

PINOLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 2, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN HONOR OF THE US MILITARY TROOPS**
2. **ROLL CALL, CITY CLERK'S REPORT & STATEMENT OF CONFLICT**

A. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Debbie Long
Mayor Pro Tem Tim Banuelos (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
Council Member Peter Murray
Council Member Roy Swearingen
Council Member Maureen Toms

B. STAFF PRESENT

Michelle Fitzer, City Manager
Eric Casher, City Attorney
Hector De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager

City Clerk Acosta announced the Agenda was posted on July 27, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. All legally required notices were provided. The Council responded to the City's Clerk question, stating there were no conflicts with any items on the agenda.

3. **CONVENE TO A CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Long convened to a Noticed Closed Session to discuss the following items:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Pursuant to Gov. Code §54597.6
City Labor Negotiators: Bruce Heid and Hector De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager
Employee Organizations: PPEA

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

At 6:29 p.m., Mayor Long reconvened the meeting in open session and announced there were NO REPORTABLE ACTIONS.

5. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (Public Comments)**

The following speakers addressed the Council,

Jack Meehan, resident of Pinole, addressed the City Council to state his satisfaction with the community in his 59th year anniversary. Join the City of Richmond and other community to discuss the proposed development of Hilltop Shopping Center and urges the Council to oppose housing development at this location, support Richmond to develop a replacement for this location in an effort to assist BART with potential parking and expansion. City Manager Fitzer will follow-up on the status.

Bob Kopp, resident of Pinole, addressed the City Council to follow-up on his previous concern of blighted properties. City Manager Fitzer said that there will be an update to Code Enforcement efforts at the August 15th Council meeting. He clarified the Council's support to the car shows and stated that the Council has been supportive of the program. Mr. Kopp invited members of the public to the Movies in the Park on August 12 and August 19th.

6. BUSINESS ITEM

A. Discussion Regarding Recreation Programming – Youth Center [Action: Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff (H. De La Rosa)]

Assistant City Manager De La Rosa presented the report and provided an overview of the After School program. He provided a financial breakdown of the City's cost to continue the program and stated that in order for the City to continue to provide the service, there will be a need to increase cost of services as of October 2017. Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that parents have been notified that the City would not be offering transportation services for their children for Fall 2017. Families that have paid tuition will be reimbursed the \$35 for the program. This program will be included in the upcoming Nexus Study.

Mayor Pro Tem Banuelos inquired as to the employee hesitation to obtain a Class B license and possibility to provide an incentive for employees. Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that employees felt that the process was lengthy and unnecessary.

Councilmember Murray inquired about the potential partnership with the District to remedy transportation concerns. He stated that after school programs should be provided onsite throughout the various schools in order to ensure student safety. Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that staff will reach out to the District and discuss transportation of students to the City's after school program.

Councilmember Toms inquired as to the current schools that have children participating in the City's afterschool program. Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that the information is currently not available but staff will research and provide the data to Council and WestCat. She stated that carpooling is an option to the current transportation issue.

Mayor Long discussed the fiscal impact of the After School Program and the needs of the community. She inquired about a WestCat transportation program for students at Pinole Valley High School. Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that WestCat offers two types of services - a fixed route bus stop and a demand response program which has school-pickup distance requirements.

City Manger Fitzer stated that the City has been in compliance for transporting students in smaller non-commercial vehicles, but not the commercial passenger van. There is currently a staffing issue due to staff resignations and unfilled vacancies.

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Belinda Bradley, a resident of Pinole, addressed the City Council and urged them to consider options to keep the program. She stated her child attends Collins Elementary and needs transportation to the program due to his age. She is in support of her son participating in a "Walking Bus", but is concerned about the traffic in the area.

Melissa Dietsler, a resident of Pinole, addressed the City Council and urged Council to consider options in keeping the program. She stated that Ellerhorst Elementary closed their onsite program due to lack of enrollment and the City's after school program was the only viable option to her family.

ACTION: Council instructed staff to consider an increase in the cost of care to \$5.00 per hour; \$75 week and \$300 month beginning October 2017; non-resident rate will be slightly higher, as an interim cost increase until there is a further analysis of the program. Re-evaluate the job descriptions of Recreation Manager and Senior Recreation Leader, to re-state the job expectations and duration.

Mayor Long requested staff to review future development of the Hilltop Mall and bring the item back for Council discussion. (5-0)

7. **ADJOURNMENT** to the Regular City Council Meeting of August 15, 2017 In Remembrance of Amber Swartz.

At 8:02 p.m., Mayor Long adjourned the Special Meeting of August 2, 2017, in Remembrance of Amber Swartz.

Submitted by:

Rosa G. Acosta
City Clerk

Approved by City Council: August 15, 2017