

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

The Concord City Council met in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber located at 1950 Parkside Drive at 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, with Mayor Grayson presiding. All Councilmembers were present and the pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Mayor 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; 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; Ray Kuzbari, Transportation Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL: Carey Gregg, Concord; Bryan Elizarraraz, Concord; Craig Schiemann, Concord; Joe Partansky, Clayton

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Carey Gregg and Bryan Elizarraraz, both of Concord, shared information regarding the upcoming "Convoy of Hope" event planned for Saturday, April 5, at Rio Vista Elementary School at 10 a.m. They explained that it was an opportunity for local persons to receive free haircuts, medical services, dental services and food.

Craig Schiemann, Concord, spoke of the condition of the City streets, expressing concern over the utility boxes that were not raised when the streets are improved and the potential for damage to vehicles.

Joe Partansky, Clayton, asked all the Councilmembers to share their thoughts on increasing civic participation, especially among the youth, elderly, women and disabled, suggesting that residents be allowed to phone in during public comment periods and public hearings. He also asked when the "Mayors State of the City" message would broadcast and was advised that it would air on television February 5 – 15 at 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 9 p.m.

PRESENTATIONSARBOR DAY 2014

Mayor Grayson presented a proclamation to Chris Llata, City Arborist, proclaiming February 15, 2014 as "Arbor Day" in Concord. Mr. Llata shared information regarding the upcoming "Community Tree Planting Event" scheduled for Saturday, February 15th from 8:30 am – 12 Noon at the Boatwright Sports Complex in Concord. He explained that volunteers are needed to help plant 56 new trees.

ACCELA CIVIC HERO

Mayor Grayson introduced Tom Kuhlman, Interim Director of Information Technology, who introduced Jeff Stiles, Vice President of Marketing of Accela, Inc., who gave an overview of a new Smart Phone Application called "Accela Civic Hero" and Allen Chen, also of Accela, Inc., gave a demonstration of its use. The Accela Civic Hero, Chan stated, is designed to allow residents to report observations of over 20 issues such as graffiti, abandoned vehicles and potholes to the City through their smart phones. By using geo-tracking, Civic Hero automatically identifies the location of the matter and routes a report to the responsible department. Civic Hero is a free service to the users and the City.

DOWNTOWN CONCORD SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE

Senior Planner Joan Ryan provided an update, referring to her memorandum dated February 4, 2014, on the Downtown Concord Specific Plan project, including preferred alternative, project schedule, and current status. She explained that the specific plan was a planning tool intended to provide policies, measures, and strategies to develop a defined geographic area which would be brought back to the Council for adoption to become part of the General Plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

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PROPOSED SALES OF UNUSED PROPERTY – MATTER TABLED AND NOT RESCHEDULED

The Public Hearing to consider the sale of an unused 11,375 square foot portion of property located at 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord California (APN 100-370-009) to Pacific Ranch Investments was continued from the meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2014 to provide staff additional opportunity to review the matter. Staff now recommends that the item be removed from the calendar and not rescheduled until a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Copy of a flyer announcing the Community Tree Planting Event scheduled for February 15, 2014 at the Boatwright Sports Complex from 8:30 am – 12 Noon.
- b. Vice Mayor Leone submitted a list of the meetings and events he'd attended between the period January 29 – February 3, 2014.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS - None

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

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

By order of the Mayor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON
MAYOR

MARY RAE LEHMAN, CMC
CITY CLERK