

**PINOLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN HONOR OF THE US MILITARY TROOPS

The Regular Pinole City Council Meeting was held in the Pinole Council Chambers, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL, CITY CLERK'S REPORT & STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Peter Murray
Mayor Pro Tem Roy Swearingen
Council Member Tim Banuelos
Council Member Phil Green was absent / excused. The voting record reflects his absence.
Council Member Debbie Long

B. STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Espinosa, City Manager
Hector De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager
Benjamin T. Reyes, City Attorney
Dean Allison, Development Services Director
Neil Gang, Police Chief
Fire Chief, Rob Piper
Sandra Sato, Interim Finance Director
Winston Rhodes, Planning Manager
Patricia Athenour, City Clerk

City Clerk Athenour announced the agenda was posted on June 11, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. and all legally required notice was provided. Following an inquiry by the City Clerk, the Council members stated there were no conflicts on any item on the Agenda.

City Clerk Athenour entered the following items into the record, provided subsequent to the publication of the Agenda:

- Item 5B - WCCUSD Powerpoint Presentation
- Item 7F – Staff Report 2015-48
- Item 7E - Removed from the Agenda. Staff would submit it with the 4th quarter Report following the fiscal year close out.
- Item 8B – Powerpoint Presentation on the CIP
- Item 9A – Measure S

3. CONVENE TO A CLOSED SESSION

At 6:06 p.m., Mayor Murray convened the noticed Closed Session to discuss the following matter:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Pursuant to GC §54597.6
City Labor Negotiators: Belinda Espinosa, City Manager; Hector De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager; and Labor Negotiator Bruce Heid, IEDA
Employee Organizations: Local 1 and AFSCME

4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

At 7 p.m., Mayor Murray reconvened the meeting in open session. He announced there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

5. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / COMMUNITY EVENTS

- A. Proclamations
There were no proclamations.

- B. Presentations / Recognitions

With the upcoming 4th of July holiday, Chief Piper addressed the Council to report the safety plan for the 4th of July – staff an additional fire engine that day – the wild land vehicle in high incident area driving and confiscating fireworks. They will be stationed out of Station 74 so there will be an engine at each station all day and into the night. He will also be part of a County Task Force, available for call throughout the whole County. He reminded that the possession, sale and use of any kind of fireworks are illegal in Pinole.

- 1. West Contra Costa County School District Presentation / Update on the at Pinole Valley High Project

Lisa Le Blanc, WCCUSD Associate Superintendent for Operations stated that the District has not made any changes on the Pinole Valley High School site. She introduced Mr. Garrihan to speak to the project.

Juan Garrihan, SCI, provided photos of the recently completed projects around the City, and the construction at Pinole Valley High. He provided a general overview of the site; building size - 268,000 sq. ft., student capacity anticipated at 1,600 students, the current approved budget - \$181,900,000. He presented the remaining project timeline and anticipated the buildings to be occupied in Fall 2018. Garrihan was available for questions.

Council Member Long asked for a cost breakdown to be sent to the City Manager to distribute to the Council. She also asked the cost per square foot.

Ms. LeBlanc said she would be happy to provide the cost breakdown to Ms. Espinosa. She also said the cost per square foot estimate was not available yet, and that she would need to guide the Board if the numbers come in higher than anticipated, in order to provide them with options.

Council Member Long responded stating perhaps that was the reason she had heard the rumors and asked if there had been any requests discussed at any level. Ms. LeBlanc said there had not been any discussions yet, and the District wished to be open and transparent, using an open process to receive input, and would invite her and the Council to the discussions.

Council Member Long asked if there was a way that the portables could be relocated to a receiving area and used for housing. Mr. Garrahan said most are in a lease arrangement and would be returned to the owner.

Council Member Banuelos said the budget was previously augmented when costs began to rise. District staff confirmed that was correct; the most recent augmentation was February 2013. Council Member Banuelos asked when the District would consider value engineering.

Ms. LeBlanc said now it was based on cash flow and bond documents and there was not a lot of flexibility without project changes or timelines.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen also said value engineering should be written into their program. He also asked how the fire hose laid around the campus was used. The District confirmed it was for dust control. When asked about asbestos, the District said air monitoring devices were constantly running.

Mayor Murray acknowledged that Board President Todd Groves and Board Member Madeline Kronenberg were present in the audience. He mentioned rumors in the community regarding a downsizing of the campus, and that would not set well with this community who expect equity and quality. He heard tonight the project is moving along, but said he also heard a shred of doubt. Mayor Murray said the Council has been engaged and have an expectation. Pinole was looking for equity in all areas, and hopes the project stays on track.

Ms. LeBlanc shared more about the upcoming facility master plan process that they will be undertaking. A planning expert will be retained to assist the District and work with all the communities on a prioritization process and will want Pinole involved also.

Todd Groves, Board President, provided an affirmation that the District was continuing forward with the project and will keep Pinole engaged and informed. There was a commitment of the Board and they will definitely deliver what was promised.

Madeline Kronenberg, Board Member, echoed President Groves' statement, and said they have to wait and see how the numbers play out, and will then sit down as partners and work it through. She said she picked Pinole as her community and would make sure Pinole receives its fair share.

Council Member Long asked if she assumed these two board members could not confirm the other members were on the same page, nor could speak for them, and she explained her frustration that the Council, through staff, had extended several invitations for the new members to introduce themselves at a Council meeting, but have never received a response. She asked them to also take this message back.

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (Public Comments)

The following citizens addressed the City Council:

Jack Meehan, Pinole citizen, addressed Council on the following topics:

1. Street lights. PG&E has a website for reporting a street light outage, but suggested that the Public Works Department should be the contact to report street light outages, and then notify PG&E. He asked if that could be instituted and then run that message on the TV scroll and in the City Manager's Report.

2. Sale of Recycled Water. He had raised the questions at a prior meeting and was unsure if the message was clear. He suggested that Council ask the City Attorney to contact the District Attorney to ask for a copy of the enabling legislation that gives EBMUD exclusive right to use and sale of the water in the District.
3. Access on Pinole Shores Drive for Sugar City. He stated objection to providing access and can provide justifications for such objection, and asked if Sugar City had made such a request.

Ms. Espinosa responded that his written questions were forwarded to EBMUD and she would follow up with Gregory Chan regarding a response. Regarding Sugar City, she said there have been discussions with WestCat about some land swaps between those two entities and the City. She invited Mr. Meehan to speak with her and Assistant City Manager De La Rosa on that matter for further information.

Bob Kopp, Pinole citizen, addressed Council regarding Community Service Day and thanked the Council for doing great work. Mayor Murray, with assistance of others, painted the restrooms at Fernandez Park. He thanked other individuals and groups that volunteered, as well as the sponsors donating food and supplies. Mr. Kopp also invited citizens to a seminar entitled "Refuse to Be a Victim," offered in Pinole on July 12 in the Alex Clark Room. He hoped to see the Pinole Police Department supporting this course.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen recognized the efforts of the Pinole Garden Club for pulling weeds at the Cal Trans property.

Council Member Long recognized the seven adult and seven youth volunteers from Shannon School who worked on the Fernandez Corner. She also reported that there were cigarette butts being dumped there, and asked if a sign prohibiting smoking could legally be posted there since it was not a bona fide park. Mayor Murray said to erect the sign.

Jeff Rubin, Pinole citizen, recognized Shannon School principal's Dan McDonald for bringing his guitar and song sheets and conducted a sing-along at Community Service Day. Mr. Rubin also asked the Council to schedule a future agenda discussion and pass a resolution allocating funds for the Faria House as a museum for the Pinole Historical Society. He said a prior resolution approved funds in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. He indicated that those were Redevelopment Agency funds and realized they are gone, but hoped the City's resolve was not.

There was Council concurrence for this item to be added to Future Agenda items.

Mr. Rubin also acknowledged the Public Works Department members for the participation in Community Service Day and specifically acknowledged Public Works employee Michael Cowperthwaite who was on duty that day.

Mayor Murray thanked Community Service Members Debbie Ojeda, Laurelle Martin and Darin Clarke.

Norma Martinez Rubin, Pinole citizen, addressed Council stating that the Council had previously discussed the Faria House as a site eligible for a historical preservation designation, and asked that the topic be visited again. She said Pinole was her adopted home town and she was interested in preservation and a functioning site that is also a possible source of pride and promotes Pinole to visitors. She also cited the need to have a temperature-controlled environment for the preservation of artifacts.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Swearingen / Long, the Council Approved the Consent Calendar, Except Item 7E, which was held over and Item 7F, removed for staff presentation.

Vote: **Passed:** **4-0**
 Ayes: **Banuelos, Long, Murray, Swearingen**
 Noes: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 Absent: **Green**

- A. Approved the Minutes of the Meeting of June 2, 2015
- B. Received the May 30, – June 12, 2015 List of Warrants and the June 5, 2015 Payroll in the Amount of \$409,134.58
- C. Adopted **Resolution 2015-41**, Approved Placement Of Liens For Delinquent Unpaid Waste Collection (Garbage) Charges Falling Delinquent Between January and April 2015, Considered At An Administrative Hearing On June 4, 2015 [**Council Report No. 2015-45; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff Recommendation (Athenour)**]
- D. Adopted **Resolution 2015-42**, Adopted the Gann Limit / Appropriation Limits for FY 2015/16 [**Council Report No. 2015-46; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff Recommendation (Sato)**]
- E. Receive the FY 2014/15 3rd Quarter Financial Report [**Council Report No. 2015-47 Action: Receive Report (Sato)**] **REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**
- F. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Design Engineering Agreement with RCS, Inc. In An Amount Not to Exceed \$30,500 for the Replacement of the Senior Center Roof [**Council Report No. 2015-48; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff (De La Rosa)**] **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Hector De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager, entered Staff Report 2015-48 into the record, explained that the price for design and project administration was reduced to \$18,500, to cover only the Senior Center roof at this time. Staff planned to return to Council at a future meeting to discuss the other city facilities. Staff discussed the proposed replacement of the metal roofing at the Senior Center, covering most of the offices area, the main hall and the kitchen. The leaks are mostly located in the section above the offices but deterioration was also noted in the other sections. RCS scope of work would include roof design of “like kind” replacement, project management, two site visits and conferring with the contractor and the City. A timeline was provided in the report, anticipating completion of the replacement by the first week in December. Mr. De La Rosa was available for questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen asked for a further cost breakdown and Mr. De La Rosa responded that it included the architectural design of the roof and also the way the roof will be laid out.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen deferred to Council Member Banuelos on the cost of the design, stating he believed it to be slightly high. He asked the cost of the actual roof replacement.

Mr. De La Rosa said a preliminary replacement cost was approximately \$250,000 for replacement of just the metal portion of the roof.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen believed the price was high and stated that the replacement of the main section of the roof covering the main hall was pretty straight forward and to his knowledge there were no leaks. He suggested bidding that portion separately.

De La Rosa referred the Council to Page 2 of the staff report where the sections were priced separately.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen said he was supportive to move this forward and approve the contract.

Council Member Banuelos offered comments and said he was surprised that the metal roof was cited for replacement. Staff discussed the leaks that were occurring in the roof valleys. Council Member Banuelos said he believed the fee was within acceptable range, and raised the issue of the condition of the built-up roof on the structure the need to later replace other roof sections since replacement of the HVAC system was also eminent. He said the timing not the preferable with construction carrying into the wetter months.

Council Member Long said she was not going to hold up the project but thought \$18,500 was high and asked the percentage of the soft costs and whether there was an option to reuse some of the metal. She requested a cost breakdown and staff said it could be provided, but that the old metal would be unusable. She wanted to insure the construction project is scrutinized closely and said she is not favorable of the proposed timeline and would like the roof completed in November.

Staff said they would work to continue to reduce the timeline and that the detail on the soft costs were not available yet.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Swearingen / Banuelos, the Council Adopted Resolution 2015-43, Authorized the City Manager to Execute a Design Engineering Agreement with RCS, Inc. In An Amount Not to Exceed \$18,500 for the Replacement of the Metal Portions of the Senior Center Roof

Vote:	Passed 4-0
Ayes:	Banuelos, Long, Murray, Swearingen
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Green

8. PUBLIC HEARING

CONTINUED FROM JUNE 2, 2015

- A. Continue the Public Hearing and Consider the Preliminary FY 2015/16 City Budget [Council Report No. 2015-49; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff Recommendation Approving the FY 2015/16 Budget] **BUDGET DOCUMENTS PROVIDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

Sandra Sato, Interim Finance Director presented Council Report 2015-49 into the record. Staff provided a new proposed adopted budget book and noted the following changes: \$30,000 added for Workers Comp excess insurance and a \$7,000 reduction to the swim center. She

noted there was an error in the allocation of the electric bill on Tiny Tots and the swim center. Ms. Sato was available for questions.

Council Member Long asked whether the Tiny Tots program received a credit on the solar. Mayor Murray asked if Tiny Tots received a share of the savings from the solar installation.

Development Services Director Allison said there will be no electric charges to either the Swim Center or Tiny Tots, due to the solar. However the savings is less than anticipated, because the City did not correctly allocate all the utilities to each facility. This budget shows a true up of the utilities and those will be allocated separately in the future. Council Member Long said staff should separate the electric and the gas in the future to show the savings.

Mayor Murray called a brief recess to announce the Warriors were in the lead, and reconvened immediately.

Council Member Long sought clarification on the \$117,000 transfer to the estimated fund balance. Mr. De La Rosa explained the methodology. Council Member Long did not have a problem with the concept, but did when it does not take into account the needs of the program and the facility. Because of the condition of the Tiny Tots building, she wanted to see the money go to maintenance and improvement of that building.

Mr. De La Rosa said his understanding was that traditionally the program fees have paid for operations, not facilities. An example was the replacement of the Senior Center roof from Measure S 2014 funds, and repair of the Tiny Tots building would be handled similarly.

Rather than hold up the budget, Council Member Long requested scheduling a future workshop on Recreation programming, stating that the City should not be using successful programs to fund those that are not as successful.

Mayor Murray provided his view, stating that the programs are a different issue and can be separated from the capital costs. City Manager Espinosa agreed a workshop was necessary to vet all the issues. She confirmed money was set aside for Tiny Tots in Measure S and also roof replacement for all the City facilities in future budget years.

Council Member Long also raised a question on Schedule 2 on the Gas Tax revenue forecast which was answered by Interim Finance Director Sato, stating that the State had over allocated in one year and must under allocated the next year, and in addition, gas consumption is down.

Council Member Banuelos asked if the City planned to hire a Building Official. Development Services Director Allison said the model, with a Building Inspector has met the current needs.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen said in the future he would like a report that contains all the transfers and an itemized cross-reference list of the transfers. Mayor Murray said he had the same comments as Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen about the transfers. Interim Finance Director offered to add an appendix table and send it out to the Council.

Ms. Sato agreed, and City Manager Espinosa said the entire budget would be reformatted in the next fiscal year.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen said he did not see the stipend request for the Chamber of Commerce and wanted to agendize it for discussion.

Mayor Murray said it could be considered a gift of public funds and must go through the proper review and obtain legal advice, but there was support to agendize the Chamber contribution for a future discussion pending that legal advice.

Mayor Murray called another brief recess to announce that the Warrior's won; the final score was 105 to 97.

Mayor Murray addressed the list of unfunded liabilities and asked the definition of compensated absences and the special liability. Ms. Sato said it referred to vacation pay that has not been used. Ms. Espinosa responded that the special liability was a \$25,000 open litigation exposure, the City's insurance deductible.

At 9:03 p.m., Mayor Murray reopened the Public Hearing, continued from June 2, 2015. The following speakers addressed the Council.

Amber Edwards, President of Pinole Chamber of Commerce, said she appreciated the Council considering possible support for the West County Expo next year and understand it would be discussed at a future meeting.

At 9:07 p.m., Mayor Murray closed the Public Hearing, and the matter brought before the Council for discussion and action.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Long / Swearingen, the Council Adopted Resolution 2015-44, Approved the FY 2015/16 City of Pinole Budget.

Vote:	Passed:	4-0
	Ayes:	Banuelos, Long, Murray, Swearingen
	Noes:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	Green

- B. Conduct the Public Hearing to Consider the FY 2015/16 – 2019/20 Capital Improvement Program [**Council Report No. 2015-50; Action: Forward to Planning Commission for Conformance with the General Plan (Allison)**]

Dean Allison, Development Services Director presented Council Report 2015-50 and Power Point materials into the record. He reported that the Planning Commission would be reviewing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for consistency with the General Plan this month, and following that meeting, staff would bring the matter back to the Council for adoption as a Consent Calendar item in July.

He presented a pie chart showed the expenditures by category with 66 percent allocated to streets and 23 percent to parks and facilities, and also showing projects by category, with funding sources listed. Mr. Allison summarized each project in every category and finished with Miscellaneous Projects which included the recently added project for an engineering study on Shale Hill. He advised Council the balance in Rule 20A account was \$1.6 million dollars and staff would be forwarding a proposal to use that money to underground a portion of Pinole Valley Road, mentioned as a potential site. Mr. Allison was available for questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen reported that WCCTAC was proposing a project for arterial roadways, which would include enhancements on San Pablo Avenue, to be funded by a proposed ½ cent sales tax. He said that money could be available in several years.

Council Member Banuelos asked if would could get reimbursed for the design and engineering for Shale Hill. He also asked where the Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) projects were proposed.

Mr. Allison said with the design work completed on Shale Hill, the City would have a better advantage to secure grant funding for construction. The proposed I & I project area was a small residential neighborhood area behind McMullen Glass.

Council Member Banuelos said we were off to a good start, since it has been a long time since the last CIP.

Council Member Long raised the following questions and comments:

1. Plans for using solar at Louis Francis Park – consideration for LED.

Allison confirmed that the desire was to capture the new technology.

2. Confirmed that the individual projects would be brought back to Council for funding approval.
3. Stated that soccer fields must be closed during the rainy season – cannot continually put money into the fields annually
4. Field Policy must be adopted before expending any further funds on the soccer fields
5. Prepare an ordinance to prohibit skateboarders on the tennis courts, and include provisions for imposing fines.
6. Fernandez Restrooms – upgrade and improve the existing building rather than new
7. Move the street signage replacement forward on the schedule
8. How far would the Rule 20A money go toward undergrounding Pinole Valley Road?

Mr. Allison said regarding the undergrounding, the City received notification that there was \$1.6 Million is in the Rule 20A fund. He was hopeful to include the area along Pinole Valley halfway to Simas Avenue. The \$250,000 budgeted for the Fernandez Park Restrooms is a slightly high estimate, and is to include the demolition of existing building and erection of a new modular building. He explained that the new features and technologies would save on efficiencies and maintenance.

No action was taken. The CIP would be brought back to Council for adoption in July.

9. OLD BUSINESS

CONTINUED FROM JUNE 2, 2015

- A. Consider and Approve the Remaining Measure S 2014 Projects [**Council Report No. 2015-51; Action: Approve Remaining Projects By Minute Order (Espinosa)**]

Belinda Espinosa, City Manager entered Council Report 2015-51 and the exhibit materials into the record, addressing the Measure S 2014 projects remaining under discussion which include:

1. Job Description for Administrative Battalion Chief (next agenda item)
2. Fire Department Staffing Model includes one engine company from Station 73. Total staffing is 12 plus 2 unfunded positions, as approved in the budget
3. Emergency Preparedness Plan – Include in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 budget
4. Information Technology (IT) analysis – included \$40,000 in the 2015/16 budget.
5. Hercules Dispatch Contract - one year remaining on existing contract; proposed from Measure S in future, or alternative funding source is the General Fund
6. Funding Library programs through a grant process using Measure S – Recommendation to wait until a discussion regarding gifting of public funds was presented by the attorney.

Council Member Long commented, as follows:

- Amend the Public Works Project Manager description to include that the salary will be funded from the portion of the General Fund that currently funds the Public Works Director and charge his salary to the Water Pollution Control Plant as his work will be concentrated at the Plant.
- Agree with staff recommendation on the library funding, stating it was a good way to enhance our Recreation Department and offer special programs to the library.
- Move the Emergency Preparedness Plan forward to 2015/16.
- Agendize Hercules Dispatch contract for discussion in January 2016

Council Member Banuelos raised a question on the funding for the library, as he thought the discussion was to fund additional hours at the library, although he did like the idea of partnering on programs.

City Manager Espinosa said we never received a budget cost for service hours. Regarding IT analysis, Ms. Espinosa said the analysis would look at the entire system and whether it is more effective to contract out the function or portions of the function.

Council Member Banuelos said to include money in the budget for website design.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen said that the motion needs to exclude the two employee job descriptions to be considered in the following presentation.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Swearingen/Banuelos, the Council Approved By Minute Order, the Remaining Measure S 2014 Projects With the Exception of the Battalion Chief and Project Manager Job Descriptions.

Vote:	Passed:	4-0
	Ayes:	Banuelos, Long, Murray, Swearingen
	Noes:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	Green

- B. Review And Discuss Changes To The Existing Senior Project Manager Job Description And Approve Salary And Job Description For A Full-Time Administrative Fire Battalion Chief **[Council Report No. 2015-52; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff Recommendation (De La Rosa)]**

Hector De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager entered Council Report 2015-52 into the record. There were approved Senior Redevelopment Project Manager / Project Manager job descriptions on file, used to tailor the Public Works Project manager position. Pursuant to the City's Rules & Policies Section 3.3, the City Manager can make changes to the job descriptions. However, changes require a meet and confer process. No issues were anticipated.

The Battalion Chief was a new position and job description and will handle a variety of duties as described in the staff report. The salary range is the same at the existing Battalion Chief and because it is a 40-hr week, benefits are equal to those received by all other managers. Mr. De La Rosa asked Council to approve and authorize the new position of Battalion Chief, and to provide any comments on the Project Manager job description.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen said the Public Works Manager position was covered in the staff report. He said it was a very optimistic job list and that there would be money available from

grants from WCCTAC. Regarding the Battalion Chief position, he said the description appears to be an Assistant Chief; a Battalion Chief is more of a firefighter position, in his opinion.

Chief Piper explained when this position was designed, it was for a training officer and the scope was expanded to fill the need of the department. It is possible that staff could come back to Council in future years to upgrade the position.

Mayor Murray asked how this position compares with Battalion 7 Chief position. Fire Chief Piper said this position was not designed to be in that rotation. He explained how this position was an administrative position, possibly a stepping stone for career advancement.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Banuelos / Swearingen, the Council Adopted Resolution 2015-45, Authorized the City Manager to Approve the Classification Salary and Job Description for a Full Time Administrative Fire Battalion Chief.

Vote:	Passed:	4-0
	Ayes:	Banuelos, Long, Murray, Swearingen
	Noes:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	Green

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Espinosa reported that the Northern California Cruisers Annual Car Show was this coming Sunday, June 28th and that the Pinole – Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant Subcommittee meeting scheduled on July 3rd was cancelled. The next meeting would be on August 6th.

- A. Mayor Report
 - 1. Announcements
- B. Mayoral & Council Appointments
 - 1. Planning Commission Appointment [**Oral Report: Action: Approve Interview Subcommittee Recommendation for Planning Commission Appointment (Council Member Long)**]

Council Member Long reported that she and former Planning Commission Member Sekins served as the Interview Subcommittee; Council Member Banuelos was ill and unable to participate that evening. She said the applicant pool was extremely good and all applicants were at least fifteen-year residents. They weighed each applicant on their merits and after much discussion one applicant had served on the commission for a short time several years ago and had to remove herself due to a business conflict, and their recommendation was to appoint Carol Thompson to the position. She emphasized that every applicant was worthy and wanted to make an offer to the others for an appointment to the Community Services Commission.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Long/Banuelos, the Council Appointed Carol Thompson to a Four-Year Term On The Planning Commission, Ending on April 30, 2019.

Vote: **Passed:** **4-0**
 Ayes: **Banuelos, Long, Murray, Swearingen**
 Noes: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 Absent: **Green**

C. City Council Committee Reports

Council Member Long attended WestCat meeting. WestCat is currently doing a roof replacement and is looking for funds to purchase double-decker buses. WestCat is also questioning the cost of the WCCTAC dues and said she felt that their voice was not being listened to.

Mayor Pro Tem Swearingen reported on the WCCTAC proposed ½ cents sales tax, stating an Adhoc committee had been charged with looking into the sales tax and are hoping to have a measure on the ballot in 2016. He noted it is being discussed as a Special Tax which requires a 2/3's vote to pass.

Mayor Murray reported on the Mayors Conference meeting, and said Mayor Pro Tem. Swearingen was selected as the Conference appointee to ABAG. Mayor Murray said there was a question whether he could be seated since Pinole was not currently an ABAG member. According to ABAG President Julie Pierce, new revenue generation would be forthcoming and it would be worth reconsidering membership. Pierce addressed the Conference and spoke about a new slant combining low income housing with the need to address foster child issues in our County. She said such programs had been successful in Oregon and Mayor Murray said it may be worthwhile getting more information and could have a tangible benefit, and suggested discussing ABAG membership at the next meeting.

Mayor Murray also updated Council on the West Contra Costa Integrated Management Authority Board meeting, stating the discussion centered on the disbursement of the reserve funds and the County seeking a voting seat at the Board. Discussions were postponed to next month. The Technical Advisory group will make a recommendation and he will bring the matter back to this Council in July.

D. Council Requests For Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss ABAG Membership - July 7 (**Murray**)
2. Discussion to provide direction to Mayor Murray on WCCIWMA matter
3. Policy on Soccer Field use
4. Consider ordinance addressing front yard maintenance
5. Faria House
6. Hercules Dispatch contract - January 2016
7. Report on the oversize load carried through Pinole on June 2nd and associated permit fees

City Manager Espinosa said that a \$2,500 encroachment /moving permit was issued.

Council Member Long reported on the excellent production of Arsenic and Old Lace at the Pinole playhouse

E. City Manager Report / Department Staff

City Manager Espinosa reported that the cost to bring recycled water in for dust control during the Skate Park construction was \$23,000, and she asked the Council whether there was support to purchase recycled or use potable water. The Council decided, due to the cost, that potable water was a better option.

F. City Attorney Report

There was no report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:02 p.m., Mayor Murray adjourned to the July 7, 2015 meeting in remembrance of Amber Swartz

Submitted by:

Patricia Athenour, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by City Council: July 7, 2015