

**Minutes of the Regular Joint Meeting of the Oakley City Council/
Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley
Redevelopment Agency/Oakley Public Financing Authority held
Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

1.0 OPENING MATTERS

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

**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/Oakley Public
Financing Authority**

Mayor Sue Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the Oakley City Council Chambers located at 3231 Main Street, Oakley, California. In addition to Mayor Sue Higgins, Vice Mayor Randy Pope, Councilmembers Doug Hardcastle, Claire Alaura and Kevin Romick were present.

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Jacob Wasso, Almond Grove Elementary
School Student**

Almond Grove Elementary Student Jacob Wasso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Council thanked him.

**1.3 Proclamation Recognizing Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa, Inc.
(Martha Carlson, Community Engagement Specialist)**

Mayor Higgins presented the proclamation on behalf of the City Council.

Meals on Wheels Community Engagement Specialist Martha Carlson and Paul Kraintz, Co-founder of Meals on Wheels, accepted the proclamation and thanked the City Council.

**1.4 Graduation Presentation for the 2017 Entrepreneur Training Class
(Dwayne Dalman, Economic Development Manager)**

Economic Development Director Dwayne Dalman presented the staff report and shared a video produced by the 2017 Entrepreneur Training Class. Mr. Dalman recognized the members of the Class with graduation certificates. He thanked Jeff Hall for leading the class.

Jeff Hall thanked Rob Young who could not attend the presentation for his work to create the video.

1.5 Update from Contra Costa Water District (Connstance Holdaway, Division 5 Director and Vice President, Board of Directors)

Contra Costa Water District Director/Vice President Connstance Holdaway shared information regarding where water comes from, the water supply today, water use efficiency, studies on the Los Vaqueros expansion project, the Canal replacement project, the Balfour Road interchange project and contact information for the District. She thanked City staff for its work on the sale of surplus property (Planchon property). She encouraged everyone to support more water storage and to continue water conservation efforts.

Mayor Higgins inquired why solar panels are not placed over canals.

Ms. Holdaway explained that the canal property is federally owned; the District just maintains it; therefore, that may be why the District has not pursued solar panels.

1.6 Update from Diablo Water District (Mike Yeraka, PE, General Manager)

Diablo Water District General Manager Mike Yeraka shared information regarding conservation efforts in Oakley, California rainfall records, Lake Shasta storage levels, the Delta Coves project, and updated online payment information. He mentioned the Governor declared an end to the drought for almost all counties; however, residents may still not water landscape within 48 hours of rainfall.

Mayor Higgins inquired how many smart meters are currently on houses in Oakley.

Mr. Yeraka estimated approximately 30-40% of the homes in Oakley currently have smart meters.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Cards

None.

Online Comment Forms

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency/Oakley Public Financing Authority

- 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 and Special Meeting of the Oakley Public Financing Authority held March 28, 2017 (Libby Vreonis, City Clerk)**

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- 3.2 Accept Report Out of Closed Session Memo (Derek Cole, City Attorney)**
- 3.3 Adopt a Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to DC Electric Group, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Traffic Signal Modernization Project-Capital Improvement Project Number 192 (Kevin Rohani, Director of Public Works/City Engineer)**
- 3.4 Adopt a Resolution Accepting Work Associated with Capital Improvement Project Number 183-Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Storm Drain Improvement Project (Kevin Rohani, Director of Public Works/City Engineer)**
- 3.5 Adopt a Resolution Approving Authorization of Payment for Equipment, Material, and Labor for the Construction of Downtown Parking Lot Project-Capital Improvement Project Number 165 (Kevin Rohani, Director of Public Works/City Engineer)**
- 3.6 Adopt a Resolution Approving the Temporary Use Agreement between the City of Oakley and Contract Sweeping Services for a Portion of Property Located at 5400 Neroly Road and 1033 Main Street (Kevin Rohani, Director of Public Works/City Engineer)**
- 3.7 Adopt a Resolution Accepting the Single Audit and Related Reports for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (Deborah Sultan, Finance Director)**
- 3.8 Approve an Amendment to the Minutes of the Regular Joint Meeting of the Oakley City Council/Oakley City Council Acting as the Successor Agency to the Oakley Redevelopment Agency/Oakley Public Financing Authority held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 (Libby Vreonis, City Clerk)**

Public Comment Cards

None.

Online Comment Forms

None.

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

4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

5.0 REGULAR CALENDAR

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5.1 Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Third Quarter Capital Improvement Project Update (Kevin Rohani, Director of Public Works/City Engineer)

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin Rohani presented the staff report. He provided information regarding the Downtown Improvement Project, Laurel Road Widening Project, Recreation Center, Signal Modernization Project and Storm Drain Improvement Project.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired about Laurel Road widening from Mellowood Drive to Main Street.

Mr. Rohani explained that funding for that project is being requested in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired if right-of-ways have been purchased for the Laurel Road Widening Project from Rose Avenue to Mellowood Drive.

Mr. Rohani confirmed that they have been purchased; however, staff is still working with some property owners west of Rose Avenue and there are some poles that still need to be relocated.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired if the widening projects will provide two lanes of traffic in each direction.

Mr. Rohani confirmed that two lanes of traffic will be provided in each direction.

Public Comment Cards

None.

Online Comment Forms

None.

No action was requested of the City Council on this item.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 CITY MANAGER

(a) City Manager

City Manager Bryan Montgomery announced Science Week is underway (April 10-15) and he thanked Recreation Manager Lindsey Bruno and Science Week partners for making it a great success. He shared that the City Council and City staff will hold its annual Strategic Planning meeting Tuesday, April 18 beginning at 4pm and the Oakley Recreation Buildings (ORB) located at 1250 O'Hara Avenue in Oakley. He mentioned architects for the proposed new Recreation Center have provided sketches of the new building and the design review will be presented at a future City Council meeting. He asked Recreation Manager Lindsey Bruno to share more information regarding the sketches.

Ms. Bruno explained that the design review will be held at a future City Council meeting; however, staff is sharing the sketches this evening to invite preliminary comments from the City Council. She shared that staff used Engage in Oakley to poll residents and used feedback from past rentals regarding amenities and found that residents want a large multi-purpose room with tables to accommodate approximately 200 people, a patio area with outdoor seating and a kitchen. She explained staff believes a room to accommodate 250 people would provide a more comfortable fit; therefore, a 4,200 square feet media room is being proposed with 17-28 foot ceilings and large glass windows (with circular patterns) and doors on the east and west sides of the building. She added that Recreation office would be moved to the building and the existing portables would remain on site during Phase I of the project to provide meeting rooms and classrooms until future phases of the project are constructed.

Mayor Higgins inquired if solar has been considered for the building.

Ms. Bruno responded that the architects are looking at solar to determine if it would be cost effective; however, solar is not included in the estimate staff provided to the City Council.

Councilmember Alaura inquired if the color of the building is set as shown in the sketches.

Ms. Bruno explained that it is not and color suggestions are welcomed.

Councilmember Alaura commented that the circular-shaped (bubble) window design appears juvenile and seems to lessen the sophistication of the design. She thanked Ms. Bruno for her work.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired if the ceiling height allows for an indoor basketball or volleyball court.

Ms. Bruno responded that the size of the building is not large enough to accommodate full size courts, but possibly tot age courts would work.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired of the purpose of the ceiling height.

Ms. Bruno explained the ceiling height gives the building presence from O'Hara Avenue and it provides a feel that the room is larger.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired if there would be a cost difference if the ceiling were lower.

Ms. Bruno responded she can obtain an estimate from the architects. She added the building as currently sketched is within budget.

Councilmember Hardcastle responded that there is nothing wrong with being under budget.

Vice Mayor Pope shared that he echoes the comment on the color, he likes the shape of the building; it may help with acoustics, and he shares the same concerns with bubble designs on the windows. He suggested a movable slatted shade or lower windows. He commented that overall he is happy with the project and believes it will attract people to Oakley as a unique feature. He thanked staff for doing a good job.

Councilmember Romick commented that he likes the height of the building; he wants the building to have presence and for people to know what it is. He suggested other colors be explored rather than olive and no bubble windows. He added that as much glass as possible should be used while keeping interior temperatures cool.

Mr. Montgomery inquired if the City Council has any color suggestions. He explained the idea behind the sample color in the sketches was to provide something different from the neighboring school to make the building stand apart (no red or brick color) and the sample color has been commonly used as a standard color for the City; it is similar to the color used throughout City Hall.

Mayor Higgins inquired if a section of the building will be dedicated to tots. She suggested the bubble windows might be used in that section.

Ms. Bruno responded that a dedicated area for tots would be provided in Phase II of the construction and bubble windows could be used in that area.

Councilmember Alaura suggested a lighter or brighter shade of green.

Mr. Montgomery suggested that the City Council can email staff any pictures of buildings that they have seen in which they like the color and staff will obtain color samples.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired if panels will exist inside the large room to partition sections of the room.

Ms. Bruno explained that a panel will exist to divide the room into a north section and a south section, each having their own separate entrances.

No action was requested of the City Council on this item.

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 Alaura reported she attended an Ironhouse Sanitary District meeting and its pheasant hunting program is on hold for now, it is taking steps to create an administrative citation program to help with violations, its recycled water program will continue to be offered to the public in the spring and summer and residents should be receiving a notice regarding the same, it continues to follow the Delta tunnels situation closely, and as part of Science Week, the District is hosting the "Extreme Delta-Delta Raptors" (owl and raptor) show Saturday, April 15, 10am-1pm. She also reported that she met with BART Director Joel Keller to discuss eBART and there is a study for a future station near the Mokelumne Trail which would be close for Oakley residents. She shared she attended the Community Clean Energy workshop and it had a good turnout and good questions were presented. She added that Marin Clean Energy was the only clean energy company to attend and she wished that East Bay Clean Energy would have also been available to attend. She also shared that she has attended three Science Week events which have been fun and she thanked staff for organizing the events.

Councilmember Romick reported he attended the community job and resource fair hosted by the Oakley Seniors along with other organization participants last Tuesday at the Oakley Recreation Buildings which met needs for seniors; therefore, the Oakley Seniors may offer this fair 1-2 times per year in the future.

Councilmember Hardcastle reported he attended the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District meeting last week where Interim Fire Chief Brian Helmick was sworn in to office and the District discussed Brentwood proceeding on its own regarding funding to keep open a 4th fire station. He shared a finance meeting will be held Monday to discuss the matter further.

Mayor Higgins reported she attended the East County Historical Society annual opening and Kathy Leighton was honored for her work in opening a building with local history. She also reported she attended the following: a meeting in Sacramento regarding SB 17 and AB 806, the East Contra Costa Mayors Conference with Public Works Director/City Engineer Kevin

Rohani, First Generation Farmers' "Take Back the Night" event at Hannah Nicole Vineyards, Safe Talk for certification for first responders for suicide prevention and a lunch with Congressman McNerney and his wife. She announced the next Oakley Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held Wednesday at 6pm at the Chamber office.

(b) Requests for Future Agendas

Mayor Higgins inquired if it would be less expensive to use Brentwood call center dispatch services rather than the County for dispatch services. She asked staff to research the matter and report back to the City Council.

7.0 WORK SESSIONS

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7.1 Empire Station at 3300 Neroly Road Preliminary General Plan Amendment (PA 02-17)-Work Session to Discuss the Concept of Amending the General Plan Land Use Designation of the Subject Site from Multi-Family Residential, High Density (MH) and Commercial (CO) to only MH (APN 053-071-007) (Ken Strelo, Senior Planner)

Senior Planner Ken Strelo presented the staff report.

Public Comment Cards

Paul Seger commented that the previous developer discussed creating a livable, walkable community with BART or a smart train coming through or near it. He mentioned it is food for thought and he hopes the City Council may touch on it during its discussion.

Online Comment Forms

None.

Applicant Scott Zengle with Lafferty Communities commented he is interested in the opportunity to develop the site and believes courtyard homes are a good fit for the site. He mentioned Lafferty has another project in Brentwood and the Oakley project is similar to the Bella Fiore project in Brentwood.

Councilmember Alaura inquired if Lafferty's project in Brentwood is similar to the project it has proposed in Oakley.

Mr. Zengle responded that Lafferty's project in Brentwood is called Amberfield and it is located on O'Hara Avenue; however, it is not similar to the proposed Oakley project; it has big lots and homes. He mentioned the Bella Fiore project in Brentwood is a good project to compare to the proposed Lafferty project in Oakley.

Vice Mayor Pope inquired about the old Neroly Road right-of-way.

Mr. Strelo explained the plan does incorporate the old Neroly Road right-of-way, but he is uncertain how it may be impacted by any future railroad crossing.

Mr. Zengle commented it is a piece of the parcel that may be used in the future.

Vice Mayor Pope commented that Neroly Road and Empire Avenue has been regarded as prime commercial and the parcel was previously approved with a commercial component for designation. He inquired why commercial is not being proposed now.

Mr. Zengle explained that the internal analysis doesn't provide a nexus to pursue commercial; residents can go just down the street to Brentwood and Antioch to commercial centers. He added it would be cool if a smart train stop could be added near the development.

Vice Mayor Pope inquired how the "hammerhead" lots will look and feel for residents.

Mr. Zengle indicated that density can be addressed during design review.

Vice Mayor Pope concurred regarding density in that it can be done well to have a quiet, welcoming and secluded feel. He mentioned he does not want crammed housing or "zipper" lots.

Mr. Zengle assured him Lafferty desires to create a nice neighborhood.

Vice Mayor Pope inquired if sidewalks would be present in the neighborhood.

Mr. Zengle explained sidewalks would be on one side of the street and parking would be on the other side as set forth in the plans approved for the previous developer.

Vice Mayor Pope commented he is okay with the project as long as it is done well and his concerns have been addressed. He mentioned the commercial area across the street still has vacancy; therefore, he is okay with the project not having a commercial designation.

Mayor Higgins inquired if visitor parking is incorporated in the conceptual plan.

Mr. Zengle responded that Lafferty would comply with Oakley's zoning code regarding the number of parking stalls required.

Mayor Higgins commented that homes with garages below and living space on top can help with parking issues.

Mr. Zengle explained that each home will have a two-car garage, but not street parking.

Councilmember Romick commented that he does not like the project. He explained that the parcel is the entrance to the Oakley community and it is not what he envisioned for that site. He expressed concern regarding high density housing at the City's entrance, train traffic (last year he heard oil and coal could eventually run along the train track near the site), parking and that residents would only be able to turn right out of the neighborhood onto Empire Avenue.

Vice Mayor Pope suggested CC&R's could address parking and the number of vehicles per residence.

Councilmember Hardcastle commented that a portion of the site should be designated for visitor parking and the concept is good.

Mayor Higgins inquired if the site is already approved for 47 townhouses.

Mr. Zengle explained that the density is almost identical to the previous developer's density.

Vice Mayor Pope inquired if the driveway onto Empire Avenue from the project site is in alignment with the driveway to Diamond Hills Sports Club and Spa.

Mr. Montgomery explained residents would have to go to Neroly to the traffic signal.

Vice Mayor Pope commented that it might be better to make a cul-de-sac neighborhood to allow for emergency access and perhaps an entrance monument could be placed at the park area facing Empire Avenue.

Mr. Montgomery explained that the General Plan requires a broad spectrum of housing options and this project would help Oakley meet its goals.

Councilmember Romick commented he does not like the houses so close to Empire Avenue. He explained that it creates the feel of a canyon when entering into the City as there will be a sound wall with some landscaping; he would prefer it to be more open.

Mayor Higgins inquired if a vote was required.

Mr. Strelow explained no vote is required of the City Council; direction is requested regarding if the Council approves the site going from commercial to non-commercial.

Mayor Higgins expressed she wants to keep the site commercial.

Councilmember Alaura commented she doesn't mind losing the commercial designation if it fulfills different types of housing needs for the City. She expressed with regard to design she would like to see more presence as coming into the City, more open and provide more parking.

Councilmember Hardcastle commented he doesn't mind losing the commercial designation if the applicant can work on parking and emergency vehicle access and make it a nice, clean project for the entrance to the City.

Vice Mayor Pope commented that if left with the current commercial designation, there could be vacant lots similar to those across from the project site on Empire Avenue. He suggested a lot could be reserved for a small market. He mentioned he likes the single-family home plan better than the townhouse plan.

7.2 Discussion Regarding East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Councilmember Romick shared that the City of Brentwood formed its own subcommittee to review Fire District services. He mentioned he was invited to attend two meetings with that subcommittee after two other Oakley Councilmembers were unable to attend. He indicated that at the first meeting persons in attendance included two Brentwood City Council members, Brentwood's City Manager, four members of the Finance Department, Supervisor Mitchoff, Supervisor Burgess, Oakley City Manager Bryan Montgomery and himself. He mentioned the topic of discussion was keeping the 4th fire station open; however, since the Fire District was not invited and there was no agenda or staff report, and the cost was undetermined, a second meeting was requested to invite the Fire District, to have an agenda, staff report and cost information. He explained he attended the second meeting in which the Fire District was present but no agenda or staff report was provided. He shared that the topic of discussion was the 4th station and 4% raises and a 20% reserve. Brentwood wanted Oakley and the County to make a decision that day regarding the 4th station and he and Supervisor Burgess both indicated that they would need to make a collective decision with the City Council and Board of Supervisors respectively; the earliest possible dates to consider the items are April 18 for the Board of Supervisors and April 18 for the Oakley City Council.

After the second subcommittee meeting, he mentioned Brentwood issued a staff report providing two options; the City of Brentwood, City of Oakley, County and Fire District would contribute funds to keep the 4th station open in Knightsen or Brentwood alone would fund the amount for the 4th station using Community Facilities District (CFD) funds and the 4th station would be relocated to Brentwood. He explained that moving the station to Brentwood was not a part of the previous discussions, but now given these options, Brentwood approved the latter option and as far as he knows, the Fire Board accepted it as well and the 4th station will be in Brentwood.

Fire District Board Member Meghan Bell explained in January, she and Chief Henderson met individually with each Mayor and City Manager to discuss the fate of the District as the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the agencies is set to expire in June 2017. She added it was explained at that time that if the MOU expires without funding, the Fire District would have to reduce to a three-station model and lay off 9 firefighters. She mentioned the Fire District was not included at the first Brentwood subcommittee meeting, but was included at the second meeting. She explained at the second meeting, Brentwood asked if the County and Oakley could continue the MOU or what they may be able to champion with their Board and Council respectively. She

added that Brentwood proposed two options to the Fire Board: continue the MOU for a three-year period if all parties participate, or Brentwood would bear the cost as the Fire District cannot fund the 4th station alone and the station would be moved to Brentwood.

Mayor Higgins asked for the amounts each agency would have to contribute.

Ms. Bell responded that for a three-year period, the fourth station would cost the Fire District \$4.2 million, Brentwood \$1.5 million, Oakley \$946,000 and the County \$600,000, totaling \$7.2 million. She explained that if any one agency chose not to participate, another would have to cover. She added that Brentwood's solution was to form an ad-hoc subcommittee. She shared that the Fire Board wants to do what is best for the community, take care of personnel and provide fire services. She indicated that just because the Fire Board selected the option to have Brentwood fund the 4th station and have the station relocated to Brentwood, it doesn't mean that Oakley or the County cannot come forward. She explained Brentwood requested that if it is the only partner with the Fire District, the station be relocated in Brentwood. She added that the District would still respond to Oakley and other areas; however, the response times would be decreased to Brentwood taxpayers who helped fund the CFD. She stated that no MOU has been signed yet.

Councilmember Romick mentioned the matter will be discussed as part of the City's Strategic Planning meeting on April 18.

Vice Mayor Pope shared that he found out about Brentwood's choice by reading about it in the newspaper. He explained that Brentwood is providing funds to the Fire District by using CFD funds which are taxes or fees collected for providing a service. He further explained that Oakley's CFD funds go directly to fire services; however, Brentwood has discretion to use their CFD funds toward police or fire services. He shared that Brentwood has \$1 million of unallocated CFD funds which he believes is more of an ethical question for Brentwood why they are withholding the funds and then dangling them like a carrot over the Fire District to open a station in Brentwood when the money should be going to the Fire District already. He commented he can see where the District won't refuse funds, but the problem is that Brentwood is now dictating the operations of the Fire Board; it should be the Fire Chief who decides where the 4th fire station is open. He expressed offense that Oakley or the County should feel guilty when Brentwood is stockholding the money. He shared that he is a proponent of the East County Voter's plan and he is not in favor of Assemblymember Frazier's plan to take money from the Parks District. He suggested Oakley create new CFD's with new growth and include language in the CFD that the CFD would sunset if a tax measure were passed to support fire services. He mentioned he believes a County-wide consolidation of the fire districts is the solution as a regional approach can provide needed resources.

Ms. Bell thanked Vice Mayor Pope for his comments and explained she is on the Fire Board; therefore, she cannot speak for the City of Brentwood; however, the Board was faced with a decision of closing the 4th fire station, having a 25% reduction in its service model, laying off nine personnel and seeing response time increase even further.

Vice Mayor Pope responded that he understands the firefighters need to support their families. He commented the Board needs to make decisions of operations, not the politics of the City. He inquired if the Shea lawsuit is moving in a positive direction as it could bring a new fire station to Oakley along with a new fire truck.

Mr. Montgomery confirmed it looks like things are moving toward an agreement with Shea.

Mr. Montgomery also commented that he believes the District's budget figures were misunderstood and the District has enough funds to keep the 4th fire station open for at least 6 more months.

Ms. Bell responded that she would be happy to bring the Finance committee forward to respond. She expressed that the figures were carefully reviewed and it is her understanding a 4th station is not possible to continue beyond June 30 without other agency(ies) participation. She added that it is the desire of the District to serve everyone in the community.

Councilmember Hardcastle inquired if Ms. Bell could confirm the figures before April 18.

Ms. Bell responded that she would provide the information before April 18.

Councilmember Alaura requested clarification regarding what was agreed to between the Fire District and the City of Brentwood.

Ms. Bell indicated a memorandum of understanding is being drafted for the 4th station to be located in Brentwood and funding to be provided by Brentwood, but nothing has been signed yet.

Councilmember Alaura inquired if anyone on the Board has asked to keep the 4th station open in Knightsen.

Ms. Bell responded that no one has asked for it to remain in Knightsen and the Board selected "Option B" (to have the 4th fire station located in Brentwood and the City of Brentwood would provide funding).

Councilmember Alaura inquired if the Board could still consider the Knightsen station. She explained that moving the station to Brentwood cuts off a lot of people from receiving timely service and it is something to consider if the goal is truly to serve the entire community. She commented that Brentwood should have to answer if they would withdraw funding if the 4th station is not located in Brentwood.

Ms. Bell responded she will take the information back to the Board.

Mayor Higgins inquired if a fire ad-hoc committee is needed in Oakley.

Vice Mayor Pope explained once we have the verified numbers, it can be decided on April 18.

Mayor Higgins commented that if funding is going to be a continuous issue, it should be reviewed.

Mr. Montgomery explained that the Fire District already serves this function and it can be helped, but it needs to come up with a plan, otherwise it will continue to be subsidized by the cities and county. He added that he thinks the verified numbers will show that action is not required before June 30.

Councilmember Romick commented he would like to see Councilmembers off the Board as it confuses the public who is making the decisions. He mentioned it needs to be clear that the District will have a plan; it is not the cities' or county's plan.

Ms. Bell explained that there is one councilmember from Oakley and one from Brentwood on the nine member Board; all other members are citizens.

Councilmember Hardcastle agreed and offered to provide his seat to a citizen.

Ms. Bell explained both District funding solutions failed and measures in Oakley and Brentwood failed; citizens want fire services but don't want to pay for it. She explained when Brentwood proposed a funding solution without additional taxation, it was a viable solution.

Councilmember Romick commented that Brentwood found the CFD funding after a failed measure.

Ms. Bell commented that some was grant money.

Councilmember Romick explained Oakley and Brentwood are imbalanced; therefore, it is unlikely that there would be equal contributions. He added that LAFCO wouldn't have allowed the City of Oakley to incorporate as a City because it couldn't afford to fund fire. He also mentioned that Oakley does not have a CFD fund budget like Brentwood has; support would have to come out of its General Fund budget; Brentwood doesn't have to make these types of decisions. He commented that a sub-committee is not needed and Brentwood has always leaned to having its own fire department; it currently has its own call center. He suggested it come back for discussion on April 18.

Vice Mayor Pope explained that the District provided a study of what is needed to service the District communities which is half of the equation and now the other half that needs to be determined is funding. He mentioned the District is moving to an elected board in November 2018 and the District has responsible representation to make those decisions. He thanked the District firefighters for their hard work and sacrifice as they receive 30-35% less pay than their neighboring firefighters.

Councilmembers Romick and Hardcastle commented "ditto" regarding their gratitude toward the District firefighters.

Public Comment Cards

None.

Online Comment Forms

None.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

Oakley City Council

**8.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

City of Oakley v. Shea Homes, a limited partnership
Contra Costa Superior Court Case No. MSC16-00439

**8.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

Michael Rasooly v. City of Oakley
Contra Costa Superior Court Case No. MSN16-1462

8.3 Report Out of Closed Session (Derek Cole, City Attorney)

No action was taken and direction was provided to staff.

9.0 ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Libby Vreonis
City Clerk