

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY- -NOVEMBER 21, 2017- -7:00 P.M.

Mayor Spencer convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None.

AGENDA CHANGES

(17-683) Mayor Spencer announced the litigation report [paragraph no. 17-691] would not be heard and the Recreation and Park fees [paragraph no. 17-697] and Sister City item [paragraph no. 17-702] would be continued to December 5, 2017.

Mayor Spencer request her referral [paragraph no. 17-696] be moved up.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she would support moving the meeting expeditiously to allow hearing all items.

Councilmember Oddie inquired where Mayor Spencer would like to hear her referral.

Mayor Spencer responded that she would like to move the item after the fee item.

The City Manager noted a number of regular items have to be heard tonight.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of leaving the agenda as is.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion, which FAILED by the following voice vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft and Matarrese – 2. Noes: Councilmembers Oddie, Vella and Mayor Spencer – 3.

Vice Mayor Vella moved approval of hearing the referral after the MARAD lease [paragraph no. 17-700].

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the referral can go after both time critical leases.

Vice Mayor Vella stated the item is only 10 minutes.

Councilmember Oddie stated he would like to move the referral after the Planning Board resolution.

Councilmember Oddie made a substitute motion to approve hearing the referral after the Planning Board resolution [paragraph no. 17-696].

Vice Mayor Vella seconded the substitute motion, which carried by the following voice vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Oddie, Vella and Mayor Spencer – 3. Noes: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft and Matarrese – 2.

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

None.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Spencer announced the civil engineering contracts [paragraph no. 17-686], structural engineering contracts [paragraph no. 17-687], BAR Architects agreement [paragraph no. 17-688], Alameda Point job creation [paragraph no. 17-689], and the Community Media Center resolution [paragraph no. 17-692] were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion; and the semi-annual litigation report [paragraph no. 17-691] was withdrawn from the agenda.

Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft and Matarrese noted that they were voting against the cannabis ordinance [paragraph no. 17-693].

Councilmember Oddie moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Matarrese seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(17-684) Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings Held on October 17, 2017. Approved.

(17-685) Ratified bills in the amount of \$2,747,239.68.

(17-686) Recommendation to Award a One-Year Contract, with the Option of Four One-Year Extensions, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000 Each, for a Total Five Year Expenditure Not to Exceed \$750,000 Each, to the Following: BKF, Harrison Engineering Inc. (HEI), and Schaaf & Wheeler for On-Call Civil Engineering Consulting Services.

[Note: The structural engineering agreement [paragraph no. 17-687] was addressed under this item.]

Councilmember Oddie inquired about the contract cost.

The Project Manager responded the estimate of \$150,000 per contract is only an estimate and is only awarded as needed.

Councilmember Oddie inquired whether there is a better estimate on the cost and why is the engineering not being provided in house.

The Project Manager responded two items are for different professional services, one is for civil engineering and one is for structural engineering; stated each year the contract will come before Council for approval prior to awarding the contract.

The City Manager stated 10% of the contract is covered from the General Fund and the balance is covered by the developer.

Councilmember Oddie inquired why staff is going to three different firms instead of one.

The Project Manager responded the City can continue with another firm if it is not happy with a firm; different firms allow for more options.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired why a 5 year contract is being executed when the City only has a 2 year budget.

The Project Manager responded the award is for up to 5 years.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired how much money will the contractor receive if the services are not used, to which the Project Manager responded zero.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired whether the contractor is paid a retainer to hold the services.

The Project Manager responded the contractor will be on standby and only paid when the services are used.

Mayor Spencer inquired how many engineers the City has on staff.

The Project Manager responded the City has no structural engineers and two licensed civil engineers.

Mayor Spencer inquired why there are not more engineers on staff; stated that she believes having more engineers on staff would help expedite the permit process for the public.

The Project Manager responded certain engineers have certain expertise; having a consultant allows the City to terminate the contract if the City is dissatisfied with the service.

The City Manager responded having a contractor allows the process to be expedited for the project or developer.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the permit process can be expedited by staff.

The City Manager responded that would be Community Development Department, not Public Works.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated contracting the services is better to avoid paying benefits for a full time employee.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired how much has been spent on outsourcing the engineering work over the past two fiscal years.

The Project Manager responded that he can obtain the information and provide it to Council.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired how staff arrived at the amount of \$150,000 per year for each engineering firm.

The Project Manager responded the engineer that worked on the estimates is unavailable tonight.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the item has to be approved tonight.

The City Manager responded the contracts could be delayed; stated the amount is subject to budget approval and Council could lower the amount in outgoing years.

Vice Mayor Vella stated that she would like to know where the estimate comes from and how much has been spent.

The City Manager responded that the amount is a renewal of the best practice.

Vice Mayor Vella stated that she would like to understand what has been spent over the past budget cycle.

The City Manager inquired whether Council could approve the item tonight for one year and return the item to Council in a year.

Councilmember Matarrese inquired whether the contract is returning to Council regardless, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Matarrese stated the City is not spending \$150,000 and is only authorizing a contract up to \$150,000; he does not want Public Works contracts stalled.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of both the civil and structural engineering contracts.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Mayor Spencer inquired whether contracts with the current engineers have lapsed.

The City Manager responded that the proposed contract is in anticipation of the current contracts lapsing.

Mayor Spencer inquired when the current contracts lapse.

The Project Manager responded there is no current need for the engineers with specialties.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether there is a current contract with a structural engineer, to which the City Manager responded the proposal is for a stable of engineers to use as needed; stated the money is not General Fund dollars.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired if a project comes in right now is there a firm the City is currently using.

The Project Manager responded if a project comes in right now, staff would need to come to Council to award the contract; stated soliciting proposals from consultants could cause a possible three month delay.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired whether Council could pass the proposal only until the mid-year budget review.

The Project Manager responded there is no money involved in the contract.

Mayor Spencer stated if the services are used, the money will be spent.

Councilmember Oddie stated the contract is going to return in one year; he would also like more information on how much has been spent in the last fiscal years.

Councilmember Matarrese inquired whether the contract returns to Council every year for review, to which the City Manager responded that the contract states the agreement may be mutually extended on a year by year basis, up to four additional years, at the sole discretion of the Public Works Director.

Councilmember Matarrese modified his motion to approve having the contract state the contract is to return to Council yearly.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion.

Under discussion, the Acting City Attorney inquired whether Councilmember Matarrese is authorizing a contract for one year with no extensions.

Councilmember Matarrese responded in the negative; stated the motion is to have the 5 year contract return to Council annually.

The City Manager inquired whether the motion is to have the contract state at the discretion of the Council instead of the Public Works Director, to which Councilmember Matarrese responded in the affirmative.

Vice Mayor Vella requested a friendly amendment to the motion to include direction to staff to provide the expenditures to date and for the last fiscal cycle.

Councilmember Matarrese accepted the friendly amendment to the motion.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

(17-687) Recommendation to Award a One-Year Contract, with the Option of Four One-Year Extensions, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000 Each, for a Total Five Year Expenditure Not to Exceed \$750,000 Each, to the Following: Baseline Designs, Inc., Habitat Engineering & Forensics, Inc., JMEC Engineering, and Oakley & Oakley for On-Call Structural Engineering Consulting Services.

[Note: This matter was addressed under the above civil engineering contract item [paragraph no. 17-686]

(17-688) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a One Year Agreement with BAR Architects, with the Option of Two One-Year Extensions for Time Only, for a Total Amount of \$199,450 for Architectural and Urban Design Services for Evaluating the Potential for and Preparing Materials to Support the Adaptive Reuse of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) as a Technology Campus at Alameda Point.

Councilmember Oddie inquired whether approving the item will shut the door to possible use of the BEQ for any residential or housing type use.

The Redevelopment Project Manager responded said decision would be made by Council.

Councilmember Oddie inquired whether the technology campus would shut down the possibility of using the BEQ for housing.

The Redevelopment Project Manager responded staff is exploring the possibilities; stated a technology campus is being explored because it can bring a lot of jobs to Alameda.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Matarrese seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice

vote – 5.

(17-689) Recommendation to Receive Status Report on Job Creation Efforts at Alameda Point, Including an Update on the Enterprise District Marketing Strategy.

Councilmember Matarrese inquired whether staff can review why people are not responding to outreach; expressed concern about the Enterprise District being held up based on the Site A groundbreaking; stated that he would like the report to state the financial impact to the General Fund and Base Reuse fund budgets and where the money is going.

Mayor Spencer stated that she concurs with Councilmember Matarrese; expressed concerns about Cushman and Wakefield performing at the level that is needed.

The City Manager stated two buildings have sold for a total of \$15 million, which is being set aside for Alameda Point infrastructure improvements.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired which buildings sold.

The City Manager responded Buildings 9 and 91; stated Bladium is also being sold.

Mayor Spencer stated Cushman and Wakefield's job is to bring new business interests to Alameda and she does not believe that has been happening.

Councilmember Matarrese stated the transactions have been due to staff.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Oddie seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

(17-690) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Amendment to the Agreement with Operation Dignity for Homeless Case Management Services Extending the Term for Six Months to May 9, 2018 and Adding \$61,534 to the Agreement for a Total Budget Amount of \$183,777.

The Economic Development Manager provided a brief report about the work being done to address homeless issues in Alameda.

Councilmember Matarrese stated that he witnessed Operation Dignity's homeless outreach; he supports the item.

Councilmember Oddie moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Vice Mayor Vella seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

(17-691) Recommendation to: 1) Accept the Semi-Annual Report on Litigation and Liability Claims Settlements, and 2) Availability of Any Documents Which Have Become Disclosable to the Public for the Period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Not heard.

(17-692) Resolution No. 15323, "Authorizing Preliminary and Conditional Commitment of \$500,000 Public, Education and Government (PEG) Fee Funds for One-to-One Match with Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Career Technical Education (CTE) Facilities Program Grant Application to Establish a Community Media Center (CMC)." Adopted.

Mayor Spencer requested clarification on the item; inquired whether the request is that the City contribute \$500,000 from the PEG funds and whether or not it is a dollar for dollar match with the School District.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft requested clarification on the item.

The Information Technology Director responded the \$500,000 is a one to one match for the grant which AUSD is seeking.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired what are PEG funds are can the funds be used for capital and equipment purposes; stated the PEG funds are used to broadcast meetings.

Mayor Spencer inquired what AUSD is contributing to the arrangement.

The Information Technology Director responded the grant will be used to establish a community media center; the studio will be shared by the public and Alameda High School, which will have a digital filmmaking and career technical education pathway program.

Mayor Spencer inquired what hours the facility will be open to the public.

The Information Technology Director responded the details will be worked out.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the funds can be used to upgrade the Chamber's sound and the long term plan to ensure the City has proper equipment in the Council Chambers.

The City Clerk responded the City will have sufficient funds to cover the cost to upgrade the Council Chambers equipment.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the funds are spent by the City Clerk's Department, to which the City Clerk responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the City Clerk is comfortable using the \$500,000 and



still meet the needs of the Council Chambers.

The City Clerk responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired how the PEG funds are collected.

The Information Technology Director responded the fee is assessed to Comcast customers, Comcast pays the State and the State provides the franchise fees.

Discussed the CTE program and grants: Felicia Vargas, AUSD.

Provided background information on the program and broadcasting; urged support: John Dalton, AUSD.

Expressed support for the project; discussed the Peralta Community College station's partnership with the City of Oakland: Jeffrey Heyman, Alameda.

Expressed support for the effort; stated collaborative efforts with the community have worked for a radio station: Kevin Gorham, AUSD.

Outlined her involvement with the radio station development: Nanette Gray, AUSD.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she is ready to support the program.

Councilmember Oddie inquired what happens after the facility is built; who would pay for maintenance.

The Information Technology Director responded the details will be worked out when the contract is approved; different models will be explored.

Councilmember Oddie stated there is usually a tug of war with AUSD on who will pay for the long term plan; he does not want to see a huge empty space sit idle with no way to pay for operations.

The Information Technology Director stated the details will be part of the joint use agreement.

Vice Mayor Vella that stated she would support the program; she would like to know funds are put in to ensure the sustainability of the operations.

Mayor Spencer thanked the City and AUSD staff for working on the program; stated the program is much needed.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft moved adoption of the resolution.

Councilmember Matarrese seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice

vote – 5.

(17-693) Ordinance No. 3201, “Amending the Alameda Municipal Code by Adding a New Article XVI (Cannabis Businesses) to Chapter VI (Businesses, Occupations and Industries).” Finally passed.

[Note: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft and Matarrese voted against the ordinance.]

(17-694) Ordinance No. 3202, “Amending the Alameda Municipal Code by Amending Sections 24-11 (Smoking Prohibitions in Places of Employment and Unenclosed Public Places) and 24-12 (Smoking Prohibitions in Housing).” Finally passed.

### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

(17-695) Adoption of Resolution Appointing Sylvia Gibson as a Member of the Planning Board. Not adopted.

Expressed support for Sylvia Gibson: Damien Masen, Alameda.

Expressed support for Sylvia Gibson: Ruth Abbe, Alameda.

Outlined why she is a good candidate: Sylvia Gibson, Nominee.

Mayor Spencer listed Ms. Gibson’s qualifications.

Councilmember Matarrese moved adoption of the resolution.

Mayor Spencer seconded the motion, which FAILED by the following voice vote: Ayes: Councilmember Matarrese and Mayor Spencer – 2. Abstentions: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft, Oddie and Vella – 3.

### COUNCIL REFERRALS

(17-696) Consider Directing Staff to Provide a Public Update on Crime within the City. (Mayor Spencer)

Mayor Spencer made brief comments regarding the referral.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether an item not on the agenda can be discussed, to which the Acting City Attorney requested Mayor Spencer discuss only items on the current agenda.

Mayor Spencer stated that she would be requesting adding an oversight committee.

Councilmember Matarrese inquired whether the oversight committee is in the referral.

Mayor Spencer responded it is an additional step which Council can discuss.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated the matter should be discussed when the next referral comes before Council.

Mayor Spencer stated that she would like to direct staff to consider adding the oversight committee as an additional step.

Councilmember Matarrese stated staff could publicize the current trends; that he supports the direction to staff suggested by Mayor Spencer; he would like to wait on holding a workshop.

Vice Mayor Vella stated a report to Council would be helpful to address the concerns; she is open to holding off on a workshop until after the report is received.

Councilmember Oddie stated a workshop is a great idea.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether Council would prefer having the data return at a workshop or a regular Council meeting.

Councilmember Matarrese stated that he would support a summary return to Council; then, Council could discuss whether to do a workshop or have a periodic report.

Vice Mayor Vella stated expressed concern about trying to fit a workshop before a regular Council meeting not allowing for other items to be heard.

The City Manager stated the Police Chief is collecting data for the past 30 years to be released publically; the data shows a drop in crime, the data will be brought back to Council.

Mayor Spencer stated the data can be shared with the public at any time, but Council should be included.

Vice Mayor Vella stated the workshop will be helpful because it will facilitate a better conversation with the community.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated crime should be reported to Police, not on social media; a workshop will be a good opportunity to hear from the community.

Councilmember Oddie stated the data should include the positive things the Police Department is doing.

Vice Mayor Vella moved approval of directing staff to compile a report that would include a public update on crime within the City that includes trends as well as what the City is doing and what additional steps can be taken to reduce criminal activity and hold a workshop to provide the report.

Mayor Spencer seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Matarrese inquired whether the report and the workshop would be done simultaneously; stated the public report should not be held up while waiting to schedule a workshop; the report should come out as soon as it is available.

Vice Mayor Vella stated the report can be released whenever it is completed.

Councilmember Matarrese stated the report should come out when it is ready.

Mayor Spencer concurred.

Vice Mayor Vella amended the motion state the report would be released whenever it is completed.

Mayor Spencer stated that she would like the workshop set as soon as possible to discuss the data.

Vice Mayor Vella stated the direction is very clear; the workshop should be scheduled whenever feasible after the data is received.

The City Manager stated the 30 year time period of criminal activity is broken down to Part 1 and Part 2 crimes; more refined data will be submitted before the workshop; staff will try to schedule the workshop as soon as possible after the holidays.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired what Part 1 and Part 2 entails.

The City Manager responded the severity of the crime.

The Police Chief stated Part 1 crimes are more serious offenses; Part 2 crimes are everything else.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the City is broken up by sectors.

The Police Chief responded in the affirmative; stated that he would do reports for all five sectors.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether sectors 1 through 4 have not changed, to which the Police Chief responded in the affirmative.

The Police Chief stated growth in certain areas has affected the crime rate.

Mayor Spencer requested said information be included in the report to show the public

why there have been changes in the crime rate.

The Police Chief stated the data should include the month of December to have the full year of 2017 included.

The City Manager stated the matter could be on second meeting in January.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

#### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED

(17-697) Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution Amending Master Fee Resolution No. 12191 to Add New and Revise Existing Recreation and Park Fees. Continued to December 5, 2017.

(17-698) Public Hearing to Consider: Amendments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plans for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 through 2016-2017; Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Related Documents, Agreements, and Modifications; and

(17-698A) Resolution No. 15324, “Amending Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 CDBG Fund Budget to Include Prior Fiscal Year Unspent Entitlement and Program Income Allocations.” Adopted.

The Community Development Director gave a brief presentation.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired why the funds were unspent.

The Community Development Director responded more income was received in Fiscal Year 2016-17 than projected.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired where the extra income is from.

The Community Development Director responded from the repayment of the revolving loans; continued the presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired about the use of the ranch house at 2815 San Diego Road.

The Community Development Director responded transitional housing for refugees; continued the presentation.

Councilmember Matarrese inquired whether the use of 2815 San Diego Road is direction from a referral, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Spencer inquired what the definition of refugees is; stated that she thought Council's request is for immigrant housing, not refugees.

The Director of Housing and Community Development responded the Housing Authority is only in charge of rebuilding the foundation, not the program.

The City Manager stated the program is in response to the Council referral to look for housing for immigrant assistance.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether Council will be asked to approve which non-profit will be operating the house.

The City Manager responded the non-profit coordinates the program with the federal government; stated the non-profit hosts the immigrant family in different ways.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the City is collecting rent, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the money is coming from federal funds, funds from the non-profit and the family.

The City Manager responded the family increases their contribution over time.

The Director of Housing and Community Development stated the non-profit is a consortium of catholic churches in the City of Alameda.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired how long the family will stay in the house, to which the City Manager responded one year.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired whether the program would be in conflict with other City ordinances, to which the City Manager responded in the negative.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired whether the use will only be for the Alameda interfaith group.

The City Manager responded the use states for refugees, immigrants and the poor of Alameda.

Mayor Spencer inquired who owns the house, to which the City Manager responded the City owns the house.

Councilmember Oddie inquired whether the house is currently habitable, to which the City Manager responded in the negative; stated the unit is vacant and currently cannot be filled due to the condition.

Councilmember Oddie stated he is proud of the project.

Mayor Spencer inquired who would conduct the construction and whether the construction contract will return to Council.

The Director of Housing and Community Development responded the work will be contracted through the Housing Authority unless it is over \$75,000.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether any other repairs need to be done to make the house habitable.

The City Manager responded the Alameda Interfaith Housing Committee is doing all other repairs.

Mayor Spencer inquired what is the estimated value of the work the Alameda Interfaith Housing Committee would put into the house.

The City Manager responded the work will be done by volunteers.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft requested staff to let the community know when work is being done for people who would like to volunteer.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute the related documents and agreements and modifications for the project and to adopt the resolution amending the FY 2017-18 budget to include the prior FY unspent entitlements.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

(17-699) Introduction of Ordinance to Amend the Alameda Municipal Code by Amending Section 3-7 (Regulation of State Video Franchise Holders) at Article I, (Finance) of Chapter III, (Finance and Taxation) Regulating Holders of State Video Franchises to Reauthorize the Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access Fees Applicable to State Video Franchises Operating Within the City of Alameda. Introduced.

The Interim Public Works Coordinator gave a brief presentation.

Vice Mayor Vella moved introduction of the ordinance.

Councilmember Oddie seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

(17-700) Introduction of Ordinance Approving a Third Amendment to the Long Term Sublease between the City of Alameda and the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD). Introduced.

Councilmember Oddie inquired whether the infrastructure issues have been fixed, to which the Assistant Community Development Director Responded the sewer has been fixed.

Vice Mayor Vella moved introduction of the ordinance.

Councilmember Matarrese seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

(17-701) Introduction of Ordinance Approving a First Amendment of a Lease and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Necessary to Implement the Terms of a First Amendment of a Lease with Complete Coach Works, Inc. a California Corporation, for a Three-Year Lease Extension for a Portion of Building 24 Located at 2301 Monarch Street at Alameda Point. Introduced.

The Assistant Community Development Director gave a brief presentation.

Vice Mayor Vella moved introduction of the ordinance.

Councilmember Matarrese seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5.

(17-702) Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding the Formulation and Implementation of Sister City Relations Between the Village of Wadi Foquin, Palestinian Territories and the City of Alameda. Continued to December 5, 2017.

#### CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(17-703) Update on Tracking of Council Direction through the Referral Process.

(17-704) The City Manager announced the ribbon cutting for Fire Station 3 and a sneak peek for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) would be on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, including a meet and greet for the new Fire Chief; noted the City of Alameda would light a Holiday Menorah every night as a symbol of unity in Alameda.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

#### COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(17-705) Consideration of Mayor's Nomination to the Planning Board.

Mayor Spencer nominated Jeffrey Cavanaugh for appointment to the Planning Board.

(17-706) Stopwaste Information on Mattress Recycling. (Councilmember Oddie)

Councilmember Oddie made brief comments on recycling efforts; suggested everyone



be mindful of food waste during the holidays.

(17-707) Vice Mayor Vella stated a State bill will require school water fountains be tested for lead.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the Lead Abatement Committee gave a presentation at Mastick.

Vice Mayor Vella responded in the affirmative; stated the presentation was very well attended; another presentation will be done in January.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated the agency addresses homes with lead paint and assist seniors or families with children.

(17-708) Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she attended the Veteran's Day dinner at the Elks Lodge; she did a walk-through of the new affordable senior housing at the corner of Sherman and Buena Vista, which will be a great asset when finished.

(17-709) Mayor Spencer stated that she attended an event by the Vietnam Veterans who installed a large red, white and blue box for the public to discard any old flags.

#### ADJOURNMENT

(17-710) There being no further business, Mayor Spencer adjourned the meeting in memory of Stellios Tsagris, Gold Coast, and Ray Cruz from Alameda Unified School District, the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger  
City Clerk

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