

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

TUESDAY, June 16, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by Mayor Pierce in Hoyer Hall of the Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Pierce, Vice Mayor Stratford, Councilmembers Geller, Medrano, and Shuey. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, Community Development Director David Woltering, and City Clerk Laci Jackson.

2. INTERVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS

The following eight applicants were interviewed for two appointed positions (term of office ends 30 June 2011): Gregory Manning, Robert Staehle, Ted Meriam, Daniel Richardson, Janise Trezise, Joseph Odrzywolski Jr., Eric Mourelatos, and Rich Purdue.

6:36 p.m. the Council recessed until 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Council re-convened with all present. Additional staff members present: City Attorney Dan Adams and Finance Manager Merry Pelletier.

3. CLOSED SESSION- None.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Mayor Pierce.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR- It was moved by Councilmember Shuey, seconded by Vice Mayor Stratford to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted (Passed; 5-0 vote).

- (a) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2009.
- (b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.
- (c) Adopted Resolution 15-2009 approving grant deed with the Contra Costa Water District for an existing pump station and water reservoir on City-owned open space (Blue Oak Reservoir).
- (d) Approved and accepted the completion of the Audio-Visual Equipment Renovation Project in the Council Chambers.
- (e) Adopted Resolution 16-2009 approving 1-Year Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Clayton Police Officers Association (CPOA) concerning terms and conditions of employment in Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
- (f) Adopted Resolution 17-2009 approving 1-Year Addendum to the Agreement with the Undesignated Miscellaneous City Employees Unit concerning terms and conditions of employment in Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

6. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- (a) Mayor Pierce presented Certificates of Recognition to the "Volunteers of the Year" of the Clayton Community Library: Cathy Kuo; David, John and Janet Larwood and Mayor Pierce thanked them for their dedication and volunteerism to the Library.

7. REPORTS

- (a) Planning Commission – Commissioner Sandy Johnson reported on the June 9th Planning Commission meeting. The Commission reviewed the 2009-2014 Housing Element Update and moved it forward to the City Council. She reminded citizens to turn in their 4th of July Parade entry applications by June 22nd.
- (b) Trails and Landscaping Committee – Councilmember Stratford reported on the Committee's June meeting. The committee approved the City's Drought Management Plan, the Landscape District Budget, and decided committee articles in the Clayton Pioneer would be done on a quarterly basis.
- (c) The City Manager reported City staff continued searching for and testing wells in the Downtown area and near the Library and may be able to irrigate much of the Downtown and The Grove landscape through well water. Mayor Pierce asked if the water truck was still being looked into? The City Manager responded the Maintenance Department was still looking into water trucks for irrigation purposes.
- (d) City Council

Councilmember Geller stated the Concert in The Grove featured the Mamaluke band and had over 1,500 people in attendance. He stated he had worked with the Maintenance Department in their well water search and was excited to see the City proactively looking at ways to solve the water shortage problems, both now and long-term.

Councilmember Shuey attended the Concert in The Grove.

Vice Mayor Stratford attended the Clayton Valley Arts Academy Senior Project night and the Budget Sub-committee meeting. He thanked the Finance Manager for her detailed financial work and reports.

Mayor Pierce attended the ABAG Regional Planning Committee meeting, the Mayors' Conference, and the Budget Sub-committee meeting. She reminded citizens the July 4th Parade still needed volunteers and donations.

- (e) Other – None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS- None.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- (a) Public Meeting on the proposed levy of annual assessments on real property in the Street Lighting Assessment District (residential street lights) for FY 2009-2010, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code 18070 and Government Code 54954.6.

The City Engineer presented the staff report and indicated the annual Street Lighting Assessment would not be increased. No public comments were received regarding the levy of assessments for the District. Mayor Pierce noted the actual City cost to provide residential street lights has now risen to \$47.38 per year per single-family parcel and the voter-approved assessment is held at \$43.54.

No action was taken.

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Presentation and consideration of the recommended City of Clayton Budget for Fiscal Year 2009–2010 and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2009-2014.

City Manager presented the \$14.3 million total Budget and indicated the City is faced with financial constraints because the City is at the bottom of the totem pole when it comes to State takeaways and other government provided contract service costs. He stated the General Fund revenues are predicted to come in lower than previous years, and stated putting the Budget together was extremely difficult due to pass-through costs increasing by Contra Costa County and the City of Concord. He stated the rising expenses were a challenge with declining revenues of 9.2%.

He stated on the Consent Calendar the Council had approved agreements with the employee bargaining groups which resulted in a 4.3% pay cut and no merit increases for the next fiscal year.

The City Manager then stated the State of California was discussing taking local transportation funds (gas tax), which would eliminate money from the Budget for its annual neighborhood street rehab project. He then outlined the Landscape District budget, Street Light Fund, and the CIP Budgets.

The Council thanked the City Manager and Finance Manager for their hard work on the Budget and the employees for being part of a team effort to balance the budget.

No public comments were offered on the proposed City Budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Shuey, seconded by Vice Mayor Stratford to instruct the City Manager to prepare the Budgets for Public Hearing and adoption at the June 30th City Council special meeting (Passed; 5-0 vote).

- (b) City Council discussion and determination of appointments to two (2) vacancies on the Planning Commission and setting terms of appointed office from 01 July 2009 through 30 June 2011.

The Council thanked all of the candidates for their civic participation and willingness to serve. The Council then discussed the interviews and consensus was reached on the top two applicants.

It was moved by Councilmember Geller, seconded by Councilmember Medrano to adopt Resolution 18-2009 appointing Ted Meriam and Dan Richardson to the Clayton Planning Commission (Passed; 5-0 vote).

- (c) City Council discussion of holding regularly scheduled Council meetings in July, August and/or September 2009 relative to quorum availability and summer vacation plans.

Members of the City Council discussed its summer plans and City business meeting required.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Stratford, to cancel its July 7, 2009 and August 18, 2009 regular meetings unless the City Manager determines an item of urgent business must be addressed on either date (Passed; 5-0 vote).

11. **COUNCIL ITEMS**- None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**- On call by Mayor Pierce the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laci J. Jackson, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



Julie K. Pierce, Mayor