6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Council convenes in the Council Chamber and then adjourns to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

1. Conference with legal counsel to discuss initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): one potential case

2. Labor negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
   Agency Negotiator: City Manager
   Employee Organization: Albany Municipal Services Joint Powers Authority and City of Albany Public Safety Management

3. Public employee appointment or employment pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Position to be filled: City Manager

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thomsen called the regular meeting of the Albany City Council to order on the above date.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   Mayor Thomsen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL
   Present: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile, Mayor Thomsen
   Absent: Council Member Atkinson
3. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY
   1. City Attorney Craig Labadie reported that the Council authorized initiation of
      litigation against the California Department of Finance regarding a recent
determination the Department made on the Due Diligence Review resulting from
affairs of the former Redevelopment Agency.
   2. Mayor Thomsen reported that Council provided instruction to staff regarding
      Labor negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.
   3. Mayor Thomsen reported that the Council directed the City Manager and
      City Attorney to prepare a contract with Patrick O'Keeffe to serve as the
      Interim City Manager.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-1. Minutes, June 3, 2013

   Staff recommendation: Approve

4-2. a. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $187,955.12; taxes,
      benefits & withholdings in the amount of $149,377.81. Total payroll in the
      amount of $337,332.93. Payroll period: 5/31/2013
   b. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA net payroll in the amount of
      $49,114.43; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $34,316.36. Total
      payroll in the amount of $83,430.79. Payroll period: 5/31/2013

   Staff recommendation: Ratify.

4-3. Audio visual improvements in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library

   Library Advisory Board recommendation: that the Council approve up to $15,000
in funding from Gardener and Margaret Young Bequest to add three wall mounted
 cameras and related equipment including a microphone audio mixer to the audio
visual system in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library

4-4. Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District
No. 1988-1 and Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year, and
Setting a Public Hearing for July 15, 2013 on the proposed assessments

   Staff recommendation: that the Council:
   1) Approve Resolution #2013-28 - A Resolution of Intention to Order
    Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1
    for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act
    of 1972), set a public hearing for July 15, 2013 on the proposed
    assessment; and

4-5. Recreation & Community Services part-time job descriptions and pay rate changes

Staff recommendation: that the Council approve the proposed new classification and pay ranges for the Recreation & Community Services part-time employees

4-6. Sewer Master Plan

Staff recommendation: that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with RMC Water and Environment for developing a Sewer Master Plan services totaling $127,660 in fees.

4-7. Resolution No. 2013-25 and Resolution No. 2013-26 in support of entering into funding contract agreements with Alameda CTC for Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) grant funding

Staff recommendation: That Council approve Resolution No. 2013-25 and Resolution No. 2013-26 authorizing the City Manager to enter into two funding agreements with the Alameda CTC for the following projects:

1) Resolution 2013-25 for Measure B Funds in the amount of $536,000 for the construction of Phase III of the Buchanan Marin Bikeway project, and

2) Resolution 2013-26 for VRF funds in the amount of $149,000 for the pavement rehabilitation of Santa Fe Avenue

4-8. Memorandum of Understanding with the East Bay Collection Systems Advisory Committee (EBCSAC) Agencies Regarding Sharing Cost of Consultant Services

Staff recommendation: that the City Council authorize signature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the EBCSAC Agencies

4-9. Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc for Community Showcase Video

Staff recommendation: that Council authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an agreement for two years with CGI Communications, Inc to feature Albany in the Community Showcase program
4-10. Recruitment services for City Manager position

Staff recommendation: that the City Council authorize issuing a Request for Proposals for an executive recruiter to assist the Council in hiring the most qualified person to be the next City Manager.

Mayor Thomsen asked if anyone would like to remove an item. Council Member Barnes pulled item 4-6. Barnes asked for clarification regarding how the Sewer Master Plan budget would help address sewer infrastructure issues, and relation to the General Plan Update. Public Works Director/City Engineer Ray Chan reported that the Sewer Master Plan is intended to serve as an implementation document to help guide how funding will be applied to improve infrastructure, and enable additional analysis of the sewer system. Community Development Director Jeff Bond responded that the General Plan will intend to include policy statements to refer to sewer policy and management.

MOTION:
Moved by Vice Mayor Wile, seconded by Council Member Barnes to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile, Mayor Thomsen. ABSENT: Council Member Atkinson NOES: None
Motion carried and so ordered.

5. PRESENTATION

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to recent retirees from the Albany Unified School District.

6. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Thomsen opened the Good of the City/Public Forum/Announcements. The following people spoke: Catherine Sutton, Transition Albany. A summary of comments is as follows: encouraged transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, presented a book to the Council from the Post-Carbon Institute.

Mayor Thomsen acknowledged City Attorney Craig Labadie on his appointment to the Executive Board of the League of California Cities.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
8-1. Professional Services Agreement for a Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program

Staff recommendation: that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for a Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program with Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP) for $30,000.

Isabelle Leduc, Community and Senior Services Manager delivered the staff report. The Council directed staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program. The RFP was released on May 13, 2013, and closed on June 5, 2013. A total of three RFP responses were received from: Alameda County Homeless Action Center, Anka Behavioral Health, Inc., and Berkeley Food and Housing Project. Based on staff review of the proposals Berkeley Food and Housing Project submitted the most comprehensive homeless outreach and engagement program. The Berkeley Food and Housing Project has been working with the Solano Community Church and volunteers to provide basic supportive services to people on the Bulb for several years. Services are proposed to be provided both at Berkeley Food and Housing Project’s Multi Service Center in Berkeley and a satellite office in Albany. The total proposed budget for the project is $61,555, including in-kind support from the Solano Community Church at $25,000, a $6,555 match from Berkeley Food and Housing Project and $30,000 in City Council discretionary funds.

The following people spoke: Paul O’Curry, Brian Parker; Ruth Cashmere; Lisa Kleinbub; Steve Thrush, Solano Community Church; James Bailey; Andy Kramer; Peggy McQuaid; Amber Whitson; Julie Winkelstein.

A summary of comments is as follows: expressed concern that the focus is on homeless at the Bulb as opposed to the entire City; asked about timing for implementation; expressed support for the staff recommendation to select Berkeley Food and Housing Project; encouraged clear communication to assist the homeless find services and also consistency regarding the no-camping ordinance; expressed concern that there is a lack of available subsidized permanent housing for the homeless; noted that one proposal addressed the concept of housing-first, and expressed concern that the housing-first model is lacking throughout the region; the Solano Community Church has conducted outreach at the Bulb; encouraged a respectful approach to conducting outreach; noted that the outreach program is the first step in addressing homelessness in Albany, and encouraged seeking a long-term permanent solution beyond the initial October deadline to begin enforcing the no-camping ordinance; expressed concern with the lack of information being provided to the homeless regarding the upcoming outreach program.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: recognition that the outreach program is a first step in addressing homelessness issues, and expressed support for the amount of experience demonstrated by the Berkeley Food and Housing Project.
MOTION:
Moved by Vice Mayor Wile, seconded by Council Member Barnes to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for a Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program with Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP) for $30,000.

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile, Mayor Thomsen.
ABSENT: Council Member Atkinson
NOES: None
Motion carried and so ordered.

8-2. City Council Strategic Plan

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt revised strategic theme language and associated goals, metrics, and timelines for the 2013-15 Strategic Plan.

City Manager Beth Pollard delivered the staff report. The City Council engaged in strategic planning over the course of the last few months resulting in identification of four major themes for “An Even Better Albany”. Revisions were made to the proposed draft scorecard, including better clarity regarding providing assistance to persons who are homeless, to provide more opportunity for development of a community event to celebrate diversity, and to refine the metric associated with implementation of the Climate Action Plan. Theme icons were also refined and combined into one icon to represent all four themes. Additionally, alternative language regarding a walkable/bikeable climate-friendly community was drafted.

There were no public comments.
A summary of Council comments is as follows: expressed support for “Inspire Community Climate Action” to help clarify the previous language “create a walkable/bikeable climate friendly community”, expressed preference for the logo with the combined icons:

Mayor Thomsen requested that the motion for the matter include all but the Pierce Street Park project to allow for her to recuse herself regarding Pierce Street Park.
MOTION:
Moved by Vice Mayor Wile, seconded by Council Member Maass to adopt the revised strategic theme language and associated goals, metrics, and timelines for the 2013-15 Strategic Plan, with the exception of Pierce Street Park, and to adopt revised theme language to “inspire community climate action” and the logo on the right.

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile, Mayor Thomsen.
ABSENT: Council Member Atkinson
NOES: None
Motion carried and so ordered.

MOTION:
Moved by Council Member Barnes, seconded by Council Member Maass to adopt the goals, metrics, and timelines for Pierce Street Park as outlined in the 2013-15 Strategic Plan.

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile.
ABSENT: Council Member Atkinson
NOES: None
RECUSED: Mayor Thomsen
Motion carried and so ordered.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9-1. Review of 2013-14 Draft Proposed Operating Budget

Staff recommendation: that the Council review the Draft Proposed Operating Budget for fiscal year 2013-14, and schedule adoption for the City Council meeting of July 1, 2013.

Finance & Administrative Services Director Charlie Adams delivered the staff report. The proposed fiscal year 2013-14 budget contains staff’s best estimate of revenues that will be received from currently identified sources. The budget also estimates anticipated costs for the fiscal year. Approximately 75% of General Fund expenditures are salaries and benefits. Projected revenues for fiscal year 2013-14 are $14,371,566, which is 6.2% greater than the budget for fiscal year 2012-13.

The following people spoke: Caryl O’Keefe; Peggy McQuaid; Del Price.
A summary of comments is as follows: encouraged the Council to fill additional staff positions and identify ways to reduce staff workload, encouraged Council to agendize the current policy regarding Council health benefits; noted that 48% of the budget was drawn from the taxes paid by residents, and encouraged equity.
A summary of Council comments is as follows: expressed interest in reviewing the policy regarding Council health and whether to introduce a potential sunset clause.

The Council will consider schedule adoption of the budget at the City Council meeting of July 1, 2013.

10. OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

11. ADJOURNMENT

8:54 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk.

Peggy Thomsen
Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Almaguer
City Clerk