



**CITY OF FAIRFIELD
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CONCURRENT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021; 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call were Councilmembers Pam Bertani, Catherine Moy, Doriss Panduro, Chuck Timm, and Scott Tonnesen; Vice Mayor Rick Vaccaro, and Mayor Price.

INVOCATION

Worship Pastor Jeff Hood of First Baptist Church gave a silent invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Moy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bertani thanked Mayor Price for inviting her to attend the State of the Base at Travis Air Force Base on February 5. She stated it was an honor to attend and she reported that one of her priorities is to see that military spouses can work in Solano County through licensure reciprocity, while their spouses are deployed at Travis. Lastly, she thanked Chief of Police Deanna Cantrell and professional medical staff at NorthBay Hospital for the excellent emergency care provided to her son over the past weekend.

Councilmember Moy reported according to a Daily Republic article, people are leaving Fairfield at a higher rate than other cities in Solano County; she stated that approximately 18,000 people moved out of Fairfield in the past year. She asked staff to do research to find out why this is happening, as she stated it was disheartening. Lastly, she asked Mayor Price to adjourn the meeting in memory of Tony Garcia, husband of City employee Kelly Garcia, who sadly died from COVID-19 on February 8.

Councilmember Panduro reported she and Councilmember Tonnesen have continued to meet staff and recently toured the North Bay Regional Water Treatment Plant (NBR) and were so impressed to learn about the very high quality of Fairfield water, one of the highest in California.

Councilmember Timm stated that there are many people moving out of Fairfield, but he is curious to know how many are moving to Fairfield. He thanked staff for its excellent presentations during the recent Council retreats.

Councilmember Tonnesen reiterated Councilmember Panduro's comments and stated that he has been duly impressed with the energy and engagement of City staff and looks forward to continuing meeting more staff and touring the City's facilities.

Vice Mayor Vaccaro reported that California school districts are starting to vaccinate teachers and he hoped to hear from Solano County in the next few days as to when its teachers will start receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

Mayor Price reported he visited Mr. Owen's 7th grade class at Holy Spirit School last week and he displayed a hand-drawn thank you note that included a sketch of each Councilmember. He thanked Mr. Owen for teaching his students about local government.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Stefan Chatwin stated he thought Travis Air Force Base members may have something to do with the high number of people moving out of Fairfield, but that he would request staff to research it. He reported that Homeless Services Division is working hard to meet with other groups in the community, so they can determine everyone's role and not duplicate efforts. He also reported that on March 8 another virtual Council workshop session would be held on homelessness and that it is open to the public. Lastly, he stated City Attorney Greg Stepanicich would retire at the end of the year.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Assistant City Attorney Daniel Lim had nothing to report.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Karen Rees reported that there was one seat open on the Budget Advisory Committee and the application process closes February 18, 2021 at 5 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Committee Chair George Kennedy presented the Budget Advisory Committee Report. He stated he would present the mid-term report in late April.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edward Russell, Jr. spoke about racism.

Convened meeting of the Successor Agency to the Fairfield Redevelopment Agency at 6:48 p.m.

Convened meeting of the Housing Authority at 6:50 p.m.

City Clerk Rees read the following statement: The holding of a joint meeting of the City Council and Housing Authority entitles the Councilmembers to receive additional compensation of \$35 for attending this joint meeting.

Reconvened meeting of the City Council at 6:50 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion unless a member of the Council or the public requests that separate action be taken on a specific item.

2. Resolution 2021-29 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Vacating a Portion of a No Access Easement to Lopes Road
3. Resolution 2021-30 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing a Task Order for Bennett Engineering Services, Inc., to Provide Engineering and Design Services Related for the Guardrail Upgrade/Replacement Project and Updating the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget
4. Resolution 2021-31 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield to Suspend Competitive Bidding, Authorize the City Manager to Purchase a Modular Living Unit from Design Space Modular PNW, Inc., and Update the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget; and

Resolution 2021-32 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield to Suspend Competitive Bidding and Authorize the City Manager to Purchase a Carport Structure from Calhoun Super Structure

Edward Russell, Jr. requested this item be removed from consent for discussion.

Councilmember Timm made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-31 and 2021-32. Councilmember Moy seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2021-33 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing Execution of the Landscape Improvement Agreement for the Villages at Fairfield – Village II – Lot 1 Subdivision

Councilmember Panduro made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, excluding item 4 which was separately approved. Councilmember Timm seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Director of Human Resources Farbod Pirouzmand recommended to Council that it

approve Resolution 2021-34 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending the Pay Schedule and Assigning a New Pay Grade to the Parks & Recreation Superintendent Position.

Councilmember Timm made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-34. Councilmember Panduro seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the vote passed with a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Bertani voting no.

7. Director of Finance Emily Combs recommended to Council that it approve Resolution 2021-35 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Updating the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget and Amending the Departmental Position Control List; and

Resolution 2021-36 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending the Listing of Classifications and Salaries

Councilmember Bertani made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-35 and 2021-36. Councilmember Moy seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

8. Assistant City Manager David Gassaway opened the Heart of Fairfield – Council Discussion and Direction on Hybrid Agreement for Event and Business Support Services with Fairfield Main Street Association.

The following individuals spoke on item 11: Connie Ng, Margaret Manzo, Robert LeVine, and Brian Tubis.

Councilmember Scott Tonnesen made a motion to terminate the contracts with Fairfield Main Street Association utilizing Option 3 in the staff report, which states, “City Council can direct staff to officially terminate funding to FMSA and undertake efforts to perform events and business support through alternative means.” Vice Mayor Vaccaro seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-1, with Councilmember Moy voting no.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Assistant City Manager David Gassaway recommended to Council that it open the public hearing; and approve Resolution 2021-37 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving a Location Agreement and Operations Covenant with Fairfield Automotive Partners, LLC Providing Sales Tax Sharing as Economic Development Incentive for a New BMW Dealership in the Fairfield Auto Mall and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Such Agreement.

Mayor Price opened the public hearing. There were no requests to speak. Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Tonnesen made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-37. Councilmember Moy seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 9:06 P.M. IN MEMORY OF TONY GARCIA, WHO DIED OF COVID-19 ON FEBRUARY 8, 2021, TO TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 6:00 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE.

City Clerk

Mayor