Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the San Pablo City Council



Tuesday, September 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present

Councilmembers Rita Xavier, Councilmember Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

(participated remotely), Arturo Cruz (participated remotely),

Vice, Mayor Patricia Ponce, and Mayor Abel Pineda (participated remotely)

Absent 0

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO JUST CAUSE OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449 (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(f)). City Attorney Stricker announced that the item is on the agenda as a placeholder that allows members of the Council to participate remotely pursuant to AB 2449. There were no such announcements.

CLOSED SESSION

No Public Comment was received.

Adjourn to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. regarding:

1. 23-344 CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (pursuant to Govt. Code section 54957)

Titles: City Attorney; Interim City Attorney

2. 23-351 CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (pursuant to Govt. Code

section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Matt Rodriguez and Teresa

Stricker

Unrepresented Employee: Interim City Attorney

3. 23-359 CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (pursuant to Govt. Code

section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representative: Maria Hurtado

Unrepresented Employee: City Attorney

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Abel Pineda led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Gantt announced ways in which members of the public may participate in the Council meeting via in-person or remote.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 Cour

Councilmembers Rita Xavier, Councilmember Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

(participated remotely), Arturo Cruz (participated remotely at 6:26 pm),

Vice, Mayor Patricia Ponce, and Mayor Abel Pineda

Absent 0

Staff and Elected Officials Present:

City Manager, Matt Rodriguez

Assistant City Manager, Charles Ching

City Attorney, Teresa Stricker Police Chief Ron Roman

Human Resources Manager, Alicia Platt

City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

Assistant City Clerk, Leticia I. Miguel

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

City Manager Rodriguez reported on Closed Session.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were approximately 12 public speakers.

Public Comment was received by Cordell Hindler, Jessica Leal, Leslay Choy, Wesley Tetum, Malanie B. Beasley, Shawn Swaleh, Freddie Parhan, Oscar Soriano, Daniel Wiegers, Lucy Alfaro, Wayne Earl, Mack Robinson

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

No items scheduled.

PRESENTATIONS

4. 23-343 UPDATE ON SAN PABLO HOUSING ELEMENT APPROVAL PROCESS

Presented.

5. 23-354 PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL BY THE SAN PABLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ANNUAL SERVICES AND UPDATES

Presented.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Rodriguez made the following announcements:

- Highlighted that the City of San Pablo has received official notification from the US
 Green Building Council that a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental
 Design) Certification of GOLD has been attained for the new City Hall project. In the
 coming weeks, CMO staff will be acquiring the certification plaque and award to
 showcase this achievement to the public in our City Hall Lobby area.
- Highlighted Assistant City Clerk, Leticia I. Miguel for receiving a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) certification which is the highest professional achievement for election officials in the country.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Xavier, seconded by Councilmember Cruz, to Approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Xavier, Pabon-Alvarado, Cruz, Ponce, Pineda

Nay: 0 - Absent: 0 -

MINUTES

6. 23-333 CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 07, 2023

Approved as Submitted on the Consent Calendar.

7. 23-332 CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 31, 2023

Approved as Submitted on the Consent Calendar.

LIABILITY CLAIMS

8. 23-338 CONSIDER DENYING LIABILITY CLAIMS OF: 1) TAYLOR VO (DOL 7/18/23); AND 2) SONIA MAZARIEGOS (DOL 6/12/23)

Approved as Submitted on the Consent Calendar.

PROCLAMATIONS

9. 23-350 REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DR. CAROL WEYLAND CONNER'S LEGACY OF GIVING TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND THE RESOURCES SHE PROVIDED TO BENEFIT MANY RESIDENTS OF SAN PABLO AND THE GREATER CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Approved as Submitted on the Consent Calendar.

CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION

10.23-342 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE RESPONSE TO

THE 2022-2023 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 2306 ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING: A PLAN WITHOUT A HOME"

Approved as Submitted on the Consent Calendar.

11.23-362 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (ACA) 13 (WARD) REGARDING VOTING THRESHOLDS FOR CERTAIN INITIATIVE MEASURES AND SUBMISSION OF ADVISORY QUESTIONS TO VOTERS

Approved as Submitted on the Consent Calendar.

12.23-264 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPATCH SERVICES THROUGH THE TRI-CITY AGREEMENT

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2023-131

13.23-324 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PFM GROUP CONSULTING LLC FOR A LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN WITH A TOTAL AUTHORIZATION NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000 RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023.

Adopted as Amended.

Enactment No: RES 2023-132

14.23-339 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY (SCC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 AND (2) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS TO THE RUMRILL BOULEVARD COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT (0700)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2023-133

15.23-348 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION, AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR:

(1) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE
EXISTING LOAN TO GIANT DEVELOPMENT, L.P., FOR THE GIANT
ROAD APARTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH OBTAINING A NEW
FEDERAL LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT AND ASSOCIATED
FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT; (2) AUTHORIZING GIANT
DEVELOPMENT II, LLC TO SERVE AS THE NEW GENERAL
PARTNER TO THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; AND (3) AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LOAN COMMITMENT LETTER

AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE EXTENSION OF THE LOAN

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2023-134

16.23-349 CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BAJAN SECURITY FOR FOUR YEARS FOR (1) SECURITY SERVICES AT RUMRILL SPORTS COMPLEX, AND SECURITY AND GREETING SERVICES AT CITY HALL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 150,000 PER YEAR, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 OVER FOUR YEARS AND (2) PRIMARY SECURITY GUARD SERVICES FOR PRIVATE RENTALS OF CITY FACILITIES TO BE PAID BY THE RENTERS.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2023-135

17.23-361 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) SAN PABLO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND ONE (1) SAN PABLO STAFF MEMBER TO REPRESENT SAN PABLO ON THE WEST COUNTY MAYORS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION (WCMSA) COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SYSTEMS CHANGE COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 2023-136

The City Council Meeting recessed at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5

Councilmembers Rita Xavier, Councilmember Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado

(participated remotely), Arturo Cruz (participated remotely), Vice, Mayor Patricia Ponce, and Mayor Abel Pineda

Absent 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items scheduled.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

18.23-298 PRESENTATION ON CURRENT SALARY AND NON-SALARY COMPENSABLE BENEFITS OF CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Human Resources Manager Alicia Platt City presented the item and Human Resources Manager Alicia Platt and City Manager Rodriguez responded to questions from Councilmembers.

No Public Comment was received.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pabon-Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Cruz, that discussion be brought back at a later meeting on current salary and non-salary compensable benefits of city elected officials. The motion was defeated by the following vote.

Aye: 2 - Pabon-Alvarado, Cruz Nay: 3 - Xavier, Ponce, Pineda

Absent: 0

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

23. 23-274

MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA WILL BE APPENDED AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING. THIS IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM BUT MERELY A MECHANISM FOR MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA TO BE APPENDED TO THE PUBLISHED AGENDA AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Councilmembers reported on attendance at intergovernmental agency meetings, conferences, and seminars since the last meeting.

City Councilmembers announced calendar of upcoming events and coordinated attendance; reported on local events attended since the last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:48 pm to the regular meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Abel Pineda, Mayor