CITY OF ALBANY

MINUTES OF THE
ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 SAN PABLO AVENUE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

6:45 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 significant exposure to litigation against the City regarding the Albany Housing Element pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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
   Vice Mayor Wile led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL
   Present: Council Members Atkinson, Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile, Mayor Thomsen
   Absent: None.

3. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY
   Mayor Thomsen reported that no action was taken.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR
4-1. Minutes, September 3, 2013
Staff recommendation: Approve

4-2. a. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $210,742.67; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $296,050.05. Total payroll in the amount of $506,792.72. Payroll period: 8/23/2013

b. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA net payroll in the amount of $82,531.48; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $75,085.57. Total payroll in the amount of $157,617.05. Payroll period: 8/23/2013

Staff recommendation: Ratify

4-3. a. Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the City of Albany in the amount of: $363,756/63 (8/20/2013) $988,580.12 (9/3/2013)

b. Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the Albany Joint Powers Authority in the amount of: $3,507.98 (8/30/2013)

Staff recommendation: Ratify

4-4. City Council Appointments of City Treasurer’s and City Clerk’s Alternates to Board of Police & Fire Pension Fund Commissioners

Staff recommendation: that Council appoint Patrick O’Keeffe as the City Treasurer’s Alternate to the Board of Police and Fire Pension Fund Commissioners, and Paul Rankin as the City Clerk’s Alternate to the Board of Police and Fire Pension Fund Commissioners

4-5. Resolution No. 2013-53 supporting submitting an application to TransForm for the Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) program for the implementation of the Wayfinding Plan in Albany

Staff recommendation: that Council adopt Resolution No. 2013-53 in support of submitting an application to TransForm for SR2T funds for the implementation of its Wayfinding Plan in the Commercial District and sites of interest in the City of Albany

4-6. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C12-15 with Nelson Nygaard for additional tasks needed for the completion of the Complete Streets Planning and Concept project for San Pablo Avenue and Buchanan Street

Staff recommendation: that the Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C12-15 with Nelson Nygaard in the amount of $24,900 for the additional tasks detailed in the Amendment Scope for the Albany Complete Streets Project (Attachment 1).
2. Authorize the additional appropriation as described in the Staff Report

Mayor Thomsen asked if anyone would like to remove an item. No items were removed from the consent calendar.

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

5. **PRESENTATION**

5-1. Proclamation in Honor of Rex Higginbotham
Mayor Thomsen presented the Proclamation to Rex Higginbotham.

6. **GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Thomsen opened the Good of the City/Public Forum/Announcements.
The following people spoke: Bob Offer-Westort; Root Barrett; Brian Adkins; Nancy Tyler; Albert Kueffner; Amber Whitson; Paul O'Curry.
A summary of comments is as follows: expressed concern that Alameda County shelter capabilities are limited; encouraged the Council to delay enforcement at the Bulb until housing is found; express support for homeless living at the Bulb; questioned the success of the Berkeley Food and Housing Project work at the Bulb; Social & Economic Justice Commission would like the City to consider having a drop in center.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9-1. Consultant Services for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update

Staff recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for Consultant Services for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update; and
2. Authorize appropriations for both 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 from the Major Planning Capital Reserve as described in the Staff Report

Community Development Director Jeff Bond delivered the staff report. Bond provided an overview of the General Plan and the Elements of the General Plan. As part of the General Plan Update process, an environmental impact report is required. The City issued a request for proposals to four consulting firms, and two detailed proposals were received from LSA and Urban Planning Partners. Staff and a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission interviewed both firms, concluding that LSA provided the most competitive proposal.

The following people spoke: Amber Whitson; Edward Moore; Bobby Anderson; Bob Outis; Paul O'Curry.
A summary of comments is as follows: expressed concern with amount of funds being spent on the General Plan; the waterfront should be considered as a State or Federal historic resource within the CEQA analysis; the General Plan update process is not confronting major planning issues including Measure D limitations on permitting in-law units and Measure C limitations on planning, expressed concern regarding assumption to incorporate Voices to Vision study within the General Plan as it was not based on a legitimate public planning process; encouraged support for repealing Measure D to help facilitate additional housing.

MOTION:
Moved by Vice Mayor Wile, seconded by Council Member Maass to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for Consultant Services for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update; and authorize appropriations for both 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 from the Major Planning Capital Reserve as described in the Staff Report.

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

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


11. ADJOURNMENT

8:26 p.m. A moment of silence was held for the loss of lives at the Washington Navy Yard. There being no further business before the City Council the meeting was adjourned.
Minutes submitted by Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk.

Peggy Thomsen
Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Almaguer
City Clerk