

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, April 7, 2009**

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Pierce in the Library Community Meeting Room, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Pierce, Vice Mayor Stratford, Councilmembers Geller, Medrano and Shuey. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, City Attorney Dan Adams, Police Chief Dan Lawrence, and City Clerk Laci Jackson.
  
2. **CLOSED SESSION-** None.
  
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Mayor Pierce.
  
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR-** It was moved by Councilmember Geller, seconded by Vice Mayor Stratford to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted (Passed; 5-0 vote).
  - (a) Approved the minutes of the special meeting of March 10, 2009 and the regular meeting of March 17, 2009.
  - (b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.
  - (c) Adopted Resolution 06-2009 establishing the City's 2009-2010 ERU Assessment Rate for Federal and State Mandated National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program (Storm Water Pollution Prevention).
  
5. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
  - (a) Mayor Pierce read the Proclamation declaring April 13-19, 2009 as "Clayton Community Library Week" and presented it to the Clayton Librarian Karen Hansen-Smith.
  - (b) Mayor Pierce read the Proclamation declaring April 24, 2009 as "Clayton Library Volunteers Appreciation Day" and presented it to Arlene Kikkawa-Nielsen Library Volunteer Coordinator and Joyce Atkinson, President of the Clayton Community Library Foundation.
  
6. **REPORTS**
  - (a) Planning Commission – Commissioner Bob Armstrong reported on the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Commission. The Commission approved a Site Plan Review and is looking forward to the joint meeting with the City Council on April 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Housing Element.
  - (b) Trails and Landscaping Committee –No meeting held to report.
  - (c) The City Manager reported April 25<sup>th</sup> is the Clayton Cleans Up sponsored by the *Clayton Pioneer* and invited all citizens to meet at City Hall at 9am to help clean up the City. He stated a joint meeting between the City Council and the Planning Commission had been scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> to launch the Housing Element Update. He concluded by stating

the CBCA Art and Wine Festival was quickly approaching and will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

(d) City Council

Vice Mayor Stratford volunteered for Junior Achievement Day at Mt. Diablo Elementary school and attended the Mayors' Conference in Walnut Creek. He attended a CERT Corps Council meeting and reminded citizens the next CERT class begins May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Geller volunteered for Junior Achievement Day, worked on the Shop Clayton First Program with the CBCA, met with the Easley Family regarding their 13 acre property, and attended the Mayors' Conference. He reported he held a telephone conference with the Contra Costa Water District to discuss their decision to require 15% cuts in water usage across the board. He stated for residents using more than 1,000 gallons per day the cost will be four times as much for the extra water.

Mayor Pierce reported she is working with the California Traffic Control Devices Committee and will have answers on how speed limits are set by April 21<sup>st</sup>. She volunteered at the Junior Achievement Day, attended an ABAG Regional Planning committee meeting, a Transportation Authority meeting, and the Mayors' Conference.

(e) Other – None.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**- None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Consider a request by the Clayton Police Officers Association (CPOA) for authorization to modify the City's patrol car scheme from predominantly white to the more universal black & white, and its offer of Association funds to pay for the conversion of the existing patrol fleet.

Rich McEachin, CPOA President, presented a report requesting a change in the color scheme of the Police vehicles from all white to black and white. He stated the style is referred to as the LAPD style (all four doors white) as compared to the CHP style (back two doors black). He stated most agencies were going back to the black and white vehicles because provides presence in the community. He stated the CPOA is willing to pay for the change and has set money aside for this project. He stated the CPOA voted in favor of the change and believed it would boost department morale.

Vice Mayor Stratford asked how much it would cost per car. Mr. McEachin stated between \$400-500 initially and about \$200 for new purchases as the replacement cars come from the manufactured already painted.

Councilmember Geller stated he liked the idea of being different than other agencies with our all white cars.

Councilmember Medrano stated he appreciated the CPOA's willingness to pay for the change supported approval of it.

Councilmember Shuey agreed with Councilmember Medrano and stated it was an easy decision because the CPOA would be paying for the change.

Vice Mayor Stratford stated he likes the white cars but since the CPOA was willing to pay for it he did not see a problem with the color change.

Councilmember Geller noted he was happy the CPOA was willing to pay for the color change and stated morale was important. Councilmember Geller then asked if the Police Chief liked the different color cars. Chief Lawrence responded that as a non-POA member, he supports the CPOA's request. He commented many studies had been done which indicate people automatically slow down and are more conscious when they see a black and white car as opposed to an all white car. He stated it is a force multiplier of visibility in town, and since the POA is willing to pay for it he supports it.

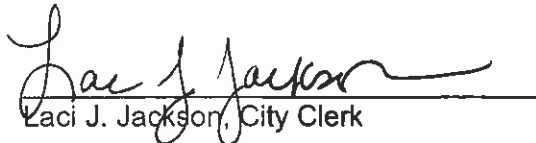
Mayor Pierce stated she likes the white cars and always has because she believes they are community friendly, but knows when to pick her battles.

**It was moved by Councilmember Shuey, seconded by Vice Mayor Stratford to approve the modification of the City's patrol car scheme from predominantly white to the more universal black and white, and accept the offer of the Clayton Police Officers Association to pay for the conversion of the existing patrol fleet (Passed; 5-0 vote).**

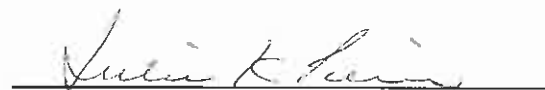
10. **COUNCIL ITEMS** – None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**– On call by Mayor Pierce the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Laci J. Jackson, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL

  
Julie K. Pierce, Mayor