



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the San Pablo City Council

Monday, July 1, 2019

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened in the Council Chambers at 6:03 pm. Present were Mayor Rich Kinney and Councilmembers Abel Pineda and Rita Xavier. Vice Mayor Arturo Cruz was present via telephone conference. Councilmember Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado arrived at 6:14 pm. Also present were Assistant City Manager Reina Schwartz, City Attorney Lynn Tracy Nerland, Police Chief Ron Raman, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jill Mercurio, Accounting Manager Jessie Kim, City Treasurer Viviana Toledo, City Clerk Patricia Ponce, and Deputy City Clerk Lehny Corbin.

City Attorney Nerland confirmed with Vice Mayor Cruz that the agenda has been posted at his location for 72 hours. Vice Mayor Cruz also stated there was no one from the public at his location who wished to participate in the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Cordell Hindler asked the City Council to place on the July 15, 2019 agenda for Andy Katz to make a presentation regarding closure of Alta Bates Hospital, as well as scheduling a presentation from AC Transit regarding the proposed fare increases. Mr. Hindler also commented on the high cost of commercial properties in San Pablo. He further stated he was pleased with the Youth Commission presentation at the May 20 meeting.

Antonio Medrano spoke regarding the vacancy on the County Library Commission and expressed his willingness to serve as San Pablo's representative although he lives outside of the city limits. He also requested assistance from the City Council about addressing the parking difficulties at the Library for special events. He also reported on his successful discussion with District Attorney Diana Becton and the Richmond Police Chief regarding AB 392, as well as his meeting with Police Chief Raman regarding drones.

Joe Serrano and Daniel Barth spoke regarding homelessness and the organization, Tentmakers, Inc.'s efforts to assist the homeless in getting them job-ready, as well as providing shelter and education.

Stan Byreas of Brothers of International Faith, Inc. also spoke regarding homeless outreach.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Assistant City Manager Schwartz announced the July 4, 2019 Multi-Cultural Festival.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Pabon-Alvarado, and unanimously passed, to adopt all items in the Consent Calendar, with the exception of agenda items #4 (SPUYSC fee waiver request), #5 (San Pablo Cowboys Association fee waiver request), and #7 (community access to Helms track).

MINUTES

1. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2019 were approved. (#19-278)

MISCELLANEOUS

2. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2019-105** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo approving Independent Measure Q & K Citizens Oversight Committee Appointment (Two Vacancies). (#19-288)
3. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2019-106** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Strategy Research Institute, Inc. in the amount of \$48,000 annually for the City's Community Outreach Strategy Program for FY 2019-21, for a total contract cost of \$96,000. (#19-275)
4. This item regarding a fee waiver to the San Pablo United Soccer Club for use of soccer fields was pulled from the Consent Calendar and discussed separately. There was discussion regarding whether the Soccer Club discounted registration fees for San Pablo resident youth in light of the waiver/subsidy requested from the City. Community Services Director Greg Dwyer and Community Services Manager Andrea Mendez addressed Council's inquiry regarding discounts given to San Pablo youth and the that the City is not currently requiring the Soccer Club to do so. Ms. Mendez also indicated they have reached out to the Soccer Club about participation in City events to encourage more San Pablo youths to participate in the Soccer Club, but it has not done so. It was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Pabon-Alvarado, and unanimously passed to adopt **Resolution 2019-107**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizing the waiver of fees for use of El Portal Soccer Field and Rumrill Sports Park (totaling \$16,370) for the San Pablo United Youth Soccer Club (SPUYSC) for the 2019 Summer/Fall Season, with amendments requiring the organization receiving the fee waivers participate in at least one major City event during the time period of the fee waiver (July – December 2019) in order to market their program, interact with the public and/or receive registrations for their program, and that in exchange for the fee waivers, participants of the Soccer Club who reside within the incorporated City of San Pablo boundaries receive a reduced registration rate compared to non-residents starting with the next registration/fee waiver cycle in January 2020. (#19-276)
5. This item regarding a fee waiver to the San Pablo Cowboys for use of sports fields was pulled from the Consent Calendar and discussed separately. As discussed along with agenda item #4, it was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Pabon-Alvarado, and unanimously passed to adopt **Resolution 2019-108**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizing a fee waiver in the amount of \$6,150 for the San Pablo Cowboys Youth Association (SPCYA) use of Davis Park Sports Fields and Concession Stand for the 2019 Summer/Fall Season, with amendments requiring the organization receiving the fee waivers participate in at least one major City event during the time period of the fee waiver (July – December 2019) in order to market their program, interact with the public and/or receive registrations for their program, and that in exchange for the fee

waivers, participants of the Cowboys Association who reside within the incorporated City of San Pablo boundaries receive a reduced registration rate compared to non-residents, starting with the next registration/fee waiver cycle in January 2020.. (#19-277)

6. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2019-109** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Local Government Commission (LGC) for an eleven-month full-time fellow in the Environmental Services Division for \$26,000 from September 2019 to August 2020. (#19-286)
7. This item about public access to the track and sports amenities at Helms Middle School was pulled from the Consent Calendar and discussed separately. Antonio Medrano expressed his concern regarding parking at the Community Center as well as the gate to the track being locked and inaccessible. Community Services Director Dwyer introduced the item and gave an overview of the ownership of the Helms Middle School property and access to the rear of the school through the Community Center. There was a discussion as to the community's expectations for access when the school was built. It was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Pineda, and unanimously passed to adopt **Resolution 2019-110**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo establishing a Pilot Program for FY2019/20 to improve community access to Helms Middle School track and surrounding sports amenities during specified months at a cost of \$15,421. (#19-293)
8. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2019-111** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo: (1) approving the San Pablo Team for Youth Program funding allocation plan for Fiscal Years 2019/20 and 2020/21; (2) authorizing the City Manager to execute grant agreements with eligible Team for Youth service providers for a total amount not to exceed \$667,000 for each fiscal year for a total amount not to exceed \$1,334,000; and (3) accepting and appropriating match funding in the amount of \$90,000 from WCCUSD in each fiscal year of funding commitment. (#19-297)
9. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, **Resolution 2019-112** was adopted, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo approving and authorizing the execution of an Exclusive Negotiations Agreement with Brookfield Bay Area Holdings, LLC, for negotiation of a Disposition and Development Agreement pertaining to the former El Portal Elementary School site (2600 Moraga Road, San Pablo). (#19-298)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

10. By adoption of the Consent Calendar, the request for renewal and reappointment of current member Lillie Simpson for a four-year term to the Advisory Committee on Aging (three vacancies) was approved by Minute Order. (#19-285)

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

11. Assistant City Manager Schwartz gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed City Diversity Policy Statement aimed at promoting respect, understanding and appreciation of the various diverse groups that make up the San Pablo Community at all City-sponsored activities, events, meetings, operations, programs, and services provided. There was discussion regarding the language in the previously adopted Resolution 2017-045 and the proposed recognition award and whether members of faith groups could be recipients of the award. It was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Vice Mayor Cruz, and unanimously passed to send the policy back to staff in light of the comments, to draft revisions, and to bring it back for another discussion. (#19-292)

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTS

Mayor and City Council reported on their recent activities.

It was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Xavier, and unanimously passed to bring back for further discussion the vacancy on the Library Commission and exploring allowing a non-San Pablo resident to be appointed as San Pablo's representative.

It was moved by Councilmember Xavier, seconded by Councilmember Pineda, and unanimously passed to direct the City Manager's Office to look into any options to address the parking at the San Pablo Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm, to Monday, July 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ponce, City Clerk

Rich Kinney, Mayor