CITY OF FAIRFIELD
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022; 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 WEBSTER STREET, FAIRFIELD,
CA 94533 OR VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Rick Vaccaro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call were Councilmembers Pam Bertani, Doriss Panduro, Chuck Timm, Scott Tonnesen, Vice Mayor Vaccaro, and Mayor-Elect Cat Moy.

INVOCATION

Worship Pastor Jeff Hood of First Baptist Church gave an invocation. He prayed for the family of Mayor Harry T. Price, who passed away unexpectedly on December 16, 2022.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Timm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. "Infinite Gratitude" Poem was presented by Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce.

2. Proclamation thanking Chuck Timm for his many years of service to Fairfield, both as a policeman and a councilmember, presented by Councilmember Bertani.

3. Proclamation thanking Harry Price for his service to Fairfield presented by Vice Mayor Rick Vaccaro to the late mayor's daughter, Pam Winaker, and family.

Sr. District Representative Lois Cross of U.S. Congressman John Garamendi's Office presented a proclamation honoring Mayor Price, and she presented a proclamation recognizing Chuck Timm.

Police Chief Dan Marshall presented a special plaque honoring Mayor Price and a plaque to Chuck Timm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Harry T. Price had four days left of his mayoral term. Each councilmember and the city clerk shared their memories of him and expressed their deep sadness at his passing.

Councilmember Bertani introduced her daughter, Tyler Bertani, who sang the Lord's Prayer beautifully in memory of Mayor Price.

City Attorney David Lim stated that in the closed session, Interim City Manager David Gassaway's contract as City Manager, was discussed and approved for consideration by the Council and listed as Item #5 on the agenda . He offered his condolences to the family of Mayor Price and said that Mayor Price had welcomed him with open arms when he started with the City of Fairfield. He stated that the

city had lost a true leader.

Interim City Manager David Gassaway also shared his deepest condolences. He stated that Harry was a true servant leader, one who gives freely of himself in service of others and enjoys helping people to succeed. He said he was a remarkable man and was so happy he got to know him.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Resolution 2022-337 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield declaring the Results of Votes Cast and Candidates Elected at the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election.

Councilmember Timm made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

5. City Attorney David Lim recommended approving Resolution 2022-338 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the City Manager Employment Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and David Gassaway and Amending the Salary Schedule.

Councilmember Timm made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-338. Councilmember Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Assemblymember Lori Wilson administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember K. Patrice Williams.

Joe Martinez administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Doug Carr.

Alonzo Allen administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Doriss Panduro.

Solano County Supervisor Erin Hannigan administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Catherine "Cat" Moy.

ADJOURNED FOR RECESS AT 7:00 P.M.

RECONVENED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AT 7:21 P.M.

ROLL CALL - NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

On roll call were Councilmembers Doug Carr, Doriss Panduro, Scott Tonnesen, Rick Vaccaro, and K. Patrice Williams, Vice Mayor Pam Bertani, and Mayor Cat Moy.

Selection of Vice-Mayor

Mayor Moy nominated Councilmember Bertani for Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor Vaccaro made a motion to appoint Councilmember Bertani as Vice Mayor. Councilmember Tonnesen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Williams stated it was a 20-year path to her becoming a councilmember. She shared that she attended law school not to become a lawyer but to govern well. She thanked her husband, Earl, and her family, friends, and constituents. She also thanked her mentor, Peggy Chohen-Thompson.

Councilmembers Tonnesen and Vaccaro congratulated the new councilmembers and said they looked forward to working with them.

Councilmember Panduro also congratulated her new colleagues and Mayor Moy. She thanked the Police Department (PD) for their "Santa Operation" and shared how fun it was to see the excited children in all the various neighborhoods. She also thanked PD for having a Spanish-speaking Santa, too.

Vice Mayor Bertani congratulated her new colleagues. She said, "It's a new day and a new time in Fairfield." She stated there was a lot of hard work to do and that Council was "the getting it done crew!"

Councilmember Carr thanked his constituents for their support. He said he looked forward to "rolling up our sleeves!"

Mayor Moy wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and invited the community to the 2nd Annual Menorah Lighting downtown on December 21. Next, she spoke about the fact that there was much work to be done and that she and the City Council would work tirelessly to get it done. She said she would like to hear from residents.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Gassaway congratulated the new councilmembers.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney David Lim had nothing to report. He congratulated the newly elected officials.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Karen Rees congratulated the newly elected officials. She shared that Mayor Price visited her in her office the day before he died and that he was a wonderful human being who would be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leo Callejas congratulated the elected officials and shared special memories of our late Mayor Price.

Anand Patel shared memories of the late Mayor Price. He thanked staff for a wonderful tree-lighting event in downtown Fairfield on December 2.

Jacob Francisco and the Fairfield Youth Commission members also shared memories of Mayor Price and congratulated the newly elected councilmembers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Resolution 2022-339 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

7. Resolution 2022-340 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 Equipment Shelter Located off of Poppy Hills Court, Fairfield, more Commonly Known as APN 0167-100-160

8. Resolution 2022-341 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and the Solano Economic Development Corporation

Councilmember Vaccaro made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Vice Mayor Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Senior Planner Jonathan Atkinson recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing; and approve Resolution 2022-342 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration (ER2021-039) for the Sunset Avenue Apartments Project Involving 130 Apartments on Approximately 8.71-Acres at the Southeast Corner of Sunset Avenue and East Tabor Avenue (APNs: 0037-030-200; 0037-030-210; 0037-060-480); Finding the Proposed Annexation (ANX2021-002) Of ±4.72-Acres Located on Sunset Avenue (APNs: 0037-060-480 and 0037- 060-490) is Consistent With the City's General Plan and Municipal Service Review; and Requesting the Solano Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to Initiate Proceedings for the Reorganization of Territory; and

First Reading and Ordinance 2022-17 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending Chapter 25, Article I, Section 25.12.3 of the Fairfield City Code, also Known as the Zoning Map, Rezoning One Parcel (APN: 0037-060-480) on Sunset Avenue from Residential, Low Medium Density (RLM) District to Residential, Medium Density (RM) District.

Mayor Moy opened the public hearing. Bryan Lynch and Brent Little spoke on Item 9. The Council asked questions to both speakers, and then Mayor Moy closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Bertani made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-342. Councilmember Panduro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Vice Mayor Bertani made a motion to waive full reading, read by title only, and introduce Ordinance 2022-17 for the first reading. Councilmember Vaccaro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M. TO TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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City Clerk

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Mayor