

Minutes of the Regular Joint Meeting of the Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council acting as the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

**Oakley City Council Chambers
3231 Main Street, Oakley, CA
Tuesday, April 8, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

1.0 OPENING MATTERS

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

Call to Order – Mayor Pope called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m in the Oakley City Council Chambers located at 3231 Main Street, Oakley, California.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Pope, Vice Mayor Doug Hardcastle and Councilmember Diane Burgis. Absent: Councilmembers Carol Rios and Kevin Romick.

Mayor Pope announced Councilmember Romick is in Washington, D.C. attending to Transit Agency matters and Councilmember Rios has a medical issue and may arrive later.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Pope led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.3 Diablo Water District Update (Mike Yeraka, General Manager)

General Manager Mike Yeraka provided an update to the City Council. He mentioned the water storage level in Northern California reservoirs is lower but has climbed a little with some recent rain. He also mentioned Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) has requested a 15% voluntary water cutback/rationing of its customers; however, Diablo Water District (DWD) as a customer of CCWD, has not imposed this requirement yet as DWD expects to receive about a 10% voluntary cutback and they are able to supplement the water supply with ground water (wells that were dug in the past in anticipation of drought situations). He also mentioned DWD has technology which allows it to review customer water usage on an hourly basis for certain water meters and it alerts DWD if water usage exceeds a certain threshold (it may indicate a leak or sprinklers that are being over utilized). He encouraged everyone to continue water conservation, check sprinklers for leaks, turn sprinklers off when it rains, and to visit diablowater.org for conservation tips.

Councilmember Burgis inquired if DWD offers a program to remove lawns.

Mr. Yeraka explained that CCWD offers such program through funds paid to CCWD by DWD for various services, including lawn removal programs.

Councilmember Burgis also inquired what measures are being taken by DWD to protect the salinity of Oakley's water.

Mr. Yeraka mentioned a tide gate with flapper valves was installed at Sand Mound Slough to reduce salinity from entering into the water intakes and Ironhouse Sanitary District General Manager Tom Williams can provide additional information.

Vice Mayor Hardcastle inquired if DWD monitors the level of water in wells.

Mr. Yeraka responded that DWD has been monitoring DWD and residential wells since 2002 and he is pleased with the current water levels. He explained that the DWD wells are not pumped between the hours of 12pm-6pm to conserve energy.

1.4 Oakley Library Update (Kimberli Buckley, Community Library Manager)

Community Library Manager Kimberli Buckley provided an update to the City Council. She mentioned the Oakley Library had 68,000 visitors over the past year, 98,000 items were checked out and 36% of the community has library cards. She also mentioned the children's programs at the Library are thriving and the Library has provided outreach to children through school and Library visits as well as local events such as La Clinica Health Fair, Oakley Harvest Festival and Read to Grow. She mentioned the Library is focusing on providing more adult programs (i.e., ESL classes, crafts and lawyers in libraries) and teen programs (i.e., free guitar lessons, karaoke and bobble head bunnies). She also announced upcoming events: Book It Run and Walk (April 12), Zombies in the Library (April 17), Read to a Dog day (May 3) and Summer Reading (begins June 14).

1.5 Ironhouse Sanitary District (Tom Williams, General Manager)

General Manager Tom Williams provided an update to the City Council, including information on Ironhouse Sanitary District's (ISD) participation in Science Week, progress of the ISD solar project, an award received for public outreach and education for its grease collection program, its updated website, its work with local businesses to develop a connection plan to reduce upfront costs, its future education campaign to help prevent flushing of wet wipes, its Sanitary Sewer Management Plan, and an emergency drought salinity control barrier to be installed near Jersey Island to help keep salinity out of the water intakes.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Online Comment Forms

No online comment forms were submitted for Public Comments.

Public Comment Cards

Buzz Walker commented that he has a PG&E easement on his property in which a pipeline is located. He mentioned years ago PG&E encouraged him to plant trees near the easement as a safety measure; trees not doing well can provide an indicator of a leak in the pipes; however, it is his understanding that PG&E now intends to remove such trees as part of the PG&E Pathway Project.

City Manager Bryan Montgomery commented that it is his understanding PG&E is not coming to Oakley as part of this Project and other cities have been successful in stalling the Project until PG&E provides further review.

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 March 25, 2014 (Libby Vreonis, City Clerk)**

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- 3.2 Waive the Second Reading and Adopt an Ordinance to Add Section 9.1.1222 to Article 12 of Title 9 of the Oakley Municipal Code, Dealing With Parole/Probationer Homes (William Galstan, Special Counsel)**
- 3.3 Waive the First Reading and Introduce an Ordinance Amending Section 204 of Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Oakley Municipal Code, Dealing with the Parking of Commercial Vehicles (Joshua McMurray, Senior Planner)**
- 3.4 Adopt a Resolution of Continuing Regional Support for the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative (Joshua McMurray, Senior Planner)**
- 3.5 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Nickerson Signs to Fabricate and Install a Bench Style Monument Sign for the Oakley Plaza Main Street Frontage (Joshua McMurray, Senior Planner)**

Items 3.2 and 3.3 were pulled for discussion.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hardcastle and seconded by Councilmember Burgis to approve the Consent Calendar. AYES: Burgis, Hardcastle, Pope. ABSENT: Rios, Romick. (3-0)

Item 3.2

Item 3.2 was pulled for public comment. Kathy Pedroli inquired if parolees were going to be allowed residency at The Commons apartments. She commented a recent article in the *Oakland Tribune* mentioned parolees were going to be allowed residency.

Special Counsel William Galstan responded that the ordinance is designed to help deal with parolee homes should the situation arise and the City is not currently aware of any that are coming to the area. He added that a permit process, public hearing and City Council approval is required prior to occupancy.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hardcastle and seconded by Councilmember Burgis to approve Item 3.2. AYES: Burgis, Hardcastle, Pope. ABSENT: Rios, Romick. (3-0)

Item 3.3

Item 3.3 was pulled for public comment (infra). Senior Planner Joshua McMurray explained that City staff initiated the ordinance amendment stemming from Code Enforcement issues, the definition of commercial vehicles on private property is being clarified through the amendment, and the ordinance as amended will be tied to the business permit section of the Oakley Municipal Code.

Councilmember Burgis expressed concern regarding the ordinance applying to the weight of vehicles as not everyone may know the weight of vehicles; she wants the ordinance to set clear guidelines.

Mr. McMurray mentioned smaller vehicles such as vans or work trucks will likely comply with the Code; however, larger commercial vehicles such as a dump truck would not and the ordinance amendment helps to clarify what is acceptable and what is not.

Vice Mayor Hardcastle inquired of neighboring cities' ordinances guidelines with regard to weight.

Mr. McMurray explained that weights, ratings and standards vary with other cities; however, staff is hoping to be more consistent by relying on California Vehicle Code standards.

Mayor Pope pointed out that the ordinance will not affect Class C vehicles.

Online Comment Form

Pamela Nickel commented on Item 3.3. She mentioned she is growing tired of her neighbors parking their RV's, campers and boats in their driveways as many have not been moved or registered in years. She requested the City require RV's, campers and boats to be stored in a side yard, behind a fence or in a storage unit to help clean up Oakley.

Public Comment Card

Obert Einevoll commented that he is in favor of the ordinance as he has a neighbor who parks commercial vehicles next to his fence line which is close to his living area. He provided photos of his neighbor's commercial vehicles for the City Council to review.

Vice Mayor Hardcastle announced he would have to abstain from voting since his place of business stores commercial vehicles as defined in the proposed amendment and he does not want it to be perceived that he would be creating business for himself.

Special Counsel William Galstan announced that introducing the ordinance would have to be continued to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Mayor Pope announced Item 3.3 would be continued to the next meeting.

4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

5.0 REGULAR CALENDAR-None

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 CITY MANAGER

(a) Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Project-Third Quarter Update (Kevin Rohani, Public Works Director/City Engineer)

Public Works Director/City Engineer Kevin Rohani presented the staff report. The City Council had no questions or comments.

(b) Update on Long-Term Delivery of Police Services (Bryan Montgomery, City Manager and Paul Abelson, Finance Director)

City Manager Bryan Montgomery presented the staff report.

Finance Director Paul Abelson added that as the plan develops, staff will begin to obtain more information to evaluate whether or not in-house police service will be possible.

Mr. Montgomery mentioned Oakley continues to receive high quality services from the Sheriff's Office, but the cost to maintain the current level of service, without any additional officers or services, is rising considerably.

Mayor Pope requested staff incorporate public participation and input at every possible stage of the study.

Mr. Abelson suggested public input and participation may best fit after the study to allow staff to confirm after looking at all the data that in-house police services are something the City can deliver.

Mr. Montgomery added that public input is welcome at any stage.

Mayor Pope requested monthly reports regarding the current delivery of police services, including quantifiable measures.

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

Vice Mayor Hardcastle announced he attended the Mayors Conference last week with City Manager Bryan Montgomery and Councilmember Burgis where the Contra Costa Transportation Authority provided some useful apps; Wayz for traffic conditions and Carma for ridesharing. He commented that Assemblymember Nancy Skinner was present at the Mayors Conference and it was interesting that she shared that the State is receiving more money than it anticipated; however, the State is finding more ways to spend it rather than pay down debt.

Councilmember Burgis announced Science Week is this week and began with a tour of the Creekside Park Restoration Project and there were 125-150 people present. She complimented Recreation staff on their work. She confirmed with Recreation Manager Lindsey Bruno that the number of participants in Science Week has increased this year. She mentioned she attended the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board meeting last night and two options were considered to deliver future fire protection services, a November parcel tax and a risk benefit assessment. She commented that public attendance at the meeting was low and she encouraged everyone to attend the meetings to stay informed. She also mentioned she will be meeting with Supervisor Mary Nejedly-Piepho on Thursday to discuss suicide prevention and she has been speaking with clergy and schools regarding the same. She thanked Tri Delta Transit and City staff for the new bus stop at the corner of Main Street and Big Break Road as it provides some element protection for persons waiting for a bus. She also announced she attended the Delta Protection Committee meeting and as of May she will no longer be on the Committee as the rotation provides for a Solano County representative to hold the next two-year term. She shared that she visited a shop in the Downtown Plaza that is undergoing facade improvements which prompted the owner to upgrade her interior, equipment and eventually hire more staff. She commented that the community benefits from these improvements and it is a great example of what Redevelopment funds were intended for.

Mayor Pope announced the Book It Run and Walk fundraiser for a stand-alone library in Oakley will take place at Big Break on Saturday, April 12. He mentioned Ironhouse Sanitary District will also host Science Week that same day. He also mentioned there was great attendance at the last Brown Bag with the Mayor and vandalism was discussed. He explained as taxpayers we own the parks and it takes our tax money to repair damage to the parks. He encouraged everyone to be watchdogs of vandalism in our parks.

(b) Requests for Future Agendas

Mayor Pope requested City staff review the current ordinance regarding parking RV's, campers and boats on streets and in driveways and provide recommendations to the City Council how the ordinance may be strengthened.

Vice Mayor Hardcastle requested signs be posted at parks with the Police Department dispatch phone number for reporting vandalism.

City Manager Bryan Montgomery responded that City staff will inventory parks that do not have existing signs and will also use social media to inform the public how to report vandalism.

7.0 WORK SESSION

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7.1 Overview of 2014-2016 Strategic Plan Meetings

Assistant to the City Manager Nancy Marquez presented the staff report. She thanked the City Council, residents and staff for their attendance and participation.

Councilmember Burgis requested including something that addresses preserving the "small town feel" (as presented in the surveys) in Oakley.

City Manager Bryan Montgomery suggested it could be included in Area of Focus # 2 and requested specific action items to accomplish incorporating it.

Councilmember Burgis commented that all non-profits that support activities should be included on item 7.d.

Councilmember Burgis requested an action item be included to emphasize relationships with the schools and to promote Oakley's wonderful schools.

Ms. Marquez commented it can be added in 8.c.

Vice Mayor Hardcastle asked Councilmember Burgis to clarify the “small town feel” and commented that Downtown events help to create it. He suggested “small town values” be included.

Councilmember Burgis responded that the surveys reflect a desire for a “small town feel” and the Strategic Plan may be read by someone looking to move Oakley or do business in Oakley; therefore, it is important to emphasize in writing the “small town feel”.

Vice Mayor Hardcastle inquired how the process is coming along with regard to hiring an Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Montgomery responded that interviews occurred last week and a final selection should be made within approximately one week.

Mayor Pope requested a tracked changes version of the Strategic Plan to see the proposed changes. He mentioned he received positive comments about the community Strategic Plan meeting and loves the idea of a future open house for the public to meet City staff. He suggested that branding and theming be included when development occurs and include agriculture, water, wine, small town feel, etc. He mentioned staff has taken inventory of trees, but he would like to see a tree maintenance plan included. He also mentioned with the development of Civic Center Park he would like to see sufficient power resources built in so that portable generators do not have to be used. He thanked staff for doing a great job.

8.0 CLOSED SESSIONS-None

9.0 ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Libby Vreonis
City Clerk