

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE  
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

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 14, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. Four of the five Councilmembers were present at the beginning of the meeting; Councilmember Hoffmeister arrived at 6:20 p.m. The meeting was recessed and immediately reconvened in a closed session to 1) confer with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) regarding potential initiation of litigation. The identity of parties and subject matter of the potential litigation was not disclosed so as to avoid possible jeopardy to conclusion of existing settlement negotiations; and to 2) confer with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding property area within the Concord Community Reuse Plan. Negotiating Parties were Michael Wright - City of Concord, and Alan Lee - Department of Navy, BRAC Project Office. Under negotiation were the price and terms of payment. 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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present and 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, Dan Helix, Laura Hoffmeister, Ron Leone, Tim Grayson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Valerie Barone, City Manager; Mark Coon, City Attorney; Scott P. Johnson, Assistant City Manager; Mary Rae Lehman, City Clerk; Chief Guy Swanger; Victoria Walker, Director of Community and Economic Development; Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works; Karan Reid, Director of Finance; Robert Ovadia, City Engineer; Ray Kuzbai, Transportation Manager

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL:** Paul Poston, Concord; Carlyn Obringer, Concord; Bruce Borjesson, Concord; Ray Barbour, Concord

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Paul Poston, Concord, shared his appreciation for the attendance of city staff at the recent Sun Terrace Partnership Meeting.

Carlyn Obringer, Concord, invited the Council and public to the first of several events planned for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the City's Sister City relationship with Kitakami, Japan, and explained that a 10,000 origami crane sculpture would be unveiled on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Brenden Theatre lobby.

Bruce Borjesson, Concord, expressed his disappointment in how the City has interacted with him over the recent placement of signs along his property off Pine Hollow Road.

Ray Barbour, Concord, shared his concern over the widening of Farm Bureau Road, suggesting that a four-lane transportation alley would allow a convenient cut-through for local traffic. He apologized when advised that Farm Bureau Road had not been approved for four lanes of traffic.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Robert Ramirez, Economic Development Specialist, highlighted the Business Recognition Program and introduced Marilyn Fowler, Chief Operations Officer of the Concord Greater Chamber of Commerce; and Larry Sly, Chairman of the Board, who introduced Santiago Morales, Owner of Tortilleria El Molino, and Mark Churchill, Manager of Operations, Guitar Center. Mayor Grayson presented Business Recognition awards to each business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

#### CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to approve the minutes from the meetings of December 3, December 10, and December 19, 2013. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

#### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NOS. 14-3 AND 14-4 – Transportation Development Act Grant for Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to adopt Resolution No. 14-3, entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION BY THE CITY OF CONCORD FOR AN ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PROJECT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15" authorizing the application for FY 2014-15 Transportation Development Act (TDA) grant funds to support a pedestrian safety improvement project on Cowell Road in the amount of \$135,000; and to adopt Resolution No. 14-4, entitled "A RESOLUTION APPLYING TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE CITY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC) REQUIREMENT AND IDENTIFYING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTYWIDE BAC AS THE REVIEW BODY FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDING OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF CONCORD. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

#### AGREEMENT WITH TRUEPOINT SOLUTIONS, LLC – Technical Support for the Information Technology Department

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to approve a Professional Services Agreement to provide technical support to the Information Technology Department for a single one-year term with no option to renew with TruePoint Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$110,000; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

CONFIRMATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN - Concord/Pleasant Hill Health Care District

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to confirm the Strategic Plan approved for the Concord/Pleasant Hill Health Care District to guide the Grant Committee's funding reviews will continue for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 grant application process. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-1 – Annual Parcel Assessment for Stormwater Management Plan

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to adopt Resolution No. 14-1, entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL PARCEL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 FOR DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM” and authorizing the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to continue an annual parcel assessment in Fiscal Year 2014/15 to fund the City’s Stormwater Management Plan and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program by maintaining the current Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) rate of \$35 per single-family parcel. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-2 – Acceptance and Appropriation of Resources Recycling and Recovery Oil Payment Grant Funds

Motion was made by Helix and seconded by Leone to adopt Resolution No. 14-2, entitled “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY USED OIL PAYMENT FUNDING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF CONCORD OIL COLLECTION PROGRAM” accepting Fiscal Year 2013/14 California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Oil Payment Program funding in the amount of \$35,215; and appropriating the funds to the City of Concord’s used oil collection programs. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Pictures submitted by Bruce Borgesson in support of his public comments.
- b. List of events and meetings attended by Vice Mayor Leone between December 11, 2013 and January 14, 2014.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS - NoneCOUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Councilmembers shared information on events and activities in which they had participated over the past two weeks and commented on items of interest.

Councilmember Birsan shared that he would be asking the Council at a later time to consider changing the way Concord residents vote to Districts instead of At-Large and to review the process used to fill a Council vacancy.

Mayor Grayson asked his fellow councilmen for support to have the Policy Development and Internal Operations Council Sub-Committee review the composition, size and function of the City’s Boards and Commissions, and to have the Housing and Economic Development Council Sub-Committee review the City’s position and involvements regarding pest infestations like bed bugs. Fellow Council members concurred.

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in memory of Catherine Narberes and Paul Lewis.

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TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON  
MAYOR

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MARY RAE LEHMAN, CMC  
CITY CLERK