# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY- -DECEMBER 21, 2021- -6:00 P.M.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call - Present: Councilmembers Daysog, Herrera Spencer, Knox White,

Vella and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5. [Note: Vice Mayor Vella

arrived at 5:18 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.]

Absent: None.

### The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to consider:

(<u>21-832</u>) Conference With Legal Counsel <u>Workers' Compensation Claim</u> (Pursuant to Government Code 54956.95); Claimant: Employee – Police Department; Claims: 2195500131, 2195500132, 2095500061, and 2095500048; Agency Claimed Against: City of Alameda.

(<u>21-833</u>) Conference With <u>Labor Negotiators</u> (Government Code Section 54957.6); City Negotiators: Eric Levitt, City Manager, Gerry Beaudin, Assistant City Manager, and Nancy Bronstein, Human Resources Director; Employee Organization: Alameda Police Officers Association (APOA), Alameda Police Managers Association (APMA), and Alameda Fire Managers Association (AFMA); Under Negotiation: Salaries, Employee Benefits and Terms of Employment.

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened and the City Clerk announced that regarding the Workers' Compensation Claim, the case involves four workers' compensation claims by a former employee with the Police Department; Applicant sustained injuries to their back and knees as a result of work duties; Applicant retired via industrial disability retirement on September 12, 2021; the Council unanimously authorized the City Attorney to settle the pending workers' compensation claims in an amount not to exceed \$170,000, by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye; Ayes: 5; and regarding Labor Negotiators: staff provided information and Council provided direction with no vote taken.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger City Clerk

The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Ordinance.

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY- -DECEMBER 21, 2021- -7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Councilmember Herrera Spencer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Daysog, Herrera Spencer, Knox White,

Vella, and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5. [Note: The meeting

was conducted via Zoom]

Absent: None.

#### **AGENDA CHANGES**

(<u>21-834</u>) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft requested the City Manager Communications be heard after Special Orders.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer moved approval of moving up City Manager Communications and hearing the American Rescue Plan Act resolution [paragraph no. <u>21-851</u>] before the Police work plan [paragraph no. <u>21-854</u>].

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed support for not moving up the item.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer withdrew her motion.

Councilmember Daysog stated that he would like to move up the referral regarding recreational vehicles [paragraph no. <u>21-857</u>] before the first agenda item.

Vice Mayor Vella approval of hearing City Manager Communications after Special Orders with keeping the comments under 5 minutes.

Councilmember Knox White seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: No; Herrera Spencer: No; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 3. Noes: 2.

#### PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(<u>21-835</u>) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft read a proclamation commending Mastick Senior Center Director Jackie Krause.

#### CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(<u>21-836</u>) The City Manager outlined the launch of the Alameda Community Assessment Response and Engagement (CARE) team.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(21-837) Bill Ng expressed concern over landlords not being able to increase rent; questioned when landlords will be able to increase rent.

(<u>21-838</u>) Donna Fletcher, Alameda, urged the public receive an update on negotiations with the Navy regarding Alameda Point.

(21-839) Zac Bowling, Alameda, discussed the opening of the warming shelter; stated new sleeping bags are needed.

(<u>21-840</u>) Marilyn Rothman, Alameda, urged the Police Commission be approved prior to adopting any new Police measures.

(21-841) Jill Staten, Alameda, discussed safety training education for pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>Discussed her service on the Open Government Commission</u>: Carmen Reid, Alameda.

The City Clerk announced the appointment to the Open Government Commission matter [paragraph no. <u>21-844</u>] was removed from the Consent Calendar to allow for Oath administration.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer removed the local emergency resolution [paragraph no. <u>21-846</u>] for discussion.

Councilmember Knox White moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor Vella seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Ayes; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(\*21-842) Minutes of the Special Meeting, the Joint City Council and Successor Agency to the Community Improvement Commission Meeting and the Regular Meeting Held on November 16, 2021. Approved.

(\*21-843) Ratified bills in the amount of \$4,398,496.70.

(<u>21-844</u>) Recommendation to Accept a Report on the Appointment of a Member to the Open Government Commission.

Councilmember Knox White moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Ayes; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5.

Mr. Cambra made brief comments.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

(\*21-845) Resolution No. 15851, "Setting the 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Dates." Adopted.

(21-846) Resolution No. 15852, "Continuing the Declaration of the Existence of a Local Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Consistent with Government Code Section 8630(c)." Adopted.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer requested clarification from staff about a landlord's ability to increase rent during the pandemic.

The City Attorney stated existing local law includes a moratorium on rent increases which remains in effect until 60 days after the City Council declares an end to the local emergency.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired how often the matter comes before Council, to which the City Attorney responded in the matter comes before Council every 60 days.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether Alameda County currently has a rent freeze; noted that she has received correspondence which indicates the City of Alameda is the only one with a moratorium on rent increases.

The City Manager responded Alameda County also currently has a moratorium.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer requested clarification on how the matter works.

The City Attorney stated Council took a public position at the beginning of the pandemic that County ordinances do not apply to incorporated cities; the law on the matter is clear that outside of a public emergency, county ordinances do not operate within incorporated cities; the law is less clear during a public emergency; however, the law likely favors the former and county ordinances do not operate within incorporated cities; there is not complete clarity.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether landlords would be able to continue administering annual rent increases after 60 days if Council ends the local emergency.

The City Attorney responded when Council ends the moratorium, there will be no further local law in effect precluding landlords from raising rents; stated the argument about the county effect on incorporated cities remains to be decided by a court.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the matter requires three of four affirmative votes to pass, to which the City Attorney responded three affirmative votes are needed to pass.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she would like staff to look into other ways of providing relief to landlords.

Councilmember Knox White moved adoption of the resolution.

Councilmember Daysog seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Daysog stated the emergence of the Omicron variant has provided reason to continue the local emergency; the concerns of small landlords are valid and Council must find ways to help out; smaller mom and pop landlords do not have the same means that large landlords and owners have.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: No; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

(\*21-847) Resolution No. 15853, "Endorsing the Bay Adapt Joint Platform, a Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay." Adopted.

#### CONTINUED AGENDA ITEMS

(<u>21-848</u>) Recommendation to Approve a One-Year Extension of the Slow Streets Program through December 2022.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator gave a Power Point presentation.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether she needs to recuse herself from the matter due to residing within 250 feet from a slow street location.

The City Attorney responded the matter affects more than 50 parcels and is covered under the limited neighborhood effect exception to the public generally exception and Councilmember Herrera Spencer may participate.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the Transportation Commission (TC) made a recommendation.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative; stated the TC asked staff to evaluate Pearl Street as a possible alternative to Versailles Avenue; the TC also recommended more extensive community outreach be completed prior to final slow street recommendations.

Stated that she does not see a reason to do slow streets, which are used marginally; expressed support for changing to different streets or reducing the number: Marilyn Rothman, Alameda.

<u>Expressed support for the staff recommendation, improvements and the plan becoming permanent</u>: Bill Garvine, Alameda.

Stated that she is walker, but does not use slow streets; expressed concern about including Versailles Avenue as a slow street and for increased traffic and speeds on surrounding streets; discussed a traffic study: Jill Staten, Alameda.

Expressed support for slow streets and urged expansion; stated cars seem to go faster since there are less cars on the roads; discussed barriers, deflection methods and speed bumps; urged Council support: Zac Bowling, Alameda.

Stated BikeWalk Alameda supports the program; outlined collateral benefits; expressed support for having 2 barricades at each intersection, an expansion of the network and increases in funding: Cyndy Johnsen, BikeWalk Alameda.

<u>Expressed support for the staff recommendation and improved traffic solutions; outlined benefits of the program</u>: Susie Hufstader, Alameda.

<u>Expressed support for continuing the program and making improvements; stated the slow streets program has benefitted pedestrians and bicyclists in the area:</u> Nora Munoz, Alameda.

<u>Expressed concern about the surveys being statistically insignificant; discussed surveys</u>: Jay Garfinkle, Alameda.

Stated that he is excited about extending slow streets; urged the program be improved by including more barricades; expressed support for a safe connection from the north to the south area of the Island: Michael Sullivan, Alameda.

Expressed support for slow streets: Brian Kennedy, Alameda.

Stated that she is a huge fan of slow streets; discussed traffic diversion, increased traffic, use of roads and barriers: Denyse Trepanier, BikeWalk Alameda.

<u>Urged elimination of the slow street program; stated people are confused and walking on streets that are not slow streets; discussed barriers and non-slow streets</u>: Birgitt Evans, Alameda.

<u>Discussed her positive experience living on a slow street; discussed safety and street barricades</u>: Paula Ojea, Alameda.

<u>Discussed rotating slow streets, driving routes, traffic diversion, eliminating Versailles Avenue and Vision Zero; expressed concern about California laws not being followed:</u> Jim Strehlow, Alameda.

<u>Expressed support for continuing slow streets and urged Council support; stated that she feels safer on slow streets</u>: Laura Curtrona, Alameda.

Outlined using slow streets and feeling safer as a cyclist; urged Council support: Kristi Black, Alameda.

Expressed support for slow streets, which make her feel safer biking to school: Hazel McGuire, Alameda.

Councilmember Knox White stated the Versailles Avenue slow street is one of his favorites; discussed basketball events at slow streets; expressed support for continuation of the program without an end date; suggested extending the program until the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), rather than having the matter return for another Council vote in 12 months, which creates more unnecessary work; expressed support for expanding the slow streets program; stated there has been recommendation to include a north-south connection at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Avenue and at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and San Antonio Avenue; he would like to look at ways to connect Jean Sweeney Park and the southern portion of the West End of the Island to accommodate people who responded to the survey in favor of continuing the program.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she cannot support Versailles Avenue being included in the program; the street is dangerous; it is unfortunate to have cars being diverted to other streets which are narrow; many streets are only a single land in width; Otis Street is slow and backs up; there have been more accidents and deaths in the past two years; she thinks some of the improvements made are contributing to the increase; cars are being diverted to narrow streets, which are not designed for the amount of traffic; if Council wants to continue the

program, it must look at the slow streets as well as the impacted streets nearby; discussed car and public transportation ridership numbers compared to pre-COVID-19; stated that she hopes there is an alternative to Versailles Avenue; Versailles Avenue is the only street which is continuous from Otis Drive to Fernside Boulevard; she is a pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist; there have been complaints about Pacific Avenue; traffic on Buena Vista Avenue is increased in car traffic; proposed removing the portion east of Grand Avenue on Pacific Avenue; stated that she has received questions about the choice of San Jose Avenue as a slow street; San Antonio Avenue could be considered; the West End of town has better selections for slow streets; slow streets have not been created equally; noted portions of Versailles Avenue have been open due to school re-opening; cars are able to go closer to Edison School; inquired whether the entirety of Versailles Avenue is a slow street.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator responded Versailles Avenue from Fernside Boulevard to Calhoun Street is a slow street; stated staff worked with Edison School to move the barricade from the block of the school.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated car traffic is around the school; expressed support for Versailles Avenue no longer being a continuous slow street and for maintaining the slow streets west of Grand Avenue; stated there is work to be done on the slow streets east of Grand Avenue.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she is unsure the increase in accidents and deaths are related to slow streets and diverting traffic to smaller streets; she does not think there is evidence to support the assertion; a memorial bicycle ride went to all four sites of cyclist deaths; all deaths occurred on large streets that could benefit from traffic calming; one side of Franklin School is bordered by San Jose Avenue; there have been concerns about speeding in the area near the school; expressed support for the staff recommendation without going beyond; stated that she would like Pearl Street to be considered; Pearl Street has more apartment buildings than Versailles Avenue; expressed support for providing the benefit of slow streets on a street with more apartment complexes; stated complications with Versailles Avenue include access to the small commercial district; the TC has recommended studying the area in the next year; she is a bicyclist, pedestrian and car driver; she loves riding her bike on slow streets and talking to neighbors; neighbors on Pacific Avenue have concerns related to speeding; she has received suggestions about making non-slow streets into slow streets; slow streets have been a way to get people out and exercising during the pandemic; slow streets have helped build community; discussed Noe Valley's closed off slow streets; stated change is always difficult; expressed support for slow streets and the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Daysog stated Council must remember that slow streets started at a time in the pandemic where much uncertainty was present; many areas of activity were closed or limited in service; many people were working from home and needed the ability to get out of the house to walk; space was needed to facilitate the activity needed; the pandemic accelerated the slow streets program; tennis courts and swimming have managed to come back, as well as downtown areas; people are able to socially distance with facemasks; the overarching issues which required the City to put the slow streets program in place are not currently present; the backdrop for the slow streets program is longer present; people are able to walk on streets while socially distanced with facemasks; the current condition is different; the urgency for slow streets program is no longer present; people are not seeing slow streets as a mechanism to deal with social distancing; slow streets are being seen as a quasi-cul-de-sac; slow streets and cul-de-sacs are desirable due to lack of traffic; Council must discuss which streets are selected to be

slow streets; less traffic is a benefit; he does not support the continuation of the slow streets program for one more year; encouraged City staff, Council, Boards and Commissions to figure out an equitable approach to select slow streets; slow streets provide some semblance of less traffic; Council must decide the reasoning behind specific streets being selected for the slow streets program; expressed support for staff coming back to figure out the reasoning behind street selection; questioned whether issues of equity should be considered.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft requested clarification about the street selection process.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator stated there are a variety of reasons streets were selected for the slow streets program; some are already bicycle routes or being considered in the ACT as future bicycle boulevards; the selected streets also already have a relatively higher number of people walking and biking; streets were selected for less traffic disruption; larger streets would cause a disruption in traffic; slow streets were kept off of bus routes.

Councilmember Daysog stated that he understands; however, people on other streets also deserve to live on a slow street.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator stated the first survey asked the community about slow street locations; the streets selected were the most frequently mentioned in the survey responses; staff indicated a need for providing equity across the Island as well.

Councilmember Daysog stated the reasons provided are valid; as policymakers, Council must think about neighborhoods and residents that may not self-select as wanting slow streets; others are just as worthy of having slow streets; Council needs to figure out who gets the lottery of a slow street.

Vice Mayor Vella stated that she appreciates the clarification about traffic deaths not being related to safety and calming efforts; there has been a lot of staff, Board and Commission work and discussion behind the slow streets selection process and locations; vehicles are slowing down and being cautious while driving down slow streets; she is supportive of expanding traffic calming measures on side streets if needed; Council has taken previous measures to ensure the safety of streets as a priority; expressed support for seeing slow streets becoming permanent and expanded and for an expansion of traffic calming measures; stated that she would like Council to ensure slow streets allow for safe routes to school and safe travel across the entire City; using slow streets is appropriate and in line with the community and Council's vision; expressed support for equitable mobility opportunities; stated that she is hearing enough votes to continue the program; she supports seeing expansion and discussion related to Councilmember Knox White's comments; she is ready to move forward with staff's recommendation at minimum; inquired whether Councilmember Knox White made a motion.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she would like to see the matter move forward; however, her comfort level is at the staff recommendation; the staff recommendation is most respectful to time spent; she does not believe a motion has been made yet.

Councilmember Knox White moved approval of continuing the [slow streets] program until the implementation consistent with the completion of the upcoming ATP.

Vice Mayor Vella seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the motion is consistent with staff's recommendation, to which Councilmember Knox White responded in the affirmative; stated with a change to the timing.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired about the change to the timing.

Councilmember Knox White responded the program would not end in one year and come back to Council, instead it would extend until the ATP is implemented; the ATP is the planning document which will decide what to do about the slow streets program.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she would like to hear from staff before deciding how to vote; outlined the staff recommendation.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator stated the staff recommendation is to continue the slow streets program through the end of December 2022; staff can also tie the matter in to the adoption of the ATP.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director stated staff's proposed extending the program for one year;, the ATP will likely be completed by said time; the ATP process will select the permanent slow streets and bicycle boulevards; Councilmember Knox White's logic makes sense and makes direction clear to extend the slow streets until Council discusses the ATP; Councilmember Knox White is trying to avoid the slow streets program expiring without the ATP being fully finished; the action avoids another Council action to be taken in order to extend the program prior to ATP completion; tying the slow streets program directly to the ATP makes sense.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated the recommendation to tie slow streets to the ATP was not included in the staff report; she understands the approach; she does not think it too onerous to ask for another extension; she is satisfied with the staff recommendation and wants to move the plan forward.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired whether it is possible to ensure the ATP will be ready in one year and whether Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft is amenable to having Council provide direction to staff to have the slow streets matter return with the ATP in one year.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she would be satisfied with an evaluation or check-in from staff in one year's time, while still moving forward with the ATP finalization; expressed support for a review in one year; inquired whether the check-in is possible.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director responded in the affirmative; stated staff can perform either way and provide a check-in in one year with; if staff is close to completing the ATP, Council can decide whether or not to extend the program.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she is willing to go with Councilmember Knox White's motion; however, she would like the addition of a check-in in one year's time; inquired whether the check-in is acceptable.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Knox White stated that he is not supportive of staff spending time performing a

review of a program which is already going through the ATP planning process; expressed concern about staff spending time on a report to Council and staff's workload; stated the ATP will include the desired review and staff's recommendation based on communication with the community.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated staff has acknowledged the ability to provide a check-in; the report back to Council will not be that time consuming.

Councilmember Knox White inquired whether there is a request for him to withdraw his motion; stated that he can withdraw the motion.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether Vice Mayor Vella would like to make a motion; inquired when staff anticipates having the ATP ready.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator responded staff anticipating the ATP will be ready by the end of 2022.

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Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft called a recess at 9:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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Councilmember Knox White amended his motion to include that if staff has not returned in 18 months with a finalized ATP, staff will return with a review of the slow streets program for Council consideration and direction; stated the amendment allows staff to get to the ATP in the expected timeline without having to stop and perform additional review of the slow streets program; if staff falls behind, there is the ability to provide review.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated the Senior Transportation Coordinator indicated that she anticipates returning to Council with the ATP in December 2022.

Councilmember Knox White stated if staff is able to complete the ATP, a discussion on slow streets will not be needed since it would be included in the ATP; the ATP supplants the slow streets program plan; the plan is to have slow streets until the ATP is in place; if staff falls behind, a review of the slow streets program will occur; he is supportive of having staff work on the ATP to get past the slow streets era.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether there will be 18 months prior to review, to which Councilmember Knox White responded in the affirmative.

Vice Mayor Vella accepted the amendment to the motion; stated that she wants to see the slow streets continue; inquired about the staff timeline; stated that she would like to avoid unnecessary items coming back to Council; she is open to hearing from staff.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director stated staff can guarantee an ATP in 12 months; the staff work to prepare an ATP is not the difficult part; working through the process with the Transportation Commission and community is the difficult part; staff struggles to provide a definitive date due to possible difficulties in the process; staff brings plans to Council after going through the public review process; staff is confident that the ATP will get to Council in 12 months; Councilmember Knox White's concerns are valid; putting the ATP on hold to provide a report back to Council on slow streets with only a month or two remaining on the ATP timeline

would be a shame.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she does rely on staff recommendations.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated staff should be considering the equity aspect for the program; many suggestions have been provided about rotating slow streets; she has not heard of anyone volunteering for more car traffic; many people are happy to have less car traffic; the concern of increased car traffic is legitimate; the issue of equity is valuable; expressed support for staff taking the matter to heart.

Councilmember Daysog stated slow streets barriers prevent through traffic; some streets want the barriers and have reasons just as valid as any other street.

On the call carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: No; Herrera Spencer: No; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 3. Noes: 2.

(<u>21-849</u>) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Kittelson & Associates to Increase Compensation by \$270,906, for a Total Aggregate Compensation Not to Exceed \$345,876 to Continue Providing Technical Services Related to Roundabouts.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director gave a brief presentation.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the work being performed includes rendering videos.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director responded the contract is currently trying to identify where roundabouts can physically and practically work; stated the next step would be to narrow down the limited locations and start conceptual designs for the specific locations; then, staff can work on graphics and videos.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the contracted amount includes providing the rendering video or whether the contract includes more preliminary work, to which the Planning, Building and Transportation Director responded the work is more preliminary.

Mike Alston, Kittelson & Associates, stated that he has been working with staff on roundabout work throughout 2021; advanced alternatives are included further down the line; a task for visualization is included in the proposed scope of work.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the additional money covers visualization, to which Mr. Alston responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether visualization will be included for each roundabout.

Mr. Alston responded the visualization is included for certain locations where a roundabout would be viable; once enough is known, the scope includes the task to visualize the proposed concept; multiple videos for roundabouts will not be made; however, if a viable location be identified, staff will develop a design for the location; if the location is presented to the Transportation Commission and Council, the visualization will be prepared.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired the timeframe for the matter.

Mr. Alston responded the work is happening throughout 2022; stated staff will be kept in the loop as the work progresses; several tasks are included in the scope; all are to occur in 2022.

Expressed support for roundabouts; discussed outreach and public education: Zac Bowling, Alameda.

[Comment not regarding agenda item]: Brian Kennedy, Alameda.

Councilmember Knox White moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Vice Mayor Vella seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Daysog stated that he would like three to four places identified for evaluation with the additional supplement to the contract.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director stated one of the primary locations staff is review is the Clement Avenue extension as it inter-connects with Tilden Way; staff has also been looking at Mecartney Road, Lincoln Avenue, Marshall Way and Pacific Avenue; staff is continuing to work on and evaluate Central Avenue and Sherman Street; grant fund can be sought for locations that make sense; Council approval is needed to competitively apply for grant funding; Kittelson's expertise, knowledge, skills and visualization techniques put the City in a position to be able to communicate, educate and ensure the community will support traffic roundabouts at a specific locations.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer expressed support for visualizations; stated that she hopes the visualizations include locations for pedestrians; a proposed location is near a school and has a lot of new drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians; she would like the visualization to show drop-off and pickup; expressed concern about roundabouts; stated the contract is an educational element; expressed support for education on roundabouts including an understanding of where each person will go without slowing down traffic without a signal or sign; inquired the source of funding for the contract.

The Planning, Building and Transportation Director responded Measure B and Measure BB money has been budgeted.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether no General Fund money is being used, to which the Planning, Building and Transportation Director responded in the affirmative.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5.

(<u>21-850</u>) Recommendation to Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Installation and Use of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), including Fixed and Mobile Equipment on Alameda Police Department Vehicles.

The Police Chief gave a Power Point presentation.

Regular Meeting Alameda City Council December 21, 2021 Councilmember Knox White stated Council policy direction requires a personal privacy analysis report; he does not see the report; inquired whether the evaluation has been done.

The Assistant City Attorney responded that he has reviewed the privacy policy resolution, which did not require an analysis; if Council wants to have a written analysis, it can be provided.

Councilmember Knox White stated there is Council direction which was used on a prior matter involving ALPRs for the Ferry Terminal parking; staff is aware of the policy.

The City Manager stated that he initially forwarded the email request from Councilmember Knox White to the Police Chief and the Assistant City Attorney; staff will look into the privacy policy further.

Councilmember Knox White stated part of the Council direction about bringing the ALPR matter back to Council included bringing studies of effectiveness; he does not see any studies which show an effective drop in crime; inquired whether or not ALPRs have an impact on crime.

The Police Chief responded a study was attached; stated not many studies look at ALPRs; cases which have been cleared or closed do not indicate that the closure is directly due to ALPR; ALPR is a tool; the study looked at any words associated with ALPR to see whether there was a connection; similarly, solving a case is not due to the surveillance video itself, but to all evidence; many researchers have found challenges when looking for success rates associated with ALPRs; he is looking at the matter as qualitative and quantitative; it has been difficult to find quantitative data; qualitative data shows strong support from agencies utilizing ALPRs; many agencies are looking to expand ALPR programs and find value in the equipment; he has seen value in the technology and in the ability to identify specific vehicles, rather than having a vague description.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she is unsure of when the direction for written analysis of privacy was given; inquired whether the work done by City staff satisfies the prior Council's direction.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft requested clarification about the privacy analysis.

The Assistant City Attorney stated that he has reviewed the Council-adopted resolution from December 2019 that sets forth a number of overall privacy principles; the resolution contained three components: a list of general principals, the internal or administrative rules adopted by the City Manager regarding privacy of information technology that does not apply to uses consistent with legitimate law enforcement purpose and a final component related to facial recognition technology; he did not see anything in his review that appeared inconsistent with Council's general direction of allowing limited retention of certain materials that could impact privacy, as long as it is used consistent with a law enforcement purpose and not in conjunction with facial recognition technology.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the City Attorney's opinion is that Council may proceed with the matter.

The Assistant City Attorney responded in the affirmative; stated there appears to be no inconsistency; if Council wants a more in-depth, written analysis, the City Attorney's office is happy to provide.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated it sounds like the actions are consistent with the former Council's resolution.

Councilmember Knox White stated Council gave direction to use the San Francisco data privacy policy until staff returns with an Alameda-specific policy; the policy requires the creation of a personal privacy impact evaluation report; he is confused as to why the report was not included with the staff report; questioned how staff found consistency with the Council policy direction.

The Assistant City Attorney stated that he is not aware of Council's direction to perform a written analysis; he reviewed the resolution.

Councilmember Knox White stated the policy report is not included with the staff report.

Vice Mayor Vella expressed concern about the privacy analysis; stated a privacy policy was supposed to have the fix of an analysis being provided when matters come before Council; inquired whether the matter can return to Council in the future with an analysis, to which the Assistant City Attorney responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated Council decides whether or not to move the matter to a future date; the matter was continued from a previous meeting; it is not clear that Council will implement anything at the current meeting; Council can provide direction for more information, including the privacy analysis.

The Assistant City Attorney stated that he was not aware of the Council direction related to providing a written analysis; he will review the email and requirements; he will be happy to provide an expedited written analysis if desired by Council.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed support for calling public speakers.

The City Attorney inquired whether the City Clerk could review the previous Council direction.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired how much time would be needed for the information to be found; proposed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) matter [paragraph no <u>21-851</u>] be taken in the meantime.

The City Clerk responded that she can search while public comment is taken; noted the staff for the ARPA matter is different from the current agenda item.

The City Attorney stated that in his brief review of the email there is real confusion between staff about whether or not a personal privacy policy was actually included in the Council direction; it will be helpful for the City Clerk to confirm the Council direction.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the City Clerk would have enough time if Councils move ahead to the ARPA matter, to which the City Clerk responded in the affirmative.

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Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft called the ARPA item [paragraph no. <u>21-851</u>] to allow staff to review prior Council direction.

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#### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

(21-851) Resolution No. 15854, "Amending the Capital Budget by Increasing Appropriations in the 2021 American Rescue Plan Project (C99300) by \$1,911,000 for Replacement of Three Portables and Decking at the Midway Shelter, Food Bank Facility Repairs, and Purchase of Wireless Hotspots for Lending." Adopted.

The Assistant City Manager gave a brief presentation.

<u>Discussed non-profits and Building Futures Midway Shelter; urged Council to approve the funding; stated people are thankful for the work of Midway Shelter</u>: Kari Thompson, Alameda Homeless Network (AHN).

[Comment not regarding agenda item]: Brian Kennedy, Alameda.

Stated that she supports those listed for funding; discussed her experience on the Board of Directors for Midway Shelter; stated the physical structure of the shelter needs serious help; discussed the love provided by Midway Shelter; urged Council approve the funding for the project: Gail Thomas, Alameda.

Stated that she supports Midway Shelter and the Food Bank as quality programs; urged the City to actively engage with its community members uses for ARPA funding: Jennifer Rakowski, Alameda.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer moved adoption of the resolution; expressed support for the hot spots being included; noted flooding is present at the Food Bank facility.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed support for the staff recommendation; outlined the Feed Alameda program; stated City departments offered seed money to fund the program; proposed a friendly amendment to the motion for Council to consider the ability to explore setting aside some of the ARPA funds as a match for the Universal Basic Income (UBI) program; noted a State pilot program has \$35 million allocated for local cities; the State funding will require a local match; expressed support for the City having the flexibility to allocate some of the ARPA funding as a match for the UBI program funds; proposed that Councilmember Knox White work with herself on exploring the potential program; discussed ARPA funding being used for storm water repairs; inquired whether the funding would be reimbursed by a developer.

The Assistant City Manager responded staff has considered both ways; stated staff has considered it an investment in the community based on the allowed uses for ARPA funding; staff has also considered a possible reimbursement from a developer based on the process at Alameda Point; water is included as an eligible use for ARPA funds.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether Council does not need to make the decision at the current time, to which the Assistant City Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the title and report do not include UBI; inquired whether

UBI has been noticed.

The City Attorney responded, generally, the Council is able to provide brief direction to staff on related matters; stated the Council is being asked to spend ARPA funds; the direction being provided to staff is to look into it and not make final decisions or allocate funding; as long as the direction remains brief and does not involve a lot of discussion, the direction is fine; staff will return with a related agenda item in the future after the direction provided.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer accepted the friendly amendment to the motion.

Councilmember Knox White seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5.

(<u>21-850 CONTINUED</u>) Recommendation to Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Installation and Use of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), including Fixed and Mobile Equipment on Alameda Police Department Vehicles.

The City Manager stated there has been confusion and differences of opinion about the report back to Council related to the privacy portion of the resolution; if Council wants staff to bring back ALPRs, the privacy analysis can be brought as well.

The City Attorney stated the City Clerk pulled the previous Council motion; it is unclear in reading the motion that a personal privacy policy is required; if Council wants to move forward, staff will need to prepare a statement; the City Manager's solution is elegant, responds to Council's needs and allows staff to move forward if Council so desires.

Mayor Ezzy Aschraft stated if the matter moves forward, the report will come back with the personal privacy policy analysis.

Expressed support for expanding the use of ALPRs; stated ALPRs are not a cure-all for crime, but can be a valuable asset in helping to discourage crime; discussed access to Harbor Bay: Bill Pai, Community of Harbor Bay Isle.

Expressed support for the Police Chief's vision; urged the Alameda Police Department (APD) have the technology and resources to address safety concerns; discussed crime in the City and reduced APD staff; stated ALPRs are an investigative tool and deterrent to crime; urged Council approve the installation and use of ALPRs: Richard Kim, East Shore Home Owners Association (HOA).

Stated there is no evidence that ALPRs prevent Police mistakes; the clearance rates would be tracked by the Department if the use of ALPRs is justified; many people have stolen license plates; the matter is a lot of money to promote more surveillance: Jenice Anderson, Alameda.

Expressed concern about privacy, secret subpoenas, rouge actors, cross-referencing, incremental data collection and misuse; discussed his experience with implementing systems which are secure by design and cannot be reversed; urged an in-depth analysis of any solution from vendors; stated there is less storage with mobile ALPR units as opposed to fixed units: Zac Bowling, Alameda.

Stated that he is in favor of the installation and use of fixed and mobile ALPRs; Council's primary responsibility is to provide for the safety and security of City residents; urged Council to give APD a chance and to permit the Department to acquire ALPRs: Bill Garvine, Alameda.

Questioned why anyone would need to know whether or not a car belongs to a resident; stated the information has nothing to do with crime; ALPRs are detrimental to public privacy and will increase the Police footprint: Marilyn Rothman, Alameda.

Discussed meetings with the Police Chief and HOAs; expressed support for the use of ALPR technology; stated people are at a tipping point due to auto-thefts; the shelf life and access of data collected should be controlled as discussed by the Police Chief: Michael Robles-Wong, Alameda.

Stated Alameda is not at war with its neighbors; ALPRs give off an unwelcome message; the proposal is expensive and has questionable value; expressed concern about the program not being utilized as presented; stated that she is looking for a more complete analysis: Jennifer Rakowski, Alameda.

Stated ALPRs do not stop crime; ALPRs make citizens feel as though they are being watched; questioned the locations for the ALPRs; citizens do not need to be monitored; there is confusion about how and where the data will be used; a deeper policy is needed; urged Council to say no to the matter: Melodye Montgomery, Alameda.

Urged Council vote no on ALPRs; discussed an article related to unauthorized use of Clearview technology; expressed concern about the use of ALPRs; stated data can paint an intimate picture of a driver's life and can be used to target someone; ALPRs will not change the clearance rate of cases APD is able to solve; the measure is reactive and not proactive: Laura Cutrona, Alameda.

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(<u>21-852</u>) Councilmember Knox White moved approval of hearing all the remaining items up until midnight and taking another vote at midnight if Council wants to progress further.

Councilmember Daysog seconded the motion, which required four affirmative votes and failed by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: No; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: No. Ayes: 3. Noes: 2.

Councilmember Daysog moved approval of hearing the Police work plan [paragraph no. <u>21-854</u>].

The motion failed for a lack of second.

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Stated the agenda item is placing ALPRs on Police vehicles; discussed a car break-in: Jim Strehlow, Alameda.

Stated that she is disappointed in Council not taking action on the matter; the matter has been around for over three years; Council needs to make a decision; expressed support for Council voting on the matter; stated Council needs to think about protecting Alameda residents; discussed a survey on Nextdoor: Reyla Graber, Alameda.

Vice Mayor Vella stated that she thought Council provided clear direction in December 2019 about the privacy issue and ensuring Council has a privacy policy in place while following the San Francisco privacy policy in the interim; expressed concern about potentially undoing a Council action; stated the matter has nothing to do with whether or not she trusts the current Police Chief; she will continue to trust the Police Chief until there is reason not to; she is philosophically opposed to ALPRs due to data showing inefficiency and inefficacy against crime fighting; the units are costly; expressed concern about the placebo effect of spending money on technology which is not effective; she has been supportive of ensuring APD has funding to fill vacancies with quality Officers; the ALPR technology creates a lot of opportunities for abuse of power; there is no data to show that ALPRs are a deterrent other than anecdotal; her concerns about privacy remain; expressed support for staff to begin movement on policies; stated that she looks forward to the policy being finalized so the City is not stuck in limbo of using the San Francisco policy model; the units are a large expenditure and she is unsure whether the City will get its money's worth or see the expected deterrence.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the matter is controversial; discussed the former Police Chief's concerns about APD racially profiling people and ALPR technology; stated that she supports the staff recommendation; she understands Alternative 1 to be the staff recommendation; inquired whether Alternative 1 is the primary ask for Council, to which the Police Chief responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer moved approval of Alternative 1.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer requested clarification on what it will look like to move forward with Alternative 1; inquired the timeline and whether staff will be coming back at some point in the near future.

The Police Chief responded that he will take direction from Council on next steps; stated that his recommendation is to move forward with being able to install ALPR equipment at designated fixed locations.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether additional funding approval is needed; noted there was a previous allocation of \$500,000.

The Police Chief responded the cost will be significantly less; stated there are 13 locations to install cameras; each camera costs \$2,750 for the first year and \$2,500 each year following; the cost will roughly be \$36,000.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer requested clarification about mobile ALPR units.

The Police Chief stated mobile units cost roughly \$200 per vehicle, per month.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated there have been concerns related to the privacy; she is happy to include the report as part of a friendly amendment to her motion if desired.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she will not support the motion.

Councilmember Daysog stated the necessity of ALPRs has been expressed by various Councils, Police Chiefs and residents over a long period of time; discussed a previous Council

meeting discussion about the use of ALPRs; stated the time has come; the way in which crime is occurring throughout the area is vastly different and more sophisticated; crime is occurring; discussed a break-in at a cannabis dispensary; stated Officers need to be provided with proper training and be given the tools; ALPRs are tools to help APD improve the way in which they either deter crime or capture people who commit crime; the tools are not perfect; the City cannot wait another seven years in hopes of finding the perfect tool; the units are expensive; however, the City must amp up its game in terms of deterring and solving crime; ALPRs are one tool that can help; the issue of privacy is important; he has confidence in City staff that the City will be mindful of concerns related to privacy; Council needs to move forward and give a signal that the City will provide APD a fighting chance in deterring and solving crime.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she is mindful of concerns about increasing crime and privacy; the way crime is taking place is changing; there is a need to get tougher on criminals; ALPR technology can be a valuable tool; however, based on the report provided, she is not ready to move forward in approving the use of ALPR technology; she would like to give staff direction to come back to Council; information has been presented which is not included in the staff report; she would like the information included in the staff report if the matter returns to Council; the cost of the technology is listed between \$500,000 and \$700,000 in the staff report and she would like an explanation for the difference; there is a question about the cost for installation and maintenance of ALPR cameras; many references to privacy concerns have been made; she would like to know the proposed retention policy; the retention time needs to be included in a policy; she would like more discussion about which approach, fixed or mobile ALPRs, would have a more chilling effect on residents; the City of Berkeley recently approved the use of fixed security cameras in various locations throughout the City; Berkeley staff are currently drafting the use policy for the fixed security cameras; staff should communicate with Berkeley staff on their approach; she understands the need to free up Officers for patrolling and covering neighborhoods; she would like clarification about handling vehicles without license plates; some crimes occur with vehicles that do not have license plates; questioned where the data collected goes and who has access to retention; stated Council needs to have an explanation of the Clearview use incident; expressed support for Council supporting Assembly Bill (AB) 550 related to automated speed cameras; stated the Bill is part of what is being considered for Vision Zero and she would like the City to consider the important tool; stated that she is willing to giving staff direction to come back to Council with more detail and information.

Councilmember Daysog seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Knox White stated Council has supported AB 550 and was one of the few cities to send a letter; he is not against cameras; Council needs to have confidence that the cameras are going to have an impact; he has not heard one comment which accurately describes the outcome of putting ALPRs in place; he understands the community has concerns about safety and crime; Council needs to be doing as much as possible; he would be supportive of ALPRs if they were a tool that helps address safety and crime; there is a reason for the lack of studies which show that ALPRs do not deter or change crime; ALPRs do not deter or change crime; anecdotal stories are due to there being no change in what happens with crime when cameras are installed; outlined crime statistics for the City of Piedmont after installation of ALPR cameras; stated Council will be over-promising that putting in cameras will have an impact on crime outcomes; installing ALPRs will not have an impact on crime outcomes; discussed incorrect license plate hits in the City of Vallejo; stated Officers will waste time on going after people not involved with crimes; expressed concern about the shortage of APD Officers; stated the use of ALPR will be taking away from Officer time being spent on the

streets; he is unsure how to move forward with a new camera program until the City addresses the Clearview issue; expressed support for a discussion on Clearview prior to moving forward; stated that he will not support the matter; the matter is security theatre and will pull away current resources with nothing to show for it in two to three years; dozens of agencies use ALPR technology; there is not one study that shows an impact on crime; he will not support ALPRs until the data shows an impact on crime.

Councilmember Daysog stated two to three Police Chiefs supporting ALPRs should amount to something; other agencies using ALPRs should amount for something; he has to balance data reports and recommendations from APD staff; ALPRs are not being installed for no reason; ALPRs are recommended as a tool to help deter and solving crimes; Council owes APD and residents ALPRs; it appears the City will be waiting another seven years to find a perfect tool.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she is willing to consider moving forward after the questions she has posed have been answered.

Councilmember Knox White stated the City has four cameras with two in the shop due to maintenance; the ALPRs were not deemed important enough to fix and put back on patrol; he is not looking for the perfect tool, he is looking for a tool which shows impactful data; many studies show speed cameras slow speeds and reduce crashes to increase safety.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she would like to give the Police Chief the opportunity to respond to Council comments; expressed support for clarification about cameras in the shop and the best use of current Officers.

The Police Chief stated the current ALPRs in APD vehicles are not in use are due to the vehicles being out of commission; in order to move the ALPR equipment from the vehicles which are out of commission would require initiating another contract with the current vendor; the City can work with other vendors.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired the best use of APD Officers and ALPR equipment.

The Police Chief responded there is value in ALPRs; ALPRs are a tool; crimes are solved by people; there is value in a tool which will help people solve crimes.

Vice Mayor Vella stated the matter is not about whether a tool can be useful; the matter is about how effective the tool can be; Councilmembers have raised concerns about efficacy and efficiency; expressed support for creating limitations to protect members of the public without a chilling effect; part of Council's job as policymakers is to evaluate all aspects; Council can listen to staff recommendations; however, Council must ultimately make the policy decisions; expressed concern about previous policy decisions around privacy parameters; stated certain things should not be decided or responded to after-the-fact.

On the call for the question, the motion failed by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Knox White: No; Vella: No; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: No. Ayes: 2. Noes: 3.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft has provided direction for staff to return to Council with information; inquired how much time staff needs to return and address the points raised.

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Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she would like: the cost, the delta between the \$500,000 and \$700,000 amount, information on the City of Berkeley's fixed security cameras and use policy, information on data retention and storage, how ALPRs would deal with vehicles without license plates and an overview of the Clearview issue.

The Police Chief stated the points can be addressed fairly soon; the point that would take the longest would be obtaining information on the City of Berkeley's security camera proposal policy.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether Councilmember Herrera Spencer will be making a motion based on the topics raised by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft.

The City Attorney expressed concern about including any information on what happens to Police Officers on violations of policy related to Clearview; stated the information related to confidential personnel and cannot be shared in open session; recommended the information not be included in the report back to Council.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft withdrew the request for a report on results of Officer violations.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she is happy to move approval; stated time is of the essence; inquired when the matter can return to Council.

The City Manager responded the privacy policy report can be brought to Council by January 18<sup>th</sup> at the earliest; stated that he will rely on the Police Chief to provide an accurate return date; the first Council meeting in February will be a realistic scenario.

Councilmember Herrera moved approval of staff returning with information requested by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft by January 18<sup>th</sup> since time is of the essence, but she leaves it up to staff.

Councilmember Daysog seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Knox White: No; Vella: No; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 3. Noes: 2.

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(<u>21-853</u>) Councilmember Knox White moved approval of moving the police services [paragraph no. <u>21-854</u>] to the next Council meeting under Continued Agenda Items as 6-A.

Vice Mayor Vella seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Knox White: Aye; Vella: Aye; and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5.

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(<u>21-854</u>) Recommendation to Accept an Update and Approve a Work Plan Addressing Efforts to Reimagine Police Services and Racial Equity. Continued to January 4, 2022.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(<u>21-855</u>) Jim Strehlow, Alameda, discussed garbage cans on Alameda Avenue; expressed concern about confusing motions at the previous meeting; stated that he would like clarification about transit priorities and when Council will schedule a follow-up agenda item; noted AB 550 is no longer active.

#### COUNCIL REFERRALS

- (<u>21-856</u>) Considering Directing Staff to Provide an Update on License Plate Readers. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer) Not heard.
- (<u>21-857</u>) Consider Directing Staff to Publicly Share Information on Parking Recreational Vehicles. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer) Not heard.
- (<u>21-858</u>) Consider Directing Staff to Address Representation for Below Market Rate Homeowners on Homeowner Association (HOA) Boards and with Property Management. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer) Not heard.
- (21-859) Consider Directing Staff to Support Removal of the US Navy Constraints Limiting Housing Development at Alameda Point. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer and Councilmember Daysog) Not heard.
- (<u>21-860</u>) Consider Directing Staff to Address Identifying New Areas at Alameda Point to Develop a Number of Housing Units Above the Originally-Agreed Upon Numbers of the 2023-2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). (Councilmember Daysog) Not heard.
- (<u>21-861</u>) Consider Directing Staff to Move Jean Sweeney Park Fencing. (Councilmembers Herrera Spencer and Daysog) Not heard.
- (<u>21-862</u>) Consider Reviewing and Updating the Previous City Council's Priorities at a Regular City Council Meeting. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer) Not heard.
- (<u>21-863</u>) Consider Having the City Council Address the Zoning of the Harbor Bay Club. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer) Not heard.
- (<u>21-864</u>) Consider Having the City Council Review Recreation and Parks Department Community Events. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer) Not heard.
- (<u>21-865</u>) Consider Directing Staff to Immediately Agendize an Urgency Hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 9. (Councilmember Herrera Spencer) Not heard.

#### COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- (<u>21-866</u>) Councilmember Knox White discussed a community workshop related to removing the truck ban on Interstate 580; expressed wishes for 2022 to be low-key and good.
- (<u>21-867</u>) Vice Mayor Vella outlined information regarding the Lead Abatement meeting last week; announced distribution of COVID-19 tests from California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for students returning to school.
- (21-868) Councilmember Herrera Spencer expressed support for the CARE program

information.

(<u>21-869</u>) Councilmember Daysog discussed a hiring ceremony for three new APD Officers and the memorial for Supervisor Wilma Chan; urged Alamedans to visit City Hall at night to see the holiday tree.

(21-870) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft outlined an Association for Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee meeting; discussed ribbon cuttings for an art installation and the Little Ice Rink at Alameda Point; outlined a joint meeting of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and Mayors of Alameda County related to funding homelessness; discussed distribution of Target gift cards for families in the Alameda Housing Authority Head Start program.

(<u>21-871</u>) Councilmember Herrera Spencer made an announcement about the West End Arts District's mural grand opening.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 12:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger City Clerk

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