



CONCORD ANNOTATED AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL/CITY COUNCIL
SITTING AS THE
CONCORD/PLEASANT HILL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015
6:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber
1950 Parkside Drive, Concord, CA**

BUDGET WORKSHOP

**CLOSED SESSION
City Council Conference Room
5:30 p.m.**

I. ROLL CALL – all present.

II. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (Open Session) – none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Session)

IV. CLOSED SESSION:

a. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

City Negotiators: Valerie Barone, City Manager
Laura Brunson, Director of Human Resources
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

V. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Closed session held.

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m. – City Council Chamber**

ROLL CALL – all present.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – Councilmember Helix

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Poston, Concord, suggested the Council form a committee comprised of representatives from neighborhoods surrounding the Reuse Project Area to work with the Master Developer to ensure that the adopted Reuse Area Plan is followed.

Ray Barbour, Concord, reported that he recently attended a class offered by the Concord Police Department entitled “Crime Prevention through Environmental Design” and encouraged attendance to the class by City employees and application of the knowledge obtained to City parks. Mr. Barbour noted his concern of park safety and debris at Markham Nature Park.

Jeanette Green, Concord, introduced herself as President of the Holbrook Homeowners Association, noted that the Association is hiring for lifeguards at the Holbrook Community Pool, and requested the community’s assistance in passing along the information to interested applicants.

Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord, announced the 12th Annual Diversity Spring Festival to be held Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25, 2015, in conjunction with KidFest at Mt. Diablo High School, 2450 Grant Street, and invited the City Council and public to attend.

Danea Gemmell, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, described Central Contra Costa Sanitary District’s Residential Recycled Water Program, which provides free recycled water to its residential customers to be used to hand-water lawns, gardens and landscaping. Ms. Gemmell noted that all that is needed to obtain the free water is to complete an application, receive training on the proper use of recycled water, and bring containers.

Florence Weiss, Downtown Program Manager, announced the 2015 Music and Market in the Park program that will run from May 21 – September 17, 2015.

1. PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Presentation** – to Jay Bedecarre, Bay Area Festivals, Inc., proclaiming May 23-25, 2015, as “Bay Area KidFest Days” in the City of Concord and commemorating KidFest’s 25th Anniversary. **Introduction by Mayor Grayson.**

ACTION: Mayor Grayson presented Jay Bedecarre a proclamation declaring May 23-25, 2015, as “Bay Area KidFest Days” in the City of Concord and commemorating KidFest’s 25th Anniversary.

- b. **Presentation** – to Guy Swanger, Police Chief, proclaiming May 10-16, 2015, as “Peace Officers’ Week” and May 15, 2015, as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day” in the City of Concord. **Introduction by Mayor Grayson.**

ACTION: Mayor Grayson presented Chief Swanger a proclamation declaring May 10-16, 2015, as “Peace Officers’ Week” and May 15, 2015, as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day” in the City of Concord.

- c. **Presentation** – to Justin Ezell, Public Works Director, proclaiming the week of May 17-23, 2015, as “National Public Works Week” in recognition of the important role all Public Works Departments and their employees play in maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. **Introduction by Mayor Grayson.**

ACTION: Mayor Grayson presented Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works, and Jesse Crawford, Senior Maintenance Team Leader, a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2015, as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Concord.

- d. **Presentation** – to Mayor Grayson and the City Council of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Growing Smarter Together Award. **Introduction by Planning Manager Laura Simpson.**

ACTION: Planning Manager Laura Simpson presented Mayor Grayson and the City Council the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Growing Smarter Together Award received by the City of Concord for the Downtown Specific Plan.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Announcing** – a recruitment to fill one position on the John Muir/Mt. Diablo Community Health Fund Board; and set Friday, June 5, 2015, at 5 p.m. as the deadline for receipt of applications by the City Clerk. (No Fiscal Impact) **Recommended by the City Clerk.**

ACTION: This item was pulled from consideration. No action was taken.

**CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS****3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS:**

- a. **Approving** – the minutes from the meeting of April 13, 14, and 21, 2015. (No Fiscal Impact) Recommended by the City Clerk.

ACTION: Minutes of April 13, 14, and 21, 2015 approved.

- b. **Approving** – a Professional Services Agreement for Banking Services with Bank of America for an amount not to exceed \$115,200, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. (General Funds) Recommended by the Director of Finance.

ACTION: Professional Services Agreement for Banking Services with Bank of America approved; City Manager authorized to execute the Agreement.

- c. **Accepting** – \$350,325 in nonrecurring revenue and appropriating \$188,500 for Finance expenditures, \$28,100 for Community and Economic Development expenditures; approving an agreement with Anne Maze, Inc. in the amount of \$99,000 in connection with the development and implementation of financial and business processes in the Accela Permitting System; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. Resolution No. 15-32 for adoption. (General Funds) Recommended by the Director of Finance.

ACTION: Resolution No. 15-32 adopted.

- d. **Matter to set for Public Hearing** – on Tuesday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber – Consideration of the proposed Biennial Operating Budget for Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17, the Proposed 10-Year Financial Forecasts, Related Items – including Annual Appropriation Limits and Adjustment Factors, and the Capital Improvement Program. Recommended by City Manager.

ACTION: Public Hearings set for Tuesday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

B U D G E T W O R K S H O P

4. FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 AND 2016-17 BUDGET WORKSHOP

- a. **PRESENTATION** – of proposed Biennial Budget and 10-Year Financial Forecasts. **Presentation by Valerie J. Barone, City Manager.**

ACTION: Presentation made by City Manager Valerie Barone, Director of Finance Karan Reid, Deputy City Manager Jovan Grogan, and Measure Q Committee Chair Guy Bjerke.

5. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING THE BUDGET

Jima Monson, Concord, urged the Council to consider the Parks Assessment recommendations presented last October when budgeting for 2015-16, and allocate funds for a toddler lot at Ellis Lake Park.

Ana Villalobos, Concord, urged the Council to allocate funds for bathrooms at Ellis Lake Park.

Rhea Elina Laughlin, First Five Contra Costa, presented the Council with estimates for play structures for the 2-5 year age range, and requested that funds be allocated for a toddler lot and bathrooms at Ellis Lake Park.

Gaby Rivas, First Five Contra Costa, presented the Council with photos of toddler lot structures at various parks throughout Concord, and noted that Ellis Lake Park has outdated and meager play equipment.

George Fulmore, Concord, spoke of the lack of play structures at Meadow Homes Park, and urged funding of a play structure.

Mike Van Hofwegen, Executive Director, Monument Impact, encouraged the Council to fund play structures and bathrooms at Ellis Lake Park, presented photos showing transportation access in low-park areas, and noted the transportation struggles that members of the Monument community have getting to other parks in Concord.

Tim McGallian, Todos Santos Business Association, spoke of the relationship between the Downtown and Ellis Lake Park and the importance of making improvements to Ellis Lake Park for both the Park and the Downtown.

6. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers Birsan and Leone spoke of their support of improvements to both Ellis Lake and Meadow Homes Parks.

Vice Mayor Hoffmeister spoke of public/private partnership opportunities that may be available to improve Ellis Lake and Meadow Homes Parks and noted concern for Concord's roads and transportation system, which are in bad shape and need investment to bring them up to acceptable levels.

Councilmember Helix noted the importance of Measure Q, that the reserves are up, and that Concord's core services are protected.

Councilmember Leone requested that staff address fully funding retirement benefits in the second year of the proposed budget, asked what the 30 percent reserve is in dollar amount and why the City keeps 30 percent reserves, and asked why there is still a gap in revenues and expenditures at the end of Measure Q.

Councilmember Birsan requested that unfunded liabilities be projected out and requested a policy to put unfunded liabilities in the base budget.

Vice Mayor Hoffmeister requested department organizational charts, spoke of her concern over unfunded liabilities, emphasized the importance of park safety issues, and the importance of improvement to the City's roads.

Mayor Grayson questioned the amount of General Fund allocation to roads in past budgets. He stressed the importance of resolving the City's structural budget deficit and reliance on Measure Q funds in the next 10 years.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – City Council correspondence not selectively included in the following list is available for inspection during normal business hours by contacting the City Clerk at 671-3390.

- a. Treasurer's Report for the period January 1 – March 31, 2015.
- b. Photos of Markham Park submitted by Ray Barbour.
- c. 2015 Music & Market in the Park calendar
- d. Proposed Biennial Operating Budget PowerPoint Presentation
- e. Estimates for Play Structures submitted by Rhea Elina Laughlin.
- f. Photos of Concord Parks: Tot Lots submitted by Gaby Rivas.
- g. Graphic of Transportation Access in Low-Park Areas submitted by Mike Van Hofwegen.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PRESENTATION ITEMS** – none.

9. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS – none.**10. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

Mayor Grayson requested to have Joe Campbell, Contra Costa Water District Board President, speak at a Council Meeting regarding potable water and water conservation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

There is a 90-day limit for the filing of a challenge in the Superior Court to certain City administrative decisions and orders which require a hearing by law, the receipt of evidence, and the exercise of discretion. The 90-day limit begins on the date the decision is final (Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6). Further, if you challenge an action taken by the City Council in court, you may be limited, by California law, including but not limited to Government Code Section 65009, to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council prior to or at the public hearing. The City Council may be requested to reconsider a decision if the request is made prior to the next City Council meeting, regardless of whether it is a regular or special meeting (Policy and Procedure No. 2, Section 4.24). For information on the next regular or special City Council meeting, please call (925) 671-3390.

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

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