

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- -FEBRUARY 24, 2016- -6:00 P.M.

Mayor Spencer convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft, Matarrese, Oddie and Mayor Spencer – 4.

Absent: Councilmember Daysog – 1.

Public Comment

Former Councilmember Doug deHaan, Alameda, submitted information and expressed concern over the cost of constructing affordable housing units, especially the senior housing at Del Monte.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to consider:

(16-074) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9); Case Name: Municipal Auditing Services LLC v. City of Alameda; Court: Superior Court of the State of California, County of Alameda; Case No.: RG15755722

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened and Mayor Spencer announced direction was given to staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY- -FEBRUARY 24, 2016- -7:00 P.M.

Mayor Spencer convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Daysog, Ezzy Ashcraft, Matarrese, Oddie and Mayor Spencer – 5.

[Note: Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft arrived at 7:04 p.m.]

Absent: None.

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(16-075) Mayor Spencer made an announcement regarding the meeting needing to end at 11:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(16-076) Agustin Ramirèz, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, stated Alameda County Industries (ACI) employees now have the best contract; invited the Council to attend a celebration on March 1st.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor Matarrese seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Under discussion, Councilmember Daysog expressed concerns about expanding the Balanced Revenue Index formula to nonpublic safety.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following voice vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft, Matarrese, Oddie, and Mayor Spencer – 4. Noes: Councilmember Daysog – 1. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*16-077) Resolution No. 15121, “Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Alameda City Employees Association (ACEA) and the City of Alameda for a Three-Year Term Commencing Upon Adoption and Ending December 27, 2018.” Adopted.

(*16-078) Resolution No.15122, “Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Alameda Police Officers Association-Nonsworn (PANS) and the City of Alameda for a Three-Year Term Commencing December 27, 2015 and Ending December 26, 2018.” Adopted.

(*16-079) Resolution No. 15123, “Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Management and Confidential Employees Association (MCEA) and the City of Alameda for a Three-Year Term Commencing December 27, 2015 and Ending December 26, 2018.” Adopted.

(*16-080) Resolution No. 15124, “Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Alameda Municipal Power Electrical Utility Professionals of Alameda (EUPA) and the City of Alameda for a Three Year Term Commencing on December 27, 2015 and Ending December 26, 2018.” Adopted.

(*16-081) Resolution No. 15125, “Approving a Compensation Plan between Alameda Municipal Power Unrepresented (AMPU) Employees and the City of Alameda for a Three Year Term Commencing December27, 2015 and Ending December 26, 2018.” Adopted.

(*16-082) Resolution No. 15126, “Approving a Revised Executive Management Compensation Plan between the Executive Management Employees (EXME) and the City of Alameda for the Period Commencing December 27, 2015 and Ending December 26, 2018.” Adopted; and

(16-082A) Resolution No. 15127, “Amending the City of Alameda Executive Management (EXME) Compensation Plan to Retitle the Classification of Chief Operating Officer - Alameda Point to Director of Base Reuse.” Adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

(16-083) Recommendation to Approve the Central Avenue Complete Streets Concept Including Safety and Other Street Improvements.

Council discussed the time limit for speakers and agreed to keep the 3 minute time limit.

Students expressed support for the bike lanes for a safer Alameda: Cosmo Hondrogen, Maya Lin School; R.J. Pimentel, Saint Joseph School; Charlotte Morgan, Academy of Alameda (AOA); Olive Little, Wood Middle School; Audrey Wismar, AOA; Theo Wismar, Alameda; Miles Quale, Alameda; Niko, Alameda; Scarlet Corbly, Encinal Junior Jets; Mateo Hamilton, Encinal Junior Jets; Luke Samford, AOA; Fin, Alameda; Marisa Wood, Alameda Community Learning Academy (ACLC); Skyler, ACLC; Nicky, ACLC.

Urged Council to make the decision in support of bicyclists; stated motorists threaten the safety of bicyclists: John Corbly, Alameda.

Urged Council to make the City safer for bikers and drivers; suggested educating bicyclists on bicycle safety: Jennifer Solomon, Alameda.

Stated millennial families are looking for bike friendly towns; urged Council to adopt the proposal to have a bike lane through Central Avenue, which is a main artery of the City: Anonymous Speaker.

Urged Council to support the proposal; stated after Sherman Street, there is no safe path across the rest of the Island for bikers; Steve Ellson, Alameda;

Stated the bike lanes will help with childhood obesity and help prevent diabetes; parents are scared to let their children ride bikes in Alameda: Anonymous Speaker, Alameda Pediatrics.

Stated most parents do not want their kids to cross Central Avenue by themselves; he hopes bike lanes will slow people down on Central Avenue; exercise is great for children: Guy Cutting, Alameda.

Stated her friend bikes to school every day and she would like Central Avenue to be a safer route: Piper Dooley, Alameda.

Urged Council to add more bike lanes to make Central Avenue a safer place for kids to bike to school: Savannah Samford, Alameda.

Urged Council to pass the bike proposal; stated kids enjoy biking around town and would like it to be safer: Lia with Collin, Josh and Fin, Alameda.

Urged Council to make bike lanes safer for students arriving and leaving campus, which benefits health and traffic: Matt Huxley, AOA.

The Base Reuse Director and Transportation Coordinator gave a Power Point presentation and responded to questions.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether engineers have been involved in the project.

The Base Reuse Director responded in the affirmative; stated there have been numerous engineers involved in the entire plan.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired if CalTrans has reviewed the plan, to which the Base Reuse Director responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Spencer requested clarification on the area.

The Base Reuse Director responded the area is Central Avenue between Sherman Street and Pacific Avenue.

The Transportation Coordinator continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired which area the University of Michigan survey pertains to, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded that it is a national survey.

Mayor Spencer stated currently, there are two lanes heading in each direction; if a car needs to make a left turn, there is another lane to go around the turning car.

The Transportation Coordinator stated the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sees the four lane streets as a safety problem; the person turning left in the fast lane blocks cars, causing motorists to weave in and out, which causes collisions.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether the Transportation Coordinator is referring to the concept of a three lane street which does not allow motorists to drive down the third lane; the third lane is only for turning left or right.

The Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative; stated there are many driveways and cross streets along the stretch of road.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether motorists currently make a left turn from the left lane, which will ultimately become a center lane.

The Transportation Coordinator responded motorists currently make the left turn from the fast lane, which causes a slow and go type of traffic that is susceptible to collisions.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether there is safety threshold data.

The Transportation Coordinator responded the FHWA states three lane streets work better than four lane streets when below 20,000 motorists.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether there is data right now that indicates there is a problem.

The Transportation Coordinator inquired whether Councilmember Daysog is referring specifically to Central Avenue.

Councilmember Daysog responded in the affirmative.

The Transportation Coordinator stated the problems are safety issues and no bike lanes; staff reviewed the disproportionate amount of collisions on Central Avenue as opposed to other streets; staff considers addressing and reducing collisions worthy.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether there is data for accidents on other 4 lane streets in Alameda.

The Transportation Coordinator responded that the data is Citywide, not specifically 4

lane streets.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the data is available for Councilmembers to extrapolate to see how many accidents are on other 4 lane streets.

The Base Reuse Director responded there is no way to extrapolate the data for other 4 lane streets; stated the citywide data gives an average; the area is disproportionately higher than the citywide average.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether it could be disproportionately higher on all the 4 lane streets.

The Base Reuse Director responded the City does not have said data.

The Transportation Coordinator stated that it could be higher on 4 lane streets; the study shows that there are more collisions on 4 lane streets with higher traffic volume.

Councilmember Daysog inquired the reason staff feels there is the disproportionate number of accidents on Central Avenue.

The Transportation Coordinator responded there have been 9 injuries, not collisions; stated there are more collisions which are never reported; staff is focusing on the severe injuries in the area.

Councilmember Daysog stated that he reviewed the CalTrans data Citywide by bicyclists and pedestrians; suggested the data be reviewed again to ensure it is correct.

The Transportation Coordinator continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether extending the merge area, which eliminates two parking spaces was suggested by the Transportation Commission.

The Transportation Coordinator responded two park parking spaces would be eliminated.

Mayor Spencer inquired if the spaces are at Washington Park, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the space could be for a loading zone during school hours.

The Transportation Coordinator stated between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. there will be two green zones for parents to pick up and drop off kids at the park facility.

Mayor Spencer stated two spaces will be eliminated; inquired how many spaces would be used for the loading zone.

The Transportation Coordinator responded the loading zone would become unrestricted after 6:00 p.m. when people are home from work; stated two spaces are a green zone, which is 24 minute parking.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired if there is afterschool day care at the park, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Oddie stated the slide says parking will be reduced by one space at the 8th Street and Central Avenue intersection; inquired where the two parking spaces are located.

The Transportation Coordinator responded the request to remove two additional spaces came from the Transportation Commission and is not shown in the presentation; the curb extension on the southeast corner would remove one parking space.

Councilmember Oddie inquired if there are 3 total parking spaces on the map being removed, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative.

The Interim City Manager inquired whether it is actual removal or replacing two spaces with a loading zone.

The Transportation Coordinator responded it is removal of one space and replacing the other two with loading zones.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether there are actually 5 parking spaces being affected: 3 would be removed and 2 would be limited during the day to 24 minute parking, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative; continued the presentation.

Councilmember Oddie stated WABA expressed concern about 200 feet; inquired where the 200 feet is located.

The Transportation Coordinator responded the 200 feet is approximately where McDonald's is located.

Councilmember Oddie inquired if the bike boxes are going to be explained in more detail.

The Transportation Coordinator responded in the area between McDonald's and Webster Street there are sharrows, which are shared lanes between bicyclists and motorists; the bike boxes are a cue to show bicyclists where to cross the street.

Mayor Spencer stated the sharrows appear to be in the dedicated right turn lane; inquired if the bicyclists would be going through the intersection instead of turning right.

The Transportation Coordinator responded bicyclists need to position themselves to go

through the intersection and not conflict with the right turn lane.

Mayor Spencer stated cars would be turning right; inquired how bicycles would go through the intersection.

The Transportation Coordinator responded if bicyclists want to go through the intersection, they go to the bike lane on the West side of the intersection.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether bicyclists could turn right on red after stopping first, like motorists do, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative.

Vice Mayor Matarrese inquired if cars are going westbound on Central Avenue, do bicyclists have to wait until all the cars have made their right hand turn to proceed through the intersection.

The Transportation Coordinator responded bicyclists have to abide by the rules of the road.

Vice Mayor Matarrese inquired whether bicyclists have to go into the center lane or the through lane if they want to go through the intersection, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative.

Vice Mayor Matarrese inquired whether anyone has determined where the bus would turn if the bulb outs are installed; stated three bus lines run through the northeast corner the intersection.

The Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative; stated the purpose of the curb extension is to protect pedestrians from traffic; the presentation is not the actual representation.

Vice Mayor Matarrese stated the presentation is public and sets an expectation; at some point, the expectation has to be aligned with reality.

Mayor Spencer inquired if staff considered a safer place for bicyclists to wait to cross the intersection.

The Transportation Coordinator responded a two stage turn box is an option.

Mayor Spencer stated there were quite a few youth speakers; inquired whether the design will have elementary school students use the box.

The Transportation Coordinator stated the box is the safest place, but using it is not required; bicyclists can take a two stage left turn in the crosswalk.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated there are options for different types of bicyclists.

The Transportation Coordinator continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether staff will talk about the use of the loading zone.

The Transportation Coordinator stated the loading zone is 20 feet and will allow someone to park to make deliveries so that westbound drivers can go around.

Mayor Spencer inquired if the trucks doing deliveries will be double parked in the bike lane and the bikes will have to go into the lane going straight through.

The Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired where WABA had been offered a loading zone.

The Transportation Coordinator pointed to the location on the map; stated WABA and the business owners were not interested; continued the presentation.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated Central Avenue and Webster Street have street sweeping one morning; inquired whether prohibiting parking for street sweeping would continue and if delivery trucks and cars would get ticketed if they park there during that time.

The Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative; stated staff is figuring out the best placing to locate parking spaces, per the United States Access Board Guidelines as well as working with the disabled community.

Mayor Spencer stated a presumption has been made that there would not be deliveries on Monday's; requested staff follow up on the matter.

The Transportation Coordinator continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether there would be any loss of parking by the flashing lights on Crown Drive from the bulb out, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the negative; stated there will be no loss of parking spaces for the bulb out, only the crosswalk.

Mayor Spencer stated there is a similar crosswalk near Otis Elementary; inquired why there is not a bulb out by the elementary school.

The Transportation Coordinator responded that she cannot speak to that; continued the presentation.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired how many spaces would be added to Boat Ramp Road.

The Transportation Coordinator responded 48 parking spaces on West Harbor.

Mayor Spencer inquired how many new spaces are being added overall from the project.

The Transportation Coordinator responded there is a 40 space net gain for the entire study area.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether 8 spaces are being removed from Central.

The Transportation Coordinator responded there is a gain of 56 parking spaces on Central Avenue.

Mayor Spencer stated Encinal parking is not for residents on Central Avenue; inquired why staff is including additional parking on Boat Ramp Road.

The Transportation Coordinator responded the area is part of the study which reviewed improving access on part of the San Francisco Bay Trail.

Mayor Spencer stated if the focus is on Central Avenue, there is a net loss of parking; the Transportation Coordinator stated the net loss would be 8.

Vice Mayor Matarrese requested clarification on the use of the two-way bike trail; inquired how people get to the westbound side when riding westbound on Central Avenue.

The Transportation Coordinator responded riders can get over to the two-way physically separated bikeway on Third Street; stated a bicycle signal is in the cost estimate.

Vice Mayor Matarrese inquired whether the bikeway cuts across Third Street and Central Avenue, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative; continued the presentation.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether staff addressed Paden Elementary School traffic concerns.

The Transportation Coordinator responded the Principal feels it is an improvement; stated the Principal attended meetings along with parents to provide their input; the Principal is good with the design and wrote a letter to that effect which is included at the end of the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether there is no parking currently allowed on Boat Ramp Road, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative; continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired if the additional travel time took into consideration the addition of the new crosswalks.

The Transportation Coordinator responded no change was assumed because the study shows the worst possible traffic scenario.

Mayor Spencer inquired if the 1½ minute delay would be longer with the addition of 9 crosswalks.

The Transportation Coordinator responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Spencer stated the engineers should address the issue.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired if the consultants reviewed the issue.

Erin Ferguson, Kittelson and Associates Engineers, responded the changes assumed a mode split; stated it is difficult to accurately predict on a small scale; the focus is the delay because of fewer vehicle lanes, not because of the additional pedestrian crossings.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the people crossing in the new crosswalks would result in a delay in traffic.

Ms. Ferguson responded the delay from people using the crosswalk would benefit from fewer cars on the road.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether there would not necessarily be more people crossing the street, but there would be more places to cross, to which the Laurence Lewis, Kittelson and Associates Engineers, responded in the affirmative.

The Transportation Coordinator continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired if staff has the dates of the study on the increase in retail activity, to which the Transportation Coordinator responded in the negative; continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer called a recess at 9:16 p.m. and reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

NOT IN FAVOR:

Stated the 6 commercial properties he owns will be affected by the proposal; urged Council to leave Central Avenue as is from 8th Street to MacKay Avenue; WABA, the Greater Alameda Business Association (GABA) and the Alameda Chamber of Commerce do not support the proposal; removing roadway access and parking removes value from commercial properties: Jason Lucey, Alameda.

Inquired what is the minimum width for a State highway and the width of a large moving

van; inquired where the delivery trucks are going to park to make deliveries; inquired what the cost of the proposal would be and where the money will come from: David Maxey, Alameda.

Showed a video on the impacts of the two lane road; stated painting a green lane for bicycles to share with autos would work more efficiently: Geoffrey Burnaford, Alameda, showed a video.

Stated Alameda is already a bicycle friendly City; Central Avenue has many businesses; loading zones should be made available; backing out of a driveway is more difficult with a bike trail; he would like to see taxpayer dollars spent on projects where everyone is on board, not just a select few: Jim Strehlow, Alameda.

Stated the Council has an obligation to look into other alternatives; no attempt has been made to educate drivers and bicycle riders as an alternative; urged Alameda Police Department to enforce the 25 mph speed limit on Central Avenue: Burney Matthews, Alameda.

Stated Central Avenue has businesses that need to unload merchandise; she has not seen much support from Central Avenue residents; urged Council to vote no on the proposal and not to take a major transportation route away for a few cyclists: Karen Miller, Alameda.

IN FAVOR:

Stated that he lives on Central Avenue and uses it every day; he strongly supports the proposal; people still speed with the enforcement of the 25 mph law; he feels the new design will help stop speeders; bike riders and pedestrians will feel safer; less cars on the road means less congestion: Jerry Serventi, Alameda.

Stated the proposal will put more money into the businesses; the City will benefit from sales taxes; pedestrians and bicyclists will be safer: David Campbell, Bike East Bay.

Stated that he supports the project because it will reduce carbon emissions; if the City is concerned with traffic congestion, the best thing to do is to provide alternatives to get cars off the roads; the project connects the East and West End of the Island and provides a safe route to get children to school; urged Council to approve the project; stated he lives on Central Avenue and he strongly believes the project will greatly improve the safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers: David Burton, Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA).

Expressed support for the project; stated that he lives on Central and it would be easier to exit out of his driveway with a bike lane: Michael Scheper, Alameda;

Stated he lives on Central Avenue and is alarmed by the high speeds on that road; urged Council to decide what we value in Alameda 8 parking spaces, 1 minute of

automobile delay, feeling safe in the streets or serious traffic injuries and deaths; the City has an obligation to enhance the safety for all road users: Greg Currey, Alameda.

Urged Council to support the project to ensure the safety of the children; stated she encourages her students and staff to bike to work, yet she is afraid to bike because of the traffic on Central Avenue; stated the safety of the children takes precedence over the inconvenience to drivers: Cindy Acker, The Child Unique Montessori School.

Stated the City is pressuring residents to minimize automobile usage; residents cannot be told to minimize car usage with limits on ways to get around the Island; having a bike path would encourage non-vehicle transportation to Alameda Point; urged Council to support the project for the safety of the community and the kids: Doug Biggs, Alameda Point Collaborative.

NOT IN FAVOR:

Stated no one has done a study on the effects of the Shoreline Project; urged the decision be delayed to review alternatives: Ron Barrett, Alameda.

The Interim City Manager noted the Shoreline Project is mentioned.

IN FAVOR:

Stated that he does not ride his bike on Central because it is a scary place to ride; bicyclists are good customers who support small and local businesses; improvement of pedestrian ways is very important: Bruce Kibby, Alameda.

Stated her organization's mission is to reduce traffic congestion around schools, reduce greenhouse emissions, and improve the infrastructure around schools to allow children to travel safely to school; the project is crucial for the safety of children trying to get to school: Rachel Davidman, Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools.

NOT IN FAVOR:

Submitted a petition from business owners; stated WABA is focused on the business district; the increased delay from deliveries is not figured into the study; the development on McKay Avenue will require motorists to make a left from Central Avenue; the impact on traffic has not been discussed; proposed maintaining the current lane and making a shared lane between bicyclists and motorists: Sandip Jariwala, WABA.

Stated GABA believes the project does not meet goals or bringing cyclists to the business community; the design is more dangerous for cyclists on Webster Street and Central Avenue: Tony Kuttner, GABA.

Stated it makes no sense to change a major artery to Alameda Point when the future

development of Alameda Point is still undecided; the key problem is law enforcement has not enforced the rules of the road for motorists and bicyclists: Kurt Peterson, Alameda.

Stated the Chamber of Commerce is in favor of safety for children, but is not in favor of the project; the plan is more dangerous; there should be no rush to approve the plan: Michael McDonough, Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft requested clarification on what Mr. McDonough meant by, the Chamber of Commerce is not in favor of the plan, because she has talked to some members that do favor the plan.

Mr. McDonough responded the Chamber does not oppose the entire plan, only part of the plan.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired if the vote was unanimous.

Mr. McDonough responded the vote was unanimous with the members that were present; some members were not present.

Mayor Spencer stated public comment needs to end to finish the meeting by 11:00 p.m.

The City Clerk stated that the meeting needs to be continued to a date certain.

Councilmember Oddie inquired if the speakers that submitted slips are going to be able to speak at the next meeting, to which the Interim City Manager responded if they have not spoken yet, they will be able to speak at the next meeting.

Mayor Spencer stated public comment would be continued to the new date.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired if the Council would have discussion after hearing the public comment.

Mayor Spencer inquired if there is any other business to attend to, to which the Interim City Manager responded that the Councilmember Oddie has agreed to continue the referral to another meeting.

The City Clerk stated that if the remainder of the meeting is continued then all other items can be heard that date.

Councilmember Oddie inquired if the public will be able to bring more speaker slips.

The Assistant City Attorney responded that the meeting will be continued and people that have already spoken cannot speak, but if new people want to turn in slips to speak, they can; stated the people that turned in slips and have not spoken can speak.

Councilmember Daysog stated some people may not be able to make Monday night.

Mayor Spencer stated anyone can submit an email.

Vice Mayor Matarrese moved approval of continuing the meeting to February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded, which passed by unanimous voice vote – 5.

IN FAVOR:

Stated part of the project closes the gap and connects the future Bay Trail; the trails provide safety; urged Council to support continuing the Bay Trail through the area: Lee Huo, Bay Trail Project.

Told the story of her sister being hit by a car in Berkeley three weeks ago; stated she is telling the story to humanize the issue; bike lanes protect drivers and cyclists: Catlin Schwarzman, Alameda.

Stated her son rides his bike to and from the Academy of Alameda every day; she started Easy Street Cycling Camp to teach kids how to ride safely around town; read comments from parents about the positive effects of bicycling; inquired if the City is weighing inconvenience against safety: Bonnie Wehmann, Alameda.

Stated that he lives near the corner of Pacific Avenue, Central Avenue and Main Street; urged Council to approve the project to make the corner safer: Reid Whatley, Alameda.

Stated that he always rides a bike; he approves the staff proposal for Webster Street and Central Avenue; many people need the sharrows, crosswalks and bike lanes to feel safe: Paul Marcelin, Alameda.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Not heard.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Not heard.

COUNCIL REFERRALS

(16-084) Consider Endorsing the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, and Habitat Restoration Program Measure, which will be on the June 7, 2016 Ballot. (Councilmember Oddie)

Continued to February 29, 2016.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Not heard.

ADJOURNMENT

(16-084A) At 11:00 p.m., Mayor Spencer continued the meeting to February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and paused for a moment of silence in memory of Dave Needle.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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