We, the members of the Albany City Council, recognize that many in our community are hurting and fearful as a result of the recent national election. Thus, we would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm that we welcome and value all of our diverse community members regardless of where they are from, who they love, how they worship, how they look, their abilities, or how they vote.

We invite the entire Albany community to join with us in creating a safe and welcoming city; one in which we celebrate our differences and learn from each other; one in which we are proud to raise our children.

“Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness.”
Ola Joseph

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

3-1. Certificate of Appreciation – Kindness Campaign

3-2. Proclamation – African American History Month

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. By approval of the Consent Calendar, the staff recommendations will be adopted unless otherwise modified by the City Council.)
There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or a member of the audience requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar.

5-1. Minutes, January 22, 2018

Staff recommendation: Approve

5-2. David Esbin, Council Member Nason appointment, resigned from the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Staff recommendation: Informational only


Staff recommendation: Ratify

5-4. Hours of Operation for Bus Stop Parklets

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-23 establishing hours of operation for Bus Stop Parklets to match the bus line schedule servicing the Bus Stop Parklet and authorize the Recreation and Community Services Director to administratively set or modify the hours of operation for each Bus Stop Parklet

5-5. Conflict of Interest Code Update

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-19 amending the City’s Conflict of Interest Code

5-6. Solano Avenue Complete Streets Plan Contract

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution 2018-21 and authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Toole Design Group for the Solano Avenue Complete Streets Plan in an amount not to exceed $125,000

6. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

For persons desiring to address the City Council on an item that is not on the agenda. Please note that City policy limits each speaker up to three (3) minutes. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending on the number of speakers. The Brown Act limits the Council’s ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.
All persons wishing to speak on an item on the agenda are to fill out speaker cards and provide to the City Clerk. Comments related to items appearing on the agenda are taken up at the time the City Council deliberates each action item. The Mayor will announce when the period for public comment is open on each agenda item.

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

(Council Member reports on State, regional, local bodies to which they are appointed by the City Council.)

8. PRESENTATION

8-1. Update on East Bay Community Energy Community - Choice Aggregation Program

Staff recommendation: for information only

9. PUBLIC HEARING

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10-1. Safety and Traffic Calming Improvements on Washington Avenue between Pierce Street and Cerrito Street (continued from January 22, 2018)

Traffic & Safety Commission recommendation: that the Council amend the Washington Avenue Traffic Calming Project currently included in the City’s CIP to include:

   a) Construction of the planned raised crosswalk on Washington Avenue at Catherine’s Walk.
   b) Development of 35% Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the design of curb modifications to allow vehicles to park on Washington Avenue without blocking the sidewalk, including a parking inventory and comparison to less expensive alternatives.

Furthermore, the Traffic and Safety Commission asked staff to:
   c) Evaluate the feasibility of installing speed humps on Washington Avenue between Polk Street and Cerrito Street.
   d) Work with the residents to implement a pilot plan for changing parking patterns along this block to allow full pedestrian access on one side of the street and to delay implementation of the approved red zones and curb parking enforcement.

Staff recommendation: that the Council amend the Washington Avenue Traffic Calming Project currently included in the City’s Capital Improvement Program to include:
a) Design and construction of a raised crosswalk on Washington Avenue at Catherine’s Walk;
b) Design and construction of installing speed humps on Washington Avenue between Polk Street and Cerrito Street;
c) Design and implementation of a painted bulbout at the intersection of Cerrito Street and Gateview Avenue.
d) Preparation of an ordinance authorizing closure of the northern sidewalk to pedestrians and to allow vehicles to park on northern sidewalk on Washington Avenue from Pierce Street to Cerrito Street;
e) Preparation of a parking enforcement program for vehicle parking on Washington Avenue from Pierce Street to Cerrito Street; and
f) Design and implementation of striping, signage, and sidewalk barriers for all modifications.

10-2. Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Draft Expenditure Plan

Staff recommendation: that the Council review the draft expenditure plan for the proceeds from the sugar sweetened beverage tax and authorize staff to incorporate the expenditure plan into the City’s budget for implementation

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. OTHER BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Council and staff announcements: Council Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

12-1. Upcoming City Events

Chinese New Year Celebration, Thursday, February 15, 3:00 PM, Community Center

Friends of Albany Parks Clean-Up Day, Saturday, February 17, 9:00 AM, Albany Bulb

12-2. Upcoming City Meetings

Social & Economic Justice Commission, Tuesday, February 6, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall

Park & Recreation Commission, Thursday, February 8, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall
Arts Committee, Monday, February 12, 7 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall

Planning & Zoning Commission, Wednesday, February 14, 7 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall

13. ADJOURNMENT

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