
CITY CLERK