

**Minutes of the Regular Joint Meeting of the Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency  
March 10, 2015**

**1.0 OPENING MATTERS**

***Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency***

**1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call of the Oakley City Council, Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency**

Mayor Hardcastle called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m in the Oakley City Council Chambers located at 3231 Main Street, Oakley, California. Doug Hardcastle, Kevin Romick, Randy Pope, Sue Higgins and Vanessa Perry were present.

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Mayor Hardcastle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.3 Update from Ironhouse Sanitary District (Tom Williams, General Manager)**

General Manager Tom Williams provided information to the City Council regarding Ironhouse Sanitary District's (ISD) water storage facility, the boundaries and number of residents it serves, the history of ISD, Jersey Island and its use of recycled water, ISD's salt ordinance, its use of solar power, its bio-solids pilot program, transparency and outreach efforts, and its future use of recycled water. Mr. Williams announced his retirement effective May 1 and informed the City Council that Phil Bachelor will act as the Interim General Manager until the hiring process is complete in late June / early July.

Vice Mayor Romick thanked Mr. Williams for his leadership and outstanding contributions to the Oakley community.

Mayor Hardcastle thanked Mr. Williams for his years of service to the Oakley community and congratulated him on his retirement.

**1.4 Proclamation Recognizing Tom Williams for his Service with Ironhouse Sanitary District and the Oakley Community (Mayor Hardcastle)**

Mayor Hardcastle presented the proclamation to Tom Williams.

Mr. Williams thanked the City Council.

**1.5 Proclamation Recognizing March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month (Representative for RxSafe Contra Costa)**

Mayor Hardcastle presented the proclamation to Toni Riley, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Piepho, on behalf of RxSafe Contra Costa.

Ms. Riley thanked the City Council for its commitment to a healthy community and she encouraged everyone to lock up prescription drugs and dispose of them properly.

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Online Comment Forms

No online comment forms were submitted for Public Comments.

### Public Comment Cards

Meghan Bell with East County Little League (ECLL) thanked the City Council, staff and Police for their support with the grand opening day parade that will be held Saturday, March 14 beginning at 9am near Yogurt Island and ending at Oakley Elementary School. She invited the City Council to join the parade and judge team banners. She provided each City Councilmember with an ECLL baseball cap.

## 3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

### ***Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency***

#### **3.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Joint Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency Meeting of February 24, 2015 (Libby Vreonis, City Clerk)**

#### ***Oakley City Council***

#### **3.2 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Cooperative Funding Agreement between the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the City of Oakley (Joshua McMurray, Planning Manager)**

#### **3.3 Adopt a Resolution Accepting as Complete Work Performed by Star Construction, Inc. for Capital Improvement Project 141-Main Street Median Improvement Project and Direct the City Clerk to File a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder (Empire Avenue to Vintage Parkway) (Kevin Rohani, Public Works Director/City Engineer)**

#### **3.4 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease Agreement with Slow Foods Delta Diablo to Establish a Community Garden Program at Creekside Park located at 3900 Creekside Way in Oakley (Kevin Rohani, Public Works Director/City Engineer)**

Mayor Hardcastle pulled Item 3.4 from the Consent Calendar to allow for public comment as a speaker card was received for Item 3.4 prior to consideration of the Consent Calendar.

### Online Comment Forms

No online comment forms were submitted for the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Romick and seconded by Councilmember Pope to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar. Motion was unanimous and so ordered. (5-0)

### **Item 3.4**

#### Public Comment Cards

Shawn Horrocks, Director/Chair of the Oakley Community Gardens (OCG), thanked the City Council and staff for working with OCG to help build community bonds, provide education and provide food to the Oakley community. She added that OCG is still interested in the Moura property and would like to partner with the City in its development of the site for a multi-community purpose.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Romick and seconded by Councilmember Pope to approve Item 3.4. Motion was unanimous and so ordered. (5-0)

## **4.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

### ***Oakley City Council***

- 4.1 Subdivision 9391 at Cypress Grove (TM 02-15) (Ken Strelo, Senior Planner)**  
Request for approval of a vesting tentative map to subdivide approximately 3.52 acres into 14 single family residential lots within the existing Cypress Grove Subdivision located north of Ironhouse Elementary School and Delta Vista Middle School (4901 Frank Hengel Way) off of East Cypress Road and Frank Hengel Way.

Senior Planner Ken Strelo presented the staff report and recommended an additional condition of approval be added to the proposed resolution for consideration and approval by the City Council. The additional condition of approval is as follows:

- Annex the property to the City of Oakley Community Facilities District No. 1 (Cypress Grove) for Flood and Storm Drainage for maintenance and operation of flood and storm drainage improvements either owned or otherwise controlled by the City of Oakley including but not limited to detention ponds, pump stations, levees, conveyance systems and other related improvements.

### Online Comment Forms

Mike Stewart submitted an online comment form requesting to speak at the meeting.

## Public Comment Cards

Mike Stewart requested the City Council consider a pedestrian walkway instead of a street between the proposed circle and Escher Circle for the safety of children in the neighborhood. He also requested the City Council consider single-story homes on lots that would back up to existing homes on Escher Circle for privacy reasons.

Bobbie Lampe submitted a public comment card but was not present when called upon by Mayor Hardcastle. She inquired on her comment card how her property taxes for bonds would be reduced after the new homes are built.

Darryl Loadholt and Mayra Gutierrez-Loadholt agreed with Mr. Stewart's comments and added that they purchased their home on a circle with safety in mind for their children and if the circle is opened to allow for street access, it would create a safety concern.

Vice Mayor Romick called the developer to the podium. Michael Evans with DeNova Homes stepped to the podium.

Vice Mayor Romick inquired if it is possible to change the street connecting to Escher Circle to a pedestrian walkway and to provide single-story homes on the lots backing up to existing homes on Escher Circle.

Mr. Evans explained that there is a mix of single-story and two-story homes planned for the development and it is possible to work with staff regarding the installation of a pedestrian walkway instead of a roadway.

Mr. Strelo added that staff will work with the developer to determine what can be done and if lots 32 and 33 are expanded to accommodate a pedestrian walkway, they would go from approximately 7,000 square feet to 11,000 square feet.

Councilmember Pope suggested expanding lots 28-32 evenly rather than expand only lots 32 and 33 to accommodate a pedestrian walkway.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Romick and seconded by Councilmember Pope to adopt the resolution including the additional condition of approval. Motion was unanimous and so ordered. (5-0)

Mayor Hardcastle announced a short recess at 7:35 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

## 5.0 REGULAR CALENDAR

### *Oakley City Council*

#### **5.1 Transportation Engineering Fundamentals (Kevin Rohani, Public Works Director/City Engineer)**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Kevin Rohani provided information to the City Council regarding transportation engineering as it relates to the City, private development and the Oakley 2020 General Plan, including the Trip Generation Manual-the industry standard for preparation of traffic studies and Level of Service standards-a quality measure describing operational conditions within a traffic system. He explained that transportation engineering guidelines and standards are established and adopted by municipalities to manage traffic.

Vice Mayor Romick commented there has been discussion at the State level of changing from Level of Service guidelines to Vehicle Miles Traveled guidelines and inquired if the change has been State-mandated.

Mr. Rohani replied that it is not yet State-mandated; it is still in discussion and it will not be a quick or easy transition as many layers of transition will occur before it reaches the local level.

#### Online Comment Forms

No online comment forms were submitted for Item 5.1.

#### Public Comment Cards

No public comment cards were submitted for Item 5.1.

#### **5.2 Report of Public Input regarding the Police Services Study and Direction to Staff on How to Proceed (Bryan Montgomery, City Manager and Paul Abelson, Finance Director)**

City Manager Bryan Montgomery provided the report on public input regarding the Police Services Study to the City Council.

#### Online Comment Forms

No online comment forms were submitted for Item 5.2.

#### Public Comment Cards

Contra Costa County Assistant to the Sheriff Mark Williams thanked the City Council and Mr. Montgomery for their commitment to public safety. He requested the City Council

consider the reduction of costs and items provided in the letter sent to the City Council by Sheriff Livingston.

Vice Mayor Romick commented that Police services are the largest part of the City's budget and the Oakley community is growing, but Police services are not. He requested firmer numbers for services to be contracted before making a decision.

Councilmember Pope commented that it makes economic sense to bring Police services in-house. He requested the City Council continue discussion regarding CalPERS, certification, establishment of policies and procedures, and structure-specifically whether or not two lieutenants are needed.

Mayor Hardcastle mentioned he hosted Mayor at the Market this past Saturday and he did not receive any negative feedback from residents regarding bringing Police services in-house. He requested staff obtain more information regarding firm numbers and report back to the City Council.

Mr. Montgomery responded that staff will obtain more information and report back.

It was moved by Councilmember Higgins and seconded by Councilmember Perry to direct staff to begin the process of obtaining commitments for key areas of service; and when successful, report back with the results and for authorization to give the County the appropriate notice. Motion was unanimous and so ordered. (5-0)

## 6.0 REPORTS

### **6.1 CITY MANAGER**

#### **(a) City Manager**

City Manager Bryan Montgomery announced Main Street between Vintage Parkway and Norcross Lane will be closed for the East County Little League parade Saturday, March 14 between 9am-10am. He also announced Oakley Film Festival submissions are now being accepted. He mentioned City staff will provide the City Council an update on the Strategic Plan at the March 24 City Council meeting and the City Council, along with City staff, will hold its annual Strategic Plan meeting on March 30 at Summer Lakes to discuss Strategic Plan items in further detail per the City Council's direction. He reported that the City Council approved funding earlier this year for digital security cameras in parks and most of the cameras have been installed. He congratulated Assistant to the City Manager Nancy Marquez Suarez for receiving the Liberty Union High School District Graduate of Distinction Award.

### **6.2 OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL/OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE OAKLEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**(a) Reports from Council Liaisons to Regional Committees, Commissions and Boards AND Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency Comments**

Councilmember Pope announced he attended the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board meeting and the Board voted to proceed with the benefits assessment. He mentioned residents should receive ballots in the mail by March 13 and ballots are due to be opened and counted on March 27 at City Hall. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Hardcastle announced he attended a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class where trout eggs have hatched and will be released into Contra Loma later this year. He also announced he hosted Mayor at the Market Saturday and received a comment regarding children playing in the street and not moving, inquiries about the status of doves in the parks and the Laurel Street widening (from Rose Avenue to Main Street), and comments in support of bringing Police services in-house.

**(b) Requests for Future Agendas**

Councilmember Pope requested staff explore a program for maintenance of street trees, similar to the sidewalk, curb and gutter program the City offers, to provide discounted services or cost-sharing assistance to residents to maintain trees facing streets that are the responsibility of the property owner.

**7.0 WORK SESSIONS-None**

**8.0 CLOSED SESSIONS**

***Oakley City Council***

**8.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Potential initiation of litigation (one case). This closed session is authorized by Government Code Sec. 54956.9.**

**8.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

**City Designated Representative: Bryan Montgomery, City Manager**

Unrepresented Anticipated Employees: Police Chief, Police Lieutenants, Police Sergeants, and Police Officers.

This item is scheduled to be heard only if necessary after Item 5.2 is considered.

### **8.3 Reporting Out of Closed Sessions (Derek Cole, City Attorney)**

There was no reportable action.

### **9.0 ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Libby Vreonis  
City Clerk