

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, February 25, 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, Councilmembers Diane Burgis, Carol Rios and Kevin Romick.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Pope led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.3 Introduce Oakley Police Officer Dallas Collier

Chief of Police Dan Gomez introduced Oakley Police Officer Dallas Collier and Sergeant Sarita Ellison and welcomed them to the Oakley community.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Online Comment Forms

Frank Spinelli submitted an online comment form requesting to speak regarding illegal trash, dumping and homeless campers on his property located behind the Goodwill store at Main Street. He expressed concern regarding debris and human waste being left on his property and requested the help of the City Council and staff to request the store owner to raise the fence and add surveillance cameras. He provided the City Council copies of photos of debris on his property. He mentioned he has already placed “no trespassing” signs on his property and has contacted the police.

City Manager Bryan Montgomery suggested staff can contact the Goodwill store and see what can be done to address the issues.

Public Comment Cards

None.

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/Special Public Financing Authority Meeting of February 11, 2014 (Libby Vreonis, City Clerk)**

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- 3.2 Adopt a Resolution Approving Speed Survey (Kevin Rohani, Public Works Director/City Engineer)**

It was moved by Councilmember Romick and seconded by Councilmember Burgis to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was unanimous and so ordered. (5-0)

Online Comment Forms

No online comment forms were submitted for the Consent Calendar.

Public Comment Cards

No public comment cards were submitted for the Consent Calendar.

4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- 4.1 Diablo Water District Office Building DR 01-14 (Ken Strelo, Senior Planner)**

Senior Planner Ken Strelo presented the staff report, with amendments.

Councilmember Rios thanked and complimented the applicant, Mike Yeraka, General Manager for Diablo Water District, for including a drought resistant garden.

Mayor Pope requested the parking spaces not be less than 9 feet in width.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hardcastle and seconded by Councilmember Rios to approve Item 4.1 as amended. Motion was unanimous and so ordered. (5-0)

Mr. Yeraka thanked the City Council and commented it was a pleasure to work with City staff.

5.0 REGULAR CALENDAR-None

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 CITY MANAGER

City Manager Bryan Montgomery mentioned the City Council and City staff met earlier today to discuss the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. He invited everyone to attend the Community Strategic Plan meeting to be held Monday, March 10 at the Freedom High School Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30pm.

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 Rios announced she attended the Friends of Marsh Creek Delta Restoration Project. She mentioned the Walls that Heal exhibition, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., will be on display at the California State Capitol West Steps February 27-March 2.

Councilmember Romick announced he attended the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) meeting last Wednesday and he was elected Chair of the Contra Costa Transportation Committee for the next year. He commented that he is impressed with the work the CCTA is doing, including its completion of the Caldecott Tunnel, managing the \$1.4 billion Highway 4 widening project, and the Highway 4 to Highway 160 groundbreaking that will occur soon.

Councilmember Burgis thanked Councilmember Rios for attending the Friends of Marsh Creek Delta Restoration Project. She announced Contra Costa Flood Control will be working on their wetland restoration project on March 8 and she encouraged the public and the City Council to attend. She mentioned the next non-profit roundtable will be held March 19. She also announced she was elected to the Executive Committee of the League of California Cities East Bay Division which represents Contra Costa County and Alameda County cities. She also mentioned Science Week will begin April 5.

Vice Mayor Hardcastle mentioned he met with a group in Brentwood on February 18 to discuss an FM radio station in Oakley, possibly at Freedom High School, which should be on the air by August 2015.

Mayor Pope announced the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District meeting will be held Monday, March 3 at 6:30pm at City Hall and encouraged everyone to attend to hear what fire services may look like if more funding is not obtained. He mentioned he attended the Habitat Conservancy meeting last week at City Hall and he received

comments on how beautiful the new improvements in Oakley look. He also mentioned he will attend the Ironhouse Sanitary District meeting next Tuesday and Vice Mayor Hardcastle will attend the Mayors Conference next Thursday.

(b) Requests for Future Agendas

Councilmember Burgis requested staff research the possibility of placing a dog park in Oakley.

Councilmember Romick requested staff revisit beekeeping in Oakley.

7.0 WORK SESSIONS-None

7.1 Discussion Regarding Community Garden Efforts (Councilmember Burgis)

Councilmember Burgis invited the Oakley Community Garden Task Force to provide a presentation regarding a potential community garden to be located at what is known as the "Moura property", located on O'Hara Avenue just south of O'Hara Park Middle School.

Paul Seger led a Power Point presentation regarding the community garden on behalf of the Task Force, providing information on the Task Force's goal, mission, project goal, lease proposal, fiscal sponsor and resources, benefits to the community, water access and potential site ideas. Mr. Seger explained other site options were considered; however, the Moura property offered the best location for water access, it is close to schools and trails, and it does not present potential issues with water collection and toxins as basins do.

Online Comment Forms

Sonia Perez expressed support of the community garden.

Public Comment Cards

Paul Seger, Nancy D'Cruz, Shawn Horrocks, Johnny Devore, Liz Elias, John Sierra, Julie Vazquez and Kaitlin Abbruzzi expressed support of the community garden.

The City Council requested the Task Force continue to explore water access with the Oakley Unified Elementary School District.

The Task Force agreed that the community garden could be relocated if it should be decided another use was more suitable for the Moura property in the future.

The City Council expressed support for the Community Garden and requested staff return to the City Council with a two-year lease for consideration, pending formation of the Task Force's 501(c)(3) entity.

8.0 CLOSED SESSIONS-None

9.0 ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Libby Vreonis
City Clerk