CITY OF FAIRFIELD FAIRFIELD
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CONCURRENT MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022; 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 WEBSTER STREET, FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

AMENDED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry T. Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Worship Pastor Karen Stetins of St. Mark's Lutheran Church gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Bertani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bertani remarked that it was nice to see a full chamber. She thanked Pastor Stetins for her assistance with the Juneteenth event. She reported that there would be a movie night on the county lawn in September and that more details would follow.

Councilmember Moy reported that she visited Park Ranger Teri Luchini in Rockville Hills Regional Park to survey the trees due to drought conditions. She stated that many trees are dying and that they have disease. She asked that hikers please stay on the trails and not wander off due to the very dry conditions. Next, she spoke about the grand jury report on homelessness and recommended that a forensic audit is done. She asked for the matter to be placed on a future agenda and Councilmember Bertani concurred.

Councilmember Timm remarked that the report indicated that Solano County would pay for a forensic audit, not the City of Fairfield. Interim City Manager David Gassaway stated that was correct. He also asked for the air conditioner to be turned up!

Councilmember Tonnesen reported that he and Councilmember Panduro were leaving City Hall at lunch time and saw smoke. There was a fire on Garfield Street, so they observed the Fire Department extinguishing the fire quickly. He thanked Fire Chief Matt Luckenbach and Deputy Chief Robb Herrick and staff for their efficient work. Next, he reported that lots of changes are happening downtown and that the City is trying to bring more businesses to the area. One change is that the stoplights have been removed and replaced with stop signs. He also reported that the tennis and pickleball courts resurfacing project is moving along nicely.

Councilmember Panduro reported she attended the summer concert in Dover Park on July 15 and that it was great to see so many families enjoying the park and music. She thanked Jeff Trager for his efforts in recruiting live bands to perform in Fairfield during the Summer Concert Series. Next, she reported that she, and Councilmembers Timm and Tonnesen met with the CEO and CFO of Food 4 Less, who will be moving into the space vacated by FoodMaxx on North Texas Street. She stated that Food 4 Less plans to do $8 million in tenant improvements and will hire many new employees in 2023.

Mayor Price reported that American Legion baseball is back in Fairfield at Laurel Creek Park representing N. California baseball. Lastly, he reported that he and other councilmembers would attend the change of command ceremony at Travis Air Force Base next week. He thanked Colonel Corey Simmons for his past two-year command.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager David Gassaway reported that the City of Fairfield is updating the Enterprise Resource Program (ERP) for financial systems and backing. Staff has been working on the ERP for two years and it was finally released July 1. He stated that it brings the City into the 21st century in terms of streamlining workflow and processes. He thanked the Finance and IT staff, who have worked tirelessly on this project, especially in the last few months and over July 4 weekend. Next, he introduced new Finance Director John Furtado and welcomed him to the City of Fairfield. He stated there were no changes to the agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Assistant Attorney Lori Liu stated she had nothing to report from closed session.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Karen Rees stated the filing process for those running for Mayor or City Council opened July 18. She stated there were three Council seats open (Districts 1, 3 & 5) and the Mayoral seat. The filing period will close on August 12, 2022, (unless an incumbent does not run – then candidates are given five extra days – August 17, 2022).

PRESENTATIONS

1. Director of Parks & Recreation Kristina Chamberlin and Program Coordinator for Special Events Andrea Azurdia presented the 4th of July Parade Awards.

2. Esther Beavers of the City Manager's Office presented the Fairfield 101 Civic Academy Graduation certificates to employee participants.

3. MCE Program Implementation follow-up presented by Community Development Manager Sebastian Conn of MCE. Public Works Management Analyst Corey Beavers also spoke.

Councilmember Bertani had questions regarding billing and opting out of MCE that she said were raised by her constituents. Mr. Conn and Mr. Beavers stated they would look into the issue and respond as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Trager spoke about upcoming events at the Downtown Theatre and thanked Councilmember Panduro for attending the Zebop concert in Dover Park.

John Eckstrom spoke about Shelter Solano and provided a "Report Card" to Council.

George Kennedy spoke about pickleball courts at Allan Witt Park.
June Johnsen thanked Public Works' staff for providing trash cans in Rolling Hills Park.

Convened meeting of the Paradise Valley Maintenance and Monitoring District at 7:14 p.m.

Reconvened meeting of the City Council at 7:23 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Minute Action Approving the Response to the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report Entitled "Solano County is Not Prepared for Future Emergencies"

7. Minute Action Approving Response to the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report Entitled "An Operational Review of Solano County Library Services (SCLS)"

8. Minute Action Approving Response to the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report Entitled "Effective Emergency Response Needs City and County Support"

9. Minute Action Approving the Reappointment to the Two-by-Two Homeless Subcommittee and the Formation of a Travis Unified School District Subcommittee

10. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March to June 2022

11. Resolution 2022-174 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Reconsidering and Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

12. Resolution 2022-175 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Communications Facility Ground Lease Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and DISH Wireless LLC for a New Cellular Site Located at 4921 Vanden Road, More Commonly Known as APN 0166-102- 100

13. Resolution 2022-176 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Replacement Purchase of Computer Server Hardware from Dell Marketing LP

14. Resolution 2022-177 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Setting a Hearing for August 16, 2022, Re: Appeal of Revocation of Business License #21001161 for Auto Service and Towing Pursuant to Chapter 10 of the Fairfield Municipal Code

Councilmember Bertani asked that Item 15 be pulled for discussion.

15. Resolutions 2022-178 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Consultant Services Agreement with NBS Government Finance Group for Assessment Engineering Services for Six Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts; and

Resolution 2022-179 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with NBS Government Finance Group for Special District Community Engagement Services

Rick Johnson spoke on Item 15.

Councilmember Timm made a motion to approve Resolutions 2022-178 and 2022-179. Councilmember Moy seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilmember Bertani voting no.

16. Resolution 2022-180 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Three Replacement Vehicles for Fixed-Route Transit Operations

17. Resolution 2022-181 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Declaring the Implementation of Stage II Drought Measures of the City of Fairfield Water Shortage Contingency Plan as Required by the State Water Resources Control Board

Councilmember Moy made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, excluding Item 15. Councilmember Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

18. Public Works Management Analyst Chris Lewis recommended to Council that it open the public hearing; and approve Resolutions 2022-182 to 2022-197 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Engineer's Reports, Confirming the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Diagrams and Assessments, and Ordering the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Improvements for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts No. 1 – Gateway, No. 3 – Waterman Highlands, No. 5 – Smith Ranch, No. 6 – Peppertree, No. 7 – Rolling Hills, No. 8 – Kolob Estates, No. 10 – Southbrook, No. 11 – Paradise Valley North, No. 12 – Downtown Business District, No. 13 – North Cordelia, No. 14 – Woodlake, No. 15 – Gold Ridge, No. 16 – Creekside at Cordelia, No. 17 – Chadbourne-Beck-Cordelia, No. 18 – Gold Ridge Park, and No. 19 – Corporate Commons.

Mayor Price opened the public hearing.

Barbara Pascone, June Johnsen, Les Johnsen, David Renaud, David Thacker, Roxanne Bradley, Rick Johnson, and Shekhar Misra spoke specifically on Resolution 2022-186 regarding LLMD No. 7, Rolling Hills.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

City Attorney David Lim called into the meeting and advised Council, due to a threat of potential litigation from a speaker, that it would be prudent to meet in closed session with legal advisers before moving forward, and he advised that expert Attorney Robin Harris, who specializes in assessments and special districts, be included in the closed session.

After further discussion, Councilmember Timm made a motion to continue the entire public hearing of Item 18 at a later date. Councilmember Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 8:28 P.M. TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBER.