

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY- -FEBRUARY 23, 2012- -7:30 P.M.

Acting Mayor Bonta convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Present: Councilmembers deHaan, Johnson, Tam and Acting Mayor Bonta – 4.
Absent : Mayor Gilmore – 1.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Johnson moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Tam seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 4. [Absent: Mayor Gilmore – 1.] [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*12-087) Recommendation to Accept the Quarterly Sales Tax Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2011. Accepted.

(*12-088) Recommendation to Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2011. Accepted. [City Council, and City Acting as Successor to the Community Improvement Commission (CIC)]

(*12-089) Recommendation to Accept the Second Quarter Financials Report. Accepted. [City Council, and City Acting as Successor to the CIC]

(*12-090) Recommendation to Accept the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Accepted. [City Council, and City Acting as Successor to the CIC]

AGENDA ITEMS

(12-091) Presentation on the Preliminary Five-Year Budget Forecast. [City Council, and City Acting as Successor to the CIC]

The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Controller and Senior Management Analyst gave a Power Point presentation and answered Council questions.

Speaker: Gretchen Lipow, Alameda, noted the State is considering increasing the sales tax rate; inquired about medical benefits and Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority bonded debt.

The City Manager responded other than public safety, employees do not receive retiree medical health care benefits; stated the assets generating revenues to pay bonds are now held by the City.

(12-092) Presentation on Voter Survey Results.

Alex Evans, EMC Research, gave a Power Point Presentation and answered Council questions.

Speakers: Ken Peterson, Alameda Citizens Task Force, stated that he received a telephone call, but it was not clear the survey was being conducted by the City; and Nancy Hird, Alameda Citizens Task Force, express concerns with the telephone poll.

Councilmember Johnson questioned whether people would have responded to the poll differently if they knew they might have to pay for sidewalk repairs themselves in the future.

Mr. Evans stated the level of intensity and concern for sidewalks is not as great as public safety.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(12-093) The City Manager gave a presentation on a proposed sales tax measure to be placed on the June 2012 ballot; stated the matter would be presented at the March 7, 2012 Special City Council Meeting.

The Council asked questions and commented on the proposal.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Mayor Bonta adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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