



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the San Pablo City Council

Monday, July 18, 2022

ROLL CALL

The video/teleconferenced meeting convened at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rita Xavier, Vice Mayor Abel Pineda and Councilmembers Patricia Ponce and Arturo Cruz. Absent was Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado. Also present were Assistant City Manager Charles Ching, Acting City Attorney Clare Gibson, Police Chief Ron Raman, Public Works Director/City Engineer Allan Panganiban, Director of Finance Norm Veloso, Community Services Director Greg Dwyer, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, City Treasurer Viviana Toledo, City Clerk Dorothy Gantt, and Deputy City Clerk Lehny Corbin.

Mayor Xavier announced that the City Council previously determined to meet remotely pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and that the Council's findings are memorialized in Consent Calendar item #6.

A pre-recorded announcement was played indicating that the meeting was being held via video/teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19 that allow members of the City Council, City staff and the public to participate and conduct a meeting by teleconference, videoconference or both. The announcement indicated the ways in which members of the public may watch or listen to the meeting during livestream on the City website. Instructions were also announced that the public might provide public comments via email, which would be read before Council consideration of the item.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Gantt read aloud the comments submitted by:

- Cordell Hindler asking the City Council to invite Clifford Chan to update on restrictions of water use; and to invite Tim Hale for a presentation on electric charging stations;
- Caitlin Bracken spoke of the need to protect the environment and future of the planet.
- Lucy Alfaro, President of the Kiwanis Club of San Pablo seeking sponsorship from the City for their event on August 13, 2022, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, to help with the event.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to the City Council regarding the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study conducted by the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee. (#22-300)

Assistant City Manager Ching introduced the item. Environmental Program Analyst Sarah Kolarik gave a brief introduction of the purpose of the study. Leah Greenblat of WCCTAC also spoke briefly regarding the study. Adam Dankberg of Kimley-Horn presented the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study Phase 2, including among other things, the Study Purpose and Process, Phase 1 Summary, Phase 2 Project Process, Corridor Conditions and Project Needs, BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) benefits, comparison of transit solutions, key takeaways, options on what to do next, and options for the decision makers.

Council expressed their comments and Ms. Kolarik, Mr. Dankberg and Ms. Greenblat addressed their concerns.

San Pablo resident Arturo Carrion commented on possible increased traffic impacts with the implementation of this study/plan.

As this agenda item was for informational purposes only, no action was taken by the Council.

2. Presentation to the City Council of the City's first Digital Budget Book for the recently-adopted Biennial Operating and CIP Budget for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24. (#22-303) Assistant City Manager Ching introduced the item. Director of Finance Veloso provided product information on the new interactive Digital Budget Book. Robbie Bendorf, Customer Success Manager for OpenGov, presented the City's goals and the current capabilities of the program. OpenGov's Associate Project Manager Tommi Gonzales gave an online demonstration of the Digital Budget Book on the City's website.

Council expressed their comments. San Pablo resident Jim McCarty commented on sorting capabilities of the City Website.

As this agenda item was for informational purposes only, no action was taken by the Council.

* * * **END OF PRESENTATIONS** * * *

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Assistant City Manager Ching made the following announcements:

- August 2, 2022 – National Night Out event from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Community Center
- July 22, 2022 – Movies Under the Stars at the Community Center featuring *Shang-Chi*;
- July 30, 2022 – Dumpster Day at 2600 Moraga Road from 7:00 am until dumpsters are full

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Cruz declared his recusal on agenda item #9, stating that his daughter is a member of the San Pablo United Youth Soccer Club and that he would not participate in the City Council's discussion of the item.

Assistant City Manager Ching stated that Councilmember Cruz's vote on agenda item #9 will be recorded as a recusal.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Pineda, seconded by Councilmember Ponce, and passed by vote of those present, to adopt all items in the Consent Calendar, with the exception of agenda item #9, to which Councilmember Cruz recused. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Cruz, Ponce, Pineda and Xavier

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pabon-Alvarado

ABSTAIN: None

PERIODIC REPORTS

3. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Vendor Check Register Report for the month

of June 2022 was approve by Minute Order. (#22-306)

4. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Investment Report/Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2022 was received and filed. (#22-308)

LIABILITY CLAIMS

5. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, the liability claim of Arif Ullah (DOL 12/30/21) was denied per the recommendation of the Municipal Pooling Authority (MPA), the City's joint risk pool. (#22-299)

MISCELLANEOUS

6. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2022-112** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo, California, extending the existence of a local emergency due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); determining that the City Council and other Brown Act bodies in the City of San Pablo continue to meet remotely through September 30, 2022 due to COVID-19 social distancing recommendations from the Contra Costa Health Department under Assembly Bill 361 Findings; and confirming the actions taken by the Director of Emergency Services. (#22-305)
7. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2022-113** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizing an event sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2022 West Contra Costa Salesian Boys & Girls Club Charity Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Monday, September 19, 2022. (#22-162)
8. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2022-114** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizing the waiver of fees for use of Davis Park Sports Fields and Concession Stand for the San Pablo Cowboys Youth Association (SPCYA) for the 2022 Summer / Fall Season. (#22-192)
9. Councilmember Cruz recused himself from this item for the reason stated above. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2022-115** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizing the waiver of fees for use of Rumrill Sports Park Kiosk, and a two-thirds (2/3) reduced fee at Rumrill Sports Park for Fields 1 and 2 for the San Pablo United Youth Soccer Club for the 2022 Summer/Fall Season. The motion passed as follows: (#22-193)
AYES: Ponce, Pineda and Xavier
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pabon-Alvarado
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Cruz
10. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2022-116** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo to accept a donation in the amount of \$45,000 from the San Pablo Senior Advisory Board for the procurement and installation of an Audio-Visual System at the Church Lane Senior Center. (#22-195)

*** * * END OF CONSENT CALENDAR * * ***

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

18. All materials submitted after publication of the July 18, 2022 City Council agenda were appended to the published agenda after the Council meeting. (#22-311)

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTS

The City Council reported on their recent activities.

It was moved by Councilmember Cruz, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda, and passed by vote of those present, to place on the next agenda an item to consider adopting proclamations for the San Francisco Giants' Junior Giant Program and the San Jose Earthquakes for support of the local youth. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Cruz, Ponce, Pineda and Xavier

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pabon-Alvarado

ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm, to Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm, in memory of Abelardo Pineda, father of Community Services Manager Jora Atienza Washington; and in memory of Mary Delgado, the City's Senior Permit Technician of 23 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Rita Xavier, Mayor