



CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY MINUTES

August 27, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call found the following members present: Mendoza, Meyer, Pierson, Oerlemans, and Mayor Bryant.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant opened Public Comments.

The City Council received written public comments from Mrs. Walker and an anonymous writer regarding concerns related to labor negotiations and employee morale; and a written public comment from Fiza Gulrez regarding the use of livestock for weed abatement in Deer Ridge.

Masood Hashim provided comments regarding damage created by the cattle used for weed abatement and concern for Heritage High School and Adams Middle School students who cannot walk through the former Deer Ridge golf course.

Melissa van Ruiten provided comments regarding public safety as it relates to drivers running red lights.

Jim Howard, Jaylene Walker, Rebecca Mares, Diva, Abel Ordaz, Violet, and Cynthia Hurtado provided comments expressing concerns of employee moral as a result of the status of labor negotiations, mandatory trainings, and Council-directed spending.

Clifton Fagerquist, Yildez, Nabela Khair, Greg Chapman, Paula Chapman, and Yalda Khaliki provided comments regarding the negative consequences of utilizing cattle for the purpose of weed abatement.

Danny Dohrmann provided comments encouraging residents of Deer Ridge to submit complaints to the city regarding their concerns and provided comments regarding concerns related to Community Development staff.

Paul provided comments regarding DEI in the workforce, Covid-19 vaccination statistics, and the importance of having emergency survival kit supplies in the event of a widespread utility outage.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Bryant closed Public Comments.

D. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, LIAISONS, AND STAFF

Council Member Oerlemans thanked everyone for their attendance and for their public comments; reported on attendance at the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for Balanced Wellness and Beauty, Commander Bill Weber's memorial service, the Farmer's Market, a retirement gathering for Traffic Engineer Steve Kersevan, the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce mixer at Vibe Beauty & Boutique; and watched the Planning Commission meeting.

Vice Mayor Meyer thanked everyone who came and spoke; reported on attendance at a virtual Community Day of Service Planning Committee meeting; and watched the Land Use and Development Committee and the Planning Commission meetings.

Council Member Mendoza thanked everyone for their comments; and reported on attendance at a League of California Cities Latino Caucus board meeting, Land Use and Economic Development (LUD) meeting, and Commander Bill Weber's memorial service.

Council Member Pierson reported on attendance at Commander Bill Weber's memorial service and read a statement addressing the limitations on what can be discussed by Council Members at the dais as it relates to labor negotiations and expressed appreciation of staff.

Mayor Bryant reported on attendance at Commander Bill Weber's memorial service and a meeting with the Tri Delta directors.

Bruce Mulder, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on a recent meeting with residents regarding the Summerset wall.

Tim Ogden, City Manager, provided an update regarding the development of the new fire station.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bryant pulled item E.3 to be considered separately from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member

Seconded by: Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor

Adopted the Consent Calendar as recommended by staff, excluding item E.3.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

- E.1 Minutes of the Special City Council meeting of August 13, 2024
- E.2 Minutes of the City Council/Successor Agency/BIFA meeting of August 13, 2024
- E.3 A Proclamation proclaiming September 2024 as National Senior Center Month

Mayor Bryant presented the proclamation to representatives of the Senior Center and Senior Club Board.

Moved by: Joel Bryant, Mayor

Seconded by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

- E.4 A Proclamation Proclaiming September 2024, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- E.5 A Proclamation proclaiming September 8th - 14th, 2024, as National Suicide Prevention Week
- E.6 Notice of Completion for Perfection Painting Corp. for the Civic Center Painting project

Adopted Resolution 2024-93 accepting the work performed by Perfection Painting Corp. ("PPC") for the Civic Center Painting project ("Project"); and requesting the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

- E.7 Setting the General Obligation Bond Tax Rate of .0046% for the 2024/25 tax roll

Adopted Resolution 2024-94 adopting the General Obligation Bond Tax Rate of .0046% for the 2024/25 property tax roll and requesting submittal to Contra Costa County.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1 An application for the Bridle Gate project, including a Revised Environmental Impact Report, Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, and Design Review

Alexis Morris, Director of Community Development, introduced consultants from Raney Planning and Management, Kimley Horn, and Ballard Noise Consultants.

Mayor Bryant opened the public hearing.

Doug Chan spoke on behalf of the applicant.

The City Council received written public comment in support of upholding the Planning Commission's denial of the Bridle Gate project from Dipernra Rai, Discovery Builders, Nicole Xavier, and Robert Juracich.

The City Council received written public comment in support of overturning the Planning Commission's denial of the Bridle Gate project from Patterson O'Neill and YIMBY Law.

Ken Ervin, Danny Dohrmann, Melissa van Ruiten, Sue Harper, Laura Avila, Sandra Myers, Antonio Xavier, Ian Cohen, Sinziana Todor, Carolyn, Carolina Villaseca, and Marisol Valles spoke in support of upholding the Planning Commission's denial of the project as presented.

Brayden Haena spoke in support of overturning the Planning Commission's denial of the project.

It was moved/seconded by Meyer/Pierson to closed public hearing and the motion carried unanimously.

Following the vote, City Council recessed at 9:39 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 9:52 p.m.

Moved by: Jovita Mendoza, Council Member

Seconded by: Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor

The City Council, by motion, denied the appeal, upholding the Planning Commission's action to deny the project and provided direction to staff to bring the item back for Council consideration.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

G.1 Presentation of an Inclusive and Adaptive Recreation Update and direction from City Council

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Manager, and Lindsey Pinell, Recreation Supervisor presented the item.

Mayor Bryant opened the public comment period.

Joey Oso and Lynda Green, Be Exceptional, expressed a desire to continue providing services to the City of Brentwood and partnering with the City in Inclusive and Adaptive Recreation.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Bryant closed the public comment period.

Moved by: Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor

Seconded by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member

Accepted the Inclusive and Adaptive Recreation Update report and provided direction to staff to bring back Option 2 as recommended by the Age and Disabilities Friendly Communities Committee, during the mid-year budget process.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

G.2 Sale of Successor Agency-Owned Property Located on the Southeast Corner of Oak St. and Walnut Blvd.

Darin Gale, Assistant City Manager presented the item.

Mayor Bryant opened the public comment period.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bryant closed the public comment period.

Moved by: Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor

Seconded by: Tony Oerlemans, Council Member

Adopted Successor Agency Resolution 2024-05-SA approving and authorizing the Executive Director, or designee, in coordination with the General Counsel, to execute an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of real property with Hagar Realty, or related entity in substantial conformance with the attached agreement, for Successor Agency-owned property located on the southeast corner of Oak Street and Walnut Boulevard (APN 013-232-006), and authorizing execution of other documents as necessary to complete the transaction.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

- G.3 Temporary pickleball courts overlay on the basketball court at Pioneer Park

Bruce Mulder, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the item.

Mayor Bryant opened the public comment period.

Melissa van Ruiten provided comments in support of temporary courts as long as the basketball courts are still usable.

There being no one else wishing to speak on the item, Mayor Bryant closed the public comment period.

Moved by: Jovita Mendoza, Council Member

Seconded by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member

The City Council, by motion, approved a recommendation by the Park and Recreation Commission to have staff proceed with striping the two pickleball courts and other improvements for a pilot pickleball program.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

- G.4 Review of City Council and Commission process for public comments to reduce hate speech and the use of virtual platforms for public comments; and consider drafting a statement of values

Moved by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member

Seconded by: Jovita Mendoza, Council Member

The City Council, by motion, continued the consideration of the item to the next available City Council meeting.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

H. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NEW REQUEST(S)

There were no new requests made for future agenda items.

I. REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

- I.1 A Request from Council Member Mendoza for the preparation of a memo on the status of improvements to a wall located in Summerset

Moved by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member
Seconded by: Jovita Mendoza, Council Member

The City Council, by motion, continued the consideration of the item to the next available City Council meeting.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

- I.2 A Request from Council Member Mendoza requesting staff hold a townhall related to permitting and business license processes

Moved by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member
Seconded by: Jovita Mendoza, Council Member

The City Council, by motion, continued the consideration of the item to the next available City Council meeting.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

- I.3 A Request from Council Member Pierson requesting staff prepare information related to the trail between American Avenue and Mountain View Drive

Moved by: Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member
Seconded by: Jovita Mendoza, Council Member

The City Council, by motion, continued the consideration of the item to the next available City Council meeting.

Ayes (5): Jovita Mendoza, Council Member, Susannah Meyer, Vice Mayor, Pa'tanisha Pierson, Council Member, Tony Oerlemans, Council Member, and Joel Bryant, Mayor

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

J. PRESENTATIONS

J.1 Recognition of City Clerk, Margaret Wimberly, upon the occasion of her retirement

Mayor Bryant and the City Council members presented Margaret Wimberly, City Clerk, with a key to the City and a plaque recognizing her 23 years of service to the City of Brentwood.

Mayor Bryant opened public comment.

Brayden Haena, Stacey Dempsey, Cyd Debray, Greg Robinson, Danny Dohrmann, Carolina Villaseca, and Ian Cohen provided comments of appreciation for Margaret's dedicated service to the City of Brentwood and expressed how how greatly she will be missed.

Mayor Bryant closed public comment.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved/seconded by Pierson/Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m. in honor of Margaret Wimberly's 23 years of dedicated service to the City of Brentwood and the motion carried unanimously.