CITY OF ALBANY

MINUTES OF THE
ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 SAN PABLO AVENUE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

7:30 p.m. - REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Vice Mayor Pilch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Council Member Barnes, Council Members Maass, Nason, Vice Mayor Pilch, Mayor McQuaid
Absent: none

3. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5-1. Minutes, July 31, 2017
Staff recommendation: Approve

5-2. Ratification of Payroll
Payroll Period: 8/4/17; Net Payroll: $305,506.00; Taxes, Benefits, Withholdings: $318,320.98; Total: $623,826.98
Payroll Period: 8/18/17; Net Payroll: $303,687.17; Taxes, Benefits, Withholdings: $317,532.22; Total: $621,219.39
Payroll Period: 9/1/17; Net Payroll: $280,685.93; Taxes, Benefits, Withholdings: $301,916.80; Total: $582,602.73
Staff recommendation: Ratify

5-3. Ratification of Bills, Claims and Demands - Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the City of Albany in the amount of: $28,489.51 (7/25/17);
$526,347.40 (7/28/17); $331,130.02 (8/4/17); $341,254.45 (8/11/17); $271,782.81 (8/18/17); $123,772.76 (8/25/17)

Staff recommendation: Ratify

5-4. Resolution No. 2017-70, Adopting the 2017 Economic Development Strategic Plan

Staff recommendation: that the Council approve Resolution No. 2017-70, adopting the 2017 Economic Development Strategic Plan

5-5. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Applications and Agreement with Alameda County

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-10 authorizing:

1) The submission of FY 2017-18 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project applications to Alameda County and,

2) The City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Alameda County for the proposed use of FY 2017-18 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, projected in the amount of $93,711

5-6. Ordinance No. 2017-05, Amendments to Chapter 20 “Planning and Zoning” related to Sections 20.24 “Development Standards” and 20.100 “Procedures”

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 2017-05, amending Sections 20.24 “Development Standards” and 20.100 “Procedures” of the Albany Municipal Code – Second Reading - Pass to print

5-7. Proclamation in Recognition of Pain Awareness Month

Staff recommendation: that the Council Proclaim September 2017 as Pain Awareness Month

5-8. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-04, Amending the Smoking Control Ordinance to Expressly State that it Regulates Marijuana Smoke, as well as Tobacco Smoke, and Making Additional Clarifying Revisions

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 2017-04 (second reading), Amending the Smoking Control Ordinance to Expressly State that it Regulates Marijuana Smoke, as well as Tobacco Smoke, and Making Additional Clarifying Revisions

Mayor McQuaid asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Nason pulled Item 5-4.

Council Member Nason affirmed that bicycle infrastructure, parking lot configuration, and rotating art will be considered in the Implementation Plan of the Economic Development Strategic Plan. In addition, she expressed concern about the seemingly different visions between the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan and the San Pablo Avenue Corridor section of the General Plan.
City Manager Crumpley advised that the General Plan is the guiding document rather than the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

**MOTION:**
Moved by Vice Mayor Pilch, seconded by Council Member Maass, to approve the Consent Calendar.

**AYES:** Council Members Barnes, Maass, Nason, Vice Mayor Pilch, Mayor McQuaid

**NOES:** none

Motion carried and so ordered.

6. **GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Mayor McQuaid opened the Good of the City.

The following people spoke: None.

7. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ON STATE/REGIONAL/LOCAL MEETINGS ATTENDED AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS/CITY MANAGER REPORT/COMMENTS**

Mayor McQuaid reported she participated in National Night Out, attended Coffee with Cops, and attended the Alta Bates Task Force community organizing subcommittee meeting with Council Member Nason. The subcommittee is planning a public forum regarding the potential closure of Alta Bates Hospital. Vice Mayor Pilch and she attended a community meeting hosted by Berkeley City Council Member Sophie Hahn concerning potential conversion of the Oaks Theatre into a climbing gym. She attended the Everyone Home Leadership Board meeting, where the Board submitted a Resolution to the Alameda County Board of Supervisor in support of the creation and operation of the coordination and entry system. The Board also approved the prioritization tool and the coordinated entry manual.

Council Member Maass reported he attended a meeting of the Recycling Board. Attendees learned that China is on the verge of no longer accepting recycled material, which could lead to a disintegration of the recycling market.

Vice Mayor Pilch reported he attended the most recent East Bay Clean Energy Board Meeting. The Board was warned about the potential of a rider to legislation that could place a moratorium on new CCAs or CCEs.

Council Member Nason reported she attended National Night Out and the Alta Bates Task Force subcommittee meeting. Council Member Maass and she discussed a policy for Council statements on various issues and forwarded a draft letter to the City Manager.
8. PRESENTATION

9. PUBLIC HEARING

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11-1. Resolution No. 2017-73, Approving Guidelines for Restricting Street Parking Near Intersections

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-73, approving guidelines for restricting parking near intersections

Community Development Director Jeff Bond presented the staff report. In response to citizen requests, the City has implemented red zones at several intersections along Washington. The main citizen complaint about red zones at intersections is the loss of parking. The purpose of the guidelines is to position on-street parking far enough away from intersections to allow motorists to see pedestrians preparing to cross the street. The Traffic and Safety Commission reviewed the draft guidelines and recommends the City Council approve them. The red zone would extend 15-20 feet on the approach side and 3-10 feet on the departure side of an intersection. Staff requests flexibility in the length of the red zone to ensure the remaining curb can accommodate a parking space. Staff suggests prioritizing implementation of red zones near schools, transit stops, and around commercial districts and community facilities. Staff proposes notification of projects by postcard to residences within 150 feet walking distance of the proposed parking-restricted area. Postcards will be mailed ten days prior to the Traffic and Safety Commission meeting. The Public Works Department will probably use a striping contractor to paint several intersections at a time over a number of years.

The following person spoke: Belle Adler.
A summary of comments is as follows: a car parked for long periods of time at the corner of Pomona and Marin is a safety hazard.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: total number of intersections needing this treatment; community reaction to intersections where red zones have been installed; monitoring of parking in new red zones; possibility of hiring another officer to cite vehicles parking in red zones; red zones will benefit motorists and pedestrians; support for the guidelines; a suggestion to mark parking spaces between red zones and driveways.

City Manager Crumpley added that information can be gathered regarding enforcement of red zones.
MOTION:
Moved by Council Member Maass, seconded by Council Member Nason, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-73.
AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Nason, Vice Mayor Pilch, Mayor McQuaid
NOES: none
Motion carried and so ordered.

12. OTHER BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Mayor McQuaid announced she would present a Resolution supporting DACA to Council on September 18.

12-1. Upcoming City Events
Music in the Park – Wednesdays in September, Memorial Park, 6:30 PM
Sports Equipment Swap – Saturday, September 9, 9:45 AM, Community Center
Drive Electric Event – Saturday, September 9, 11 AM, Berkeley Civic Center
Local Garden Swap – Every Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Community Center Patio
Bike About Town – Friday, September 15, 6:30 PM
Coastal Cleanup Day – Saturday, September 16, 9 AM, Albany Beach
Friends of Albany Parks Clean-up Day: Creekside Park – Saturday, September 23, 9 AM
Bay Area SunShares Workshop – Wednesday, September 27, 6 PM, Richmond City Hall
Pizza, Pints & Pinots Party – Thursday, September 28, 6 PM, Little Star Pizza Lot, 1181 Solano Avenue
Food Truck Friday – Friday, September 29, 5 PM, Community Center

12-2. Upcoming City Meetings
Economic Development Committee – Thursday, September 7, 5 PM, City Hall Conference Room
Social & Economic Justice Commission – Thursday, September 7, 7:30 PM, City Hall Council Chamber
Arts Committee – Monday, September 11, 7 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

Planning & Zoning Commission, Wednesdays, September 13 & 27, 7 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

Parks & Recreation Commission, Thursday, September 14, 7 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

City Council – Monday, September 18, 7:30 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

Library Board, Tuesday, September 19, 7 PM, Albany Library - Edith Stone Room

Sustainability Committee, Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

Community Media Access Committee, Monday, September 25, 6 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

Charter Review Committee, Monday, September 25, 7:30 PM, City Hall Conference Room

Traffic & Safety Commission, Thursday, September 28, 7 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

13. ADJOURNMENT

8:05 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor McQuaid adjourned the meeting in memory of Jim Walker.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk.

Peggy McQuaid
Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk