

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- -SEPTEMBER 19, 2017- -5:00 P.M.

Mayor Spencer convened the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft, Matarrese, Oddie, Vella and Mayor Spencer – 5.

Absent: None.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to consider:

(17-531) Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code § 54957; Positions Evaluated: City Manager – Jill Keimach.

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened and Mayor Spencer announced that the discussion would continue on October 17, 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:59 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 JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO
THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (SACIC)
TUESDAY- -SEPTEMBER 19, 2017- -6:59 P.M.

Mayor/Chair Spencer convened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers/Commissioners Ezzy Ashcraft, Oddie, Matarrese, Vella and Mayor/Chair Spencer – 5.

Absent: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember/Commissioner Matarrese moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember/Commissioner Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Vella requested an update on the City's Wells Fargo accounts.

Mayor/Chair Spencer stated the Investment Report [paragraph no. 17- CC/17- SACIC] should be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Councilmember/Commissioner Matarrese amended the motion to remove the item.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote – 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*17-532 CC/17-012 SACIC) Minutes of the Special Joint City Council and SACIC Meetings Held on June 6, 2017, June 20, 2017, July 18, 2017 and September 5, 2017. Approved.

(*17-533 CC/17-013 SACIC) Recommendation to Accept the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2017.

The City Treasurer gave a brief presentation.

Vice Mayor Vella and Mayor Spencer thanked the City Treasurer and the Finance

Director for their work on the Investment Report.

Vice Mayor/Commissioner Vella moved approval of the staff recommendation.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor/Chair Spencer adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk and Secretary, SACIC

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- -SEPTEMBER 19, 2017- -7:00 P.M.

Mayor Spencer convened the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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

[Note: Mayor Spencer left the meeting at 10:02 p.m.]

Absent: None.

AGENDA CHANGES

(17-534) Mayor Spencer announced the Fourth of July Parade Committee Certificates [paragraph no. 17-536] would be heard on October 3, 2017.

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(17-535) Proclamation Declaring September 15 through October 15, 2017 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Spencer read the proclamation and presented it to Eleazar Madrid.

(17-536) Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the Mayor's Fourth of July Parade Committee Members, Followed by the Committee Members Presenting a Check to the USS Hornet. Continued to October 3, 2017.

(17-537) Presentation by the Port of Oakland on Fleet Week, October 2 through 9, 2017.

Doreen Stockdale, Oakland International Airport, gave a Power Point presentation.

Mayor Spencer inquired if there are more take-offs from north field due to construction.

Ms. Stockdale responded the construction will be over by Fleet Week; stated the flights will be the same as last year.

Mayor Spencer inquired about the current construction; stated the City is receiving more noise complaints.

Matt Davis, Port of Oakland, responded the airport is required to overlay or repave the runways every 15 to 18 years; stated the work is on schedule and will be completed by September 25, 2017; aircraft will then return to standard departure routes.

Vice Mayor Vella inquired if the debris will be cleaned up along Ron Cowan Parkway.

Mr. Davis responded the Port of Oakland is working with a contractor to clean up the area.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(17-538) Troy Kuttner, Greater Alameda Business Association (GABA), submitted and read a letter regarding the draft Transportation Choices Plan.

(17-539) Katherine Allen, Alameda, expressed concern over the preference point system for inclusionary housing requiring three persons; submitted a letter.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the preference point system is a City policy that can be modified.

The City Manager responded the preference point system is a Housing Authority policy.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the policy is separate from the City, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative.

The City Manager stated staff will facilitate a conversation with the Housing Authority.

Council concurred with staff facilitating a conversation with the Housing Authority regarding the preference point system.

(17-540) Michael Yoshii, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, commended Alameda for being a hate free City and introduced Mr. Manasra.

(17-541) Ata Manasra expressed interest in his city being a sister city with Alameda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft noted that she would vote no on final passage of the ordinance [paragraph no. 17-548].

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of the Consent Calendar, with the notation of Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft's no vote.

Vice Mayor Vella seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 5, which the exception noted above. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*17-542) Minutes of the Special City Council Meetings Held on July 18, 2017. Approved.

(*17-543) Ratified bills in the amount of \$7,756,836.93.

(*17-544) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Notice to Proceed with Macks Craic Inc. (dba Mack5) for Construction Management Services for the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park - Phase A in the Amount of \$191,400 Using the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project 91309. Accepted.

(*17-545) Resolution No. 15304, "Authorizing the Golden State Warriors, Good Tidings Foundation, Aquafina, and Alameda Theatre and Cineplex Logos on the Washington Park Outdoor Basketball Courts." Adopted.

(*17-546) Resolution No. 15305, "Authorizing the City Manager to Accept, on Behalf of the City, Certain Surplus Federal Property, and to Accept, Execute, and Record Conveyance Documents in Substantial Conformance with Conveyance Documents Received from the United States of America, Acting by and through the Department of the Navy, to Implement the Economic Development Conveyance Agreement for the Former Naval Air Station, Alameda (Phase 3B Alameda Point Conveyance)." Adopted.

(*17-547) Resolution No. 15306, "Of Consideration to Alter the Rate and Method of Apportionment of Special Taxes for Community Facilities District No. 13-1 (Alameda Landing Public Improvements)." Adopted.

(*17-548) Ordinance No. 3189, "Repealing Ordinance No. 3180 in Its Entirety." Finally passed.

[Note: Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft voted no, so the motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Matarrese, Oddie, Vella and Mayor Spencer – 4. Noes: Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft – 1.]

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

(17-549) Resolution No. 15307, "Reappointing Lynn Jones as a Member of the Historical Advisory Board." Adopted;

(17-549 A) Resolution No. 15308, "Reappointing Norman Sanchez as a Member of the Historical Advisory Board." Adopted;

(17-549 B) Resolution No. 15309, "Appointing Mark Farrell as a Member of the Public Art Commission." Adopted;

(17-549 C) Resolution No. 15310, "Appointing Alan Teague as a Member of the Planning Board." Adopted; and

(17-549 D) Adoption of Resolution Appointing Patricia Lamborn as a Member of the Planning Board. Not adopted.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft requested the votes on the boards be bifurcated.

Stated the Alameda Home Team supports appointing Alan Teague to the Planning Board: Angela Hockabout, Alameda Home Team.

Expressed support for appointing Mark Farrell to the Public Art Commission: Philip James, Alameda.

Stated Renewed Hope opposes the appointment of Pat Lamborn and Alan Teague to the Planning Board: Doyle Saylor, Renewed Hope.

Expressed support for Pat Lamborn and outlined her union work: Marcos Escobar, Unite Here Beyond Barriers.

Stated only Mr. Teague has the knowledge to serve on the Planning Board: Helen Sauce, Alameda Home Team.

Expressed support for appointing Pat Lamborn to the Planning Board; outlined her contributions to the union: Anand Singh, Unite Here Local 2.

Stated that she is honored to be nominated and she would love to work on the Planning Board alongside Alan Teague; outlined her qualifications: Pat Lamborn, Alameda.

Stated California is short 1,500,000 housing units and discussed housing: Alan Teague, Alameda.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft requested the votes on the Boards and the two Planning Board positions be bifurcated.

Councilmember Matarrese moved adoption of the resolutions reappointing Norman Sanchez and Lynn Jones to the Historical Advisory Board.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Vice Mayor Vella stated she supports the appointments.

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

Councilmember Oddie moved adoption of the resolution appointing Mark Farrell to the Public Art Commission.

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

Councilmember Matarrese moved adoption of the resolution appointing Alan Teague to the Planning Board.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated housing is an important issue; she is looking for a Planning Board candidate who does not come to the position with an agenda, someone who is analytical; she supports Mr. Teague's appointment.

Vice Mayor Vella stated affordable housing is the top issue; expressed concern over the lack of economic diversity on the Planning Board; stated tenants should be represented on the Planning Board when housing is such an important issue and a broad portion of the community are renters; families are being displaced; she will not support the nomination of Mr. Teague.

Councilmember Oddie concurred with Vice Mayor Vella; stated the tenants are underrepresented and housing is a critical issue; he will not support the Planning Board nominations.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated the League of California Cities has worked diligently to have legislature adopt three housing bills; there is room for various opinions.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following voice vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft, Matarrese and Mayor Spencer – 3. Noes: Councilmembers Oddie and Vella – 2.

Councilmember Matarrese moved adoption of the resolution appointing Pat Lamborn to the Planning Board; stated that he spoke to both nominees and feels both understand the Housing Element and State law with regards to their roles as Planning Board members.

Mayor Spencer seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Oddie inquired if only one vacancy is filled which position does that fill.

The City Clerk responded since Board Member Zupan is termed out and served more than two full terms, she would be replaced and Commissioner Knox White would remain on until another nominee is appointed.

Councilmember Oddie thanked Pat Lamborn for her work fighting for people's rights every day.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft concurred with Councilmember Oddie.

Mayor Spencer stated at the prior meeting, racial diversity was an issue for certain Councilmembers; now, economic diversity is being raised; she nominates people who will be fair and value justice and equality.

On the call for the question, the motion failed by the following voice vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Matarrese and Spencer – 2. Noes: Councilmembers Ezzy Ashcraft and Oddie – 2. Abstention: Vice Mayor Vella – 1.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated many current applicants are good choices.

Vice Mayor Vella stated that her statements tonight do not conflict with statements from the previous meetings; she concurs with Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft, current applicants meet her criteria.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Teague.

(17-550) Recommendation to Appoint Cathy Dana and Gene Kahane as Alameda's Poet Laureates.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion.

Under discussion, the Library Director made brief comments.

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

Cathy Dana read a poem.

Gene Kahane made brief comments and read a poem.

Mayor Spencer presented proclamations to Ms. Dana and Mr. Kahane.

Councilmember Oddie left the dais at 8:38 p.m. and returned at 8:40 p.m.

(17-551) SUMMARY: Introduce Two Ordinances that Resolve Two Encroachment Issues on City Property in Order to Facilitate the Start of Construction of the Cross Alameda Trail Project along Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway, Between Main and Webster Streets.

Introduction of Ordinance Approving an Amended and Restated Lease and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Necessary to Implement the Terms of an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Mr. Hi Chi Chen and Mrs. Lena Muy Chiv, a Married Couple, dba Hometown Donuts, for 1930 Main Street. Introduced; and

(17-551 A) Introduction of Ordinance Approving a Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Necessary to Implement the Terms of Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement to Alameda Boys & Girls Club (ABGC) and

Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) for Access and Maintenance. [Requires Four Affirmative Votes]. Introduced.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the trail crosses driveways or is on the other side where it does not cross the driveways.

The Base Reuse Director responded the trail interferes with the driveway on Third Street; stated all the encroachments are cleaned up with legal documents.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated she is concerned with the safety of bicyclists crossing the driveway.

The Base Reuse Director responded the driveway is on Third Street and the bike trail is on Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway, between Main Street and Webster Street; clarified the trail will not cross the driveway.

The Base Reuse Director gave a brief presentation.

Councilmember Matarrese inquired whether the City is going to have easement to allow access without interfering with the bicycle path, to which the Base Reuse Director responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether in consideration of the easements, the entities will take care of the maintenance of the properties, to which the Base Reuse Director responded in the affirmative.

Vice Mayor Vella moved introduction of the ordinances.

Councilmember Matarrese seconded the motion.

Under discussion and in response to Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft's inquiry, the City Clerk stated the motion is to introduce both ordinances.

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

(17-552) Introduction of Ordinance Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement of Building 40, Located at 800 West Tower Avenue at Alameda Point, with Bladium, Inc., a California Corporation (Purchase Price: \$7,900,000); and

(17-552 A) Recommendation to Accept a Reduction in the Exclusivity of Recreational Use Clause Included in the Original Lease.

[In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is Categorically Exempt under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) - Existing Facilities.] [Requires Four Affirmative Votes]. Introduced.

The Assistant Community Development Director gave a brief presentation.

Councilmember Matarrese inquired what the acreage is for the location.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft responded 6.7 acres.

Councilmember Oddie inquired whether Council will see the exhibits in the Draft Purchase Agreement at the second reading.

The Assistant Community Development Director responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether Bladium is the oldest tenant at Alameda Point, to which the Assistant Community Development Director responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated the money from the sale will go towards needed infrastructure; she will support the ordinance.

Councilmember Matarrese moved introduction of the ordinance exercising the option to purchase 800 West Tower Avenue and reduction in the exclusivity..

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

(17-553) Public Hearing to Provide Direction on Recommendations Regarding Amending the City's Inclusionary Affordable Housing Ordinance and Adding a "Middle Income" Housing Requirement.

The Community Development Director gave a Power Point presentation and the Assistant Community Development Director gave a brief presentation.

Councilmember Oddie inquired if the City is impacted by the Senate Bill SB35.

The Community Development Director responded staff will wait to see which bills the Governor signs to put together an analysis of the legislation.

Vice Mayor Vella stated the funds will not be available until 2019 for both bills; if the bills are approved she would like an assessment of projects that staff will apply to fund.

The Community Development Director stated Alameda County is more fortunate than other counties due to the A1 Fund and will have some money available for projects ahead of 2019.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated funds are available to Alameda for different sets of requirements.

Councilmember Oddie inquired whether the County has set up the second process for

the regional housing funds yet.

The Community Development Director responded the funds are being sequenced; stated the focus is local jurisdictions funds; County pools are following in quick succession.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated there will be a full hearing of the Board of Supervisors to determine regulations that will apply.

The Assistant Community Development Director finished the presentation.

Urged Council to consider global maximum increases versus project by project recommendations for affordable housing: Philip James, Alameda.

Urged Council to create a local affordable housing bond: Richard Bangert, Sierra Club.

Urged Council to support the Alameda Point and Del Monte projects; stated that she supports staff's recommendation: Laura Thomas, Renewed Hope.

Councilmember Oddie inquired what are the City's funding sources; how much will the City be able to raise and how much the project will cost; whether staff has the figures quantified.

The Community Development Director responded staff has not quantified the figures yet; stated staff is reviewing how to fund infrastructure in the City; boomerang funds vary from year to year.

Councilmember Matarrese stated the goal is to increase the overall percentage of required affordable housing units as defined by the current General Plan and State housing laws; he questions financial stability and what profits are being taken away from a project; he is interested in local revenue that the City can generate to serve Alamedans first; he would like to review in lieu of fees and how to deliver affordable housing units for less than \$600,000 a unit; he would like to review tiny houses and mobile homes as an option for affordable housing; he would like affordable by pricing, not affordable by design; making housing smaller does not mean the price will be lower.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she does not support adopting all in lieu fees; affordable by design has a lot of merit behind it; tiny houses are an option with the new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance; there is a definite need for housing in Alameda.

Vice Mayor Vella stated new housing needs to have disability access, ensure livability, visitability, and meet environmental goals; she would like to find ways to incentivize affordable housing and structure ADU fees to be paid over time instead of all at once; she would like more workforce housing.

The City Manager stated there are two types of incentives already being done with ADUs: from the State level, streamlining permitting and not requiring parking and the local incentives are not collecting development impact fees.

Councilmember Oddie stressed the importance of reviewing the proforma for projects; concerned with smaller homes still not being affordable due to the market; stated the option of tiny homes should be pursued.

Mayor Spencer stated that she would like to see an analysis of affordable by design; expressed concerns that affordable by design is not working; she would like staff's input regarding the trend of California laws requiring an objective standard.

Mayor Spencer stated that she has to leave and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gianna Marie Ratto and Richard Heaps.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of synthesizing the comments from Council, monitoring what is going on in the State, getting facts around the question of the in lieu payments, affordable by design, and how to maximize the movement within the 15%, and review what kind of visibility the City can get the State to cast on what types of profits are being taken away; he would like staff to return in six months with answers to said questions.

Councilmember Oddie seconded the motion with the friendly amendment that the analysis of the funding option be included.

Councilmember Matarrese accepted the friendly amendment

Under discussion, Mayor Spencer inquired whether all Councilmember comments will be included in the motion.

Councilmember Matarrese responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft requested clarification on the in lieu fees; inquired whether Councilmember Matarrese would like to get rid of in lieu fees altogether.

Councilmember Matarrese responded in the negative; stated he would like to know if there is a source for potential revenue with in lieu fees and is it meaningful revenue.

Mayor Spencer inquired whether the two parts she requested is included in the motion.

Councilmember Matarrese responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Spencer stated she wants to ensure that everyone's comments are included in the motion.

Councilmember Matarrese responded the motion includes synthesizing all of Council's comments.

Mayor Spencer stated that she thought doing so was already going to happen.

Councilmember Matarrese stated that he made a motion so to have staff return to Council in six months.

Mayor Spencer inquired what staff's response is to the six month timeline.

The City Manager responded staff is in agreement.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired about the affordable by design.

The Assistant Community Development Director responded staff could return in six months with an analysis of the affordable by design options; noted a 900 square foot unit sells for less than a larger unit.

Councilmember Matarrese stated the question is not whether a 900 square foot unit sells for less than a 1,500 square foot unit, it is whether a 900 square foot unit is affordable for someone in a certain income bracket.

Mayor Spencer stated middle income housing was supposed to be reviewed; inquired whether said review has occurred.

The Assistant Community Development Director responded said housing has not been built yet.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated the cost to build a 900 square foot unit is less than building an 1,800 square foot unit; a lower cost will presumably mean a lower price.

Vice Mayor Vella moved approval of calling the question.

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

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

(17-554) Public Hearing to Consider Introduction of Ordinance Amending the Alameda Municipal Code (AMC) by Amending Section 4-4 (Disposal Food Service Wear) to Prohibit Certain Single-Use Plastics, such as Straws and Clarifying Compostable Food Service Requirements. Introduced.

The Interim Public Works Director gave a Power Point presentation.

Expressed concern over Slurpee straws; urged City staff to put up signage to deter

littering: Jaspal Sekhon, 7 Eleven Owner.

Expressed concern over Slurpee straws; stated there is no littering signage on the beach: Ann Sekhon, 7 Eleven Owner.

Expressed concern over Slurpee straws; encouraged charging for plastic straws similar to plastic bags: Bob Sekhon, American Petroleum and Convenience Store Association (APCA).

Urged school children be involved in the anti-liter campaign; stated that she supports the ordinance and working with the business community: Cheri Johansen, Alameda.

Acting Mayor Vella noted the project started with the students at Edison Elementary School; the issue has been before Council two previous times.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated charging for straws might deter people from using them; that she supports the ordinance.

Councilmember Matarrese stated plastic straws end up in landfills; he is ready to vote to introduce the ordinance.

Councilmember Oddie stated the compostable requirements are important to him.

Councilmember Oddie moved introduction of the ordinance.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 4. [Absent: Mayor Spencer – 1.]

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(17-555) The City Manager stated the Black Achievers Alliance is hosting a Unity Picnic at Crab Cove, which is open to the community; on October 3rd, short and long term solutions for water contamination at Alameda Point will be discussed.

Councilmember Oddie expressed appreciation to the Base Reuse Director for answering the public's questions at the press conference; inquired whether the update will be an ongoing item on the agenda.

The City Manager responded in the affirmative; thanked several staff for their work with the water contamination efforts.

(17-556) Update on Tracking of Council Referrals.

The City Manager stated the tracking will be included on every agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

(17-557) Acting Mayor Vella stated a motion is needed to consider the referrals.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of considering the remaining items.

Councilmember Oddie seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 4. [Absent: Mayor Spencer – 1.]

COUNCIL REFERRALS

(17-558) Consider Directing Staff to Explore Offering Free Public WiFi Throughout the City. (Mayor Spencer)

Councilmember Oddie stated other cities are offering free public WiFi; exploring the idea is good.

The City Manager stated staff has been working on the issue and reviewing all of the IT needs Citywide.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of directing staff to follow the points within the referral regarding no charge WiFi as non-urgent and non-important.

Under discussion, Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated as long as something else that is more substantive is not pushed aside, she would support the referral.

Acting Mayor Vella expressed concern with other priorities that are more urgent, such as, infrastructure and water contamination at Alameda Point; concerned with hacking issues and what that would mean for the City; expressed concern over staff time and financial ramifications.

The City Manager stated another item in the Strategic Plan discussion is ultra-high speed broadband.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft inquired what the timeline is for said discussion to return to Council.

The City Manager responded in October.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated concurred with Acting Mayor Vella; stated public safety has to take precedence.

The City Manager inquired whether the Council would like to make the issue non-

urgent.

Councilmember Matarrese restated the motion to approve directing staff to follow the points within the referral regarding no charge WiFi as non-urgent and non-important.

Councilmember Oddie seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 4. [Absent: Mayor Spencer – 1.]

(17-559) Consider: 1) Resolution No. 15311, “Condemning the Increased Incidents of Bias, Prejudice, Discrimination, Violence and Anti-Semitism.” Adopted; and 2) Direct Staff to Provide a Status Update on Hate Crime Training and Possible Training of Community Members; and Direct the City Manager to Provide Periodic Reports to Council on Hate Crimes. (Vice Mayor Vella and Councilmember Oddie)

Councilmember Oddie and Acting Mayor Vella made brief comments regarding the referral.

Acting Mayor Vella

Outlined her story of being a victim of anti-Semitism in school: Natasha Waldorf, Alameda.

Expressed concerns with anti-Semitism and the safety of his family: Brian Schwartz, Alameda.

Councilmember Matarrese stated the resolution has to pass tonight; the City Manager’s report should address the steps being taken to fulfill the direction given in the resolution; the City Council/School Board liaison committee should formulate the next steps with and return to Council with the results of said discussion.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated the item should be added to the agenda for the next meeting; the anti-Semitism events are appalling; urged passing the resolution.

Councilmember Oddie stated we cannot dismiss the anti-Semitism actions and the events have to be acknowledged.

(17-560) Acting Mayor Vella stated a motion is needed to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

Councilmember Matarrese moved approval of continuing the meeting.

Councilmember Oddie seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 4. [Absent: Mayor Spencer – 1.]

Acting Mayor Vella stated by discussing the topic more people are coming forward; there has been a request to have a report to Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) on the trend of the different hate crimes that have occurred, what the response has been, what the protocol is and how the hate crimes are identified; many community members do not know who to call or how to report hate crimes.

The City Manager stated there is a difference between a hate incident and a hate crime; a hate crime is targeted towards an individual; she would rather discuss what the City is doing about hate crimes instead of giving someone attention by discussing the actual crime.

Acting Mayor Vella stated the reporting out is to address things that have happened and how the City is responding; she wants to ensure reporting is done publicly because of the courage it takes to come forward and speak up.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated there is a delicate balance to be achieved.

Acting Mayor Vella stated through the City Council/School Board liaison committee and SSHRB, she would like to ensure that it is clear that the City will not gloss over when something occurs; the incident does not need to be glorified.

The City Manager stated there are different level incidents; she would like to give the Police Department the discretion to determine which events rise to a certain level.

Acting Mayor Vella stated there is an expectation that the Council has knowledge of the incidents to be of assistance to constituents.

The City Manager concurred with Acting Mayor Vella.

Acting Mayor Vella stated that she would like the public to be informed what to do or who to call to report a hate crime.

The City Manager noted 98% of Alameda Police Officers have received training.

Vice Mayor Vella stated she would like to amend the third paragraph of the resolution to read: "Whereas, some of these acts..."

Councilmember Oddie moved adoption of the resolution with the proposed amendments.

Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 4. [Absent: Mayor Spencer – 1.]

The City Clerk noted the next City Council/School Board subcommittee meeting is October 10th at 4:30 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(17-561) Consideration of Mayor's Nominations to the Historical Advisory Board, Planning Board and Public Art Commission. Not heard.

(17-562) Councilmember Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she attended the League of California Cities conference.

(17-563) Councilmember Oddie stated Regional Measure 3 (RM3) passed last week, which will fund the ferries.

(17-564) Acting Mayor Vella stated that she attended the League of California Cities conference; the safe collection of money and banking in the cannabis industry was discussed.

(17-565) Councilmember Matarrese stated there was clean up at Jean Sweeney Park by Alameda Recreation and Parks Department staff and there is beautiful new turf at Estuary Park.

ADJOURNMENT

(17-566) There being no further business, Acting Mayor Vella adjourned the meeting at 11:17 p.m. in memory of Gianna Maria Ratto and Richard Heaps.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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