CITY OF FAIRFIELD
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023; 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 WEBSTER STREET,
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533 OR VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Catherine "Cat" Moy called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Reverend Clarence Coleman of Bethel Community Church gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Carr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Williams reported that she spoke with the Director of Economic Development (ED) of Vacaville, Don Burrus, in preparation for her meeting with Fairfield's ED staff and that he provided her with valuable information: 1) look at Fairfield's economy in a regional context; 2) it's important to spend time on the marketing budget (tradeshows and conferences); and 3) identify the strongest industries in Fairfield.

Councilmember Tonnesen thanked Public Works staff, CalTrans, and California Highway Patrol for the major four-day cleanup of debris, trash, and old appliances under a freeway bridge in Cordelia. He stated it was a well-coordinated effort by all involved.

Councilmember Vaccaro reported that he and Councilmember Panduro attended the 2 x 2 Regional Homeless Committee meeting on January 19 and that the Committee chose a vice chair. They continue to add members and work on homeless issues. He shared that the next meeting is on February 23, and all meetings are open to the public. Next, he reported attending a successful Fairfield Community Services Foundation fundraiser, "Chocolate & Vine."

Councilmember Panduro reported that the N. Texas Street Business Watch meeting was held last week, and the Community Action Team (CAT) and the Homeless Intervention Team (HIT) were there to answer business owners' questions. She shared that it was a very productive meeting and would be held quarterly. Next, she stated she attended a Bay Adapt Joint Platform meeting on how the Bay Area can adapt faster, better, and more equitably to rising sea levels. She was asked to join the task force by a county supervisor. Lastly, she attended a civic leaders' breakfast at Travis Air Force Base, where she and others received updates about the base.

Councilmember Carr reported a busy first month attending the New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy in Sacramento. He earned credits for attending an Ethics Course. He stated that the Council Retreat held on February 3 and 4 was informative, but he wished that more people from the public would have attended. He shared that he had started touring City facilities as a new councilmember and attended his first Fairfield Suisun Sewer District meeting. He asked that people pray for the people of Turkey and Syria due to the devastating earthquake that killed thousands.

Vice Mayor Bertani requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mayrene Bates, who died on January 6. Mrs. Bates served as a school librarian, teacher, assistant principal, principal, and trustee in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. She made a major impact on her students. Next, she invited the community to a candle memorial at the Civic Center Pond on February 10. She reported that the Fairfield Clergy Action Network (CAN) and the Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce would host a Black History Festival on February 25 at 2 p.m. at Bethel Community Church, with music, and food trucks, celebrating diversity.

Mayor Moy reported that she and Council planned goals and objectives for 2023 at the recent Council Retreat. She stated that homelessness is the number one issue. She attended her first meeting of the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA), as the mayor of each city sits on the board of directors. She reported that Fairfield receives its water from Lake Berryessa from a series of canals built in 1952 and that SCWA is looking for ways to improve processes. Next, she reported she attended a Solano Transportation Authority meeting, and Vanden Road was the topic of discussion, as many improvements are needed. She stated that she and the Vacaville mayor and county supervisor are working on it. Lastly, she reported that she and City Manager Gassaway visited Travis Air Force Base (TAFB) for an immersion tour for new mayors.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Gassaway reported that in the past 18 months, the Lighting and Maintenance Districts (LLMDs) – community engagements. The engineer's report comes out on February 8.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney David Lim reported that the closed session met before the council meeting and would reconvene after the council meeting to complete its business.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Karen Rees shared that she had become a first-time grandmother on January 30 to identical twin boys, Miles and Theo!

PRESENTATIONS

1. Poem Reading "Unyielding Tenacity" by Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce

2. Proclamation declaring Black History Month presented by Vice Mayor Bertani to the President of Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce, Tamuri Richardson. The entire Board of Directors attended also.

3. Proclamation declaring Cancer Prevention Month presented by Mayor Moy to Donna and Jason Quintero of Pink Lemonade, a local non-profit helping cancer patients.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Trager spoke about upcoming events at the Downtown Theatre.

Richard Caringello thanked Reverend Coleman for the prayer and asked that his three minutes be given to Jack Batson.

Jack Batson spoke about City Church and Pastor Scott Mulvey.

Jim Carr spoke about homelessness, the Linear Path, and electric bicycles (Class 1).

Jesse Branch invited Council to attend a Solano County Marine Corps League meeting in Vacaville.

Bryan Lynch spoke about vacant lots and areas of blight.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2023

5. Resolution 2023-09 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

6. Resolution 2023-10 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Severance Between the City of Fairfield and Daniel Marshall

Councilmember Williams asked for Item 7 to be pulled.

7. Resolution 2023-11 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Disposition and Development Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and Scannell Properties

Economic Development Manager Dwayne Dalman answered questions from Councilmembers Williams. No members of the public requested to speak. Councilmember Vaccaro made a motion to approve Item 7. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

8. Resolution 2023-12 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Equipment Shelter Ground Lease Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for a New Cellular Equipment Shelter Located off of Verona Court and Palladio Way, Fairfield, More Commonly Known as APN 0148-200-570

9. Resolution 2023-13 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Report of the Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2022 and Proposed Budget for Calendar Year 2023 in Connection with the North Texas Street Business Improvement District; and

Resolution 2023-14 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Declaring Intention to Levy an Assessment Against Businesses Within the North Texas Street Business Improvement District for Calendar Year 2023 and Setting a Time and Place for Hearing Objections Thereto

Councilmember Williams pulled Item 10 for discussion.

10. Resolution 2023-15 of the City of Fairfield Approving Amendments to the Economic Development Revolving Loan Program Guidelines and Authorizing the City Manager to Make any Further Amendments to the Guidelines as Needed and to sign any Documents or Contracts Associated with the Program

Director of Housing Services La Tanna Jones answered questions from Councilmember Williams. No members of the public requested to speak. Councilmember Tonnesen made a motion to approve Item

10. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

11. Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-02 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending Section 25.20.3 of Chapter 25, Article I of the Municipal Code, also Known as the Zoning Ordinance, to Include Section 25.20.3.4 SB 9 Development Regulations and Associated Table 25-2.1 RVL and RL District Development Regulations Under Senate Bill 9

12. Resolution 2023-16 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving up to $250,000 to Cover Tenant Improvement Costs for City Hall Office Space

13. Resolution 2023-17 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Cyber Leadership and Strategy Solutions, LLC

14. Resolution 2023-18 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Accepting the Nelson Hill Reservoir Mixing and Valve Replacement Project as Complete

Councilmember Vaccaro made a motion to approve Item 7. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Councilmember Tonnesen made a motion to approve Item 10. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Vice Mayor Bertani made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, excluding Items 7 and 10. Councilmember Vaccaro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Interim Director of Community Development Dave Feinstein recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing, and; approve Resolution 2023-19 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving a Negative Declaration (ER2023-003) for the 2023-2031 Housing Element Project, Adopting the 2023-2031 Housing Element, and Forwarding the Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for Certification.

Senior Associate Alison Moore of Dyett & Bhatia, Urban and Regional Planners, gave a presentation.

Mayor Moy opened the public hearing. Joe Green-Heffern and Nora Dizon spoke on Item 15. Mayor Moy closed the public hearing. The Council discussed the item and Ms. Moore and Interim Community Development Director David Feinstein answered additional questions.

Councilmember Panduro made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-19. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M. IN MEMORY OF MAYRENE BATES TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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City Clerk

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Mayor