CITY OF FAIRFIELD
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CONCURRENT MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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 6:00 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

Worship Pastor, Anne Choy of Community United Methodist Church (CUMC), gave an invocation. Mayor Moy presented her with a certificate of appreciation and a key to the City of Fairfield, as Pastor Choy is retiring at the end of June. She thanked her for her faithful service to the community and CUMC.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Bertani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Carr attended the groundbreaking of the Pacific Flyway Center and commented on what a gem this project is for the City of Fairfield. He also attended the 2nd Annual Juneteenth celebration and said seeing so many vendors there was great.

Vice Mayor Bertani also attended the Pacific Flyway Center event and stated it would be a major visitor destination, like the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth and stated that Opal Lee is the "Godmother of Juneteenth," who worked tirelessly to obtain 1.5 million signatures on a petition to make Juneteenth a national holiday. President Joe Biden signed the bill declaring it a national holiday in 2021. Ms. Lee is a retired American teacher and counselor who continues activism until she is 96. Vice Mayor Bertani said that even though oppression is still present against people of color in our country, celebrating Juneteenth nationally is a step in the right direction. Lastly, Vice Mayor Bertani shared that she was honored to be presenting the Juneteenth proclamation this evening.

Councilmember Panduro reported that the North Texas Street Business Association (NTSBA) would hold a homeless business watch meeting on June 21 at noon at the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce. Fairfield Police Homeless Intervention Team will attend the meeting to answer business owners' questions regarding homelessness issues. The meeting will also be available on Zoom. She reported coordinating a community cleanup event for July 15 in District 5 in coordination with NTSBA, and partnering with Republic Services, which will provide dumpsters. Next, she reported she and Councilmember Tonnesen attended the Music in Time concert and luncheon at the Adult Recreation Center and stated they had a great time. She thanked the Parks & Rec staff for their efforts. Lastly, she said she will be modeling at a fashion show at the Jelly Belly Factory as a fundraiser for Safe Quest Solano, a non-profit for domestic violence victims, on June 24.

Councilmember Vaccaro commented that he was happy to see the Chamber full – it means people care about what is happening in our city. He shared that he was so pleased that the Pacific Flyway Center project finally broke ground. It's been a long time coming, from its inception to now, as he and the senior members of the City Council can attest to. He stated that Juneteenth is a special holiday and that it's about time it was made a national holiday. He shared Vice Mayor Bertani's comments about oppression and how it continues today, and we need to keep fighting against it.

Councilmember Tonnesen passed on giving a report as he stated his colleagues had covered everything he attended.

Councilmember Williams was happy to report she attended a Juneteenth event at Travis Air Force Base and gave a keynote address. She reported that she and a few colleagues attended the Solano County Fair opening night, which was a wonderful event. She gave a shout-out to all of the dads for Father's Day and congratulated all graduates who have had ceremonies this month. She gave a special shout-out to Jacob Francisco, who recently graduated from UC Davis. Jacob is a former Youth Commissioner.

Mayor Moy reported that Fairfield voters passed Measure T by a 2-to-1 margin in 2016, extending their city limits to include the Pacific Flyway Center project site and allowing the city to provide water, sewer, and other utilities. She said it would be a premier educational center with plenty of parking to accommodate school and tour buses. It will also serve as an interactive celebration of the wetlands we love, including a beautiful marsh with walkways that will make it accessible to all. Mayor Moy stated it was her first golden shovel event as mayor to help break ground on the exciting project. Lastly, she reported that the Council would vote on widening the Red Top Road project later that evening.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Gassaway reported that technical difficulties were occurring and that Channel 26 would not be broadcasting the Council meeting, but that it was available on YouTube. Channel 26 will broadcast the meeting later. Lastly, he congratulated Director of Information Technology Savita Chaudhary, who has been named the new Assistant City Manager. She will continue to run the IT Department, also.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Brandi Robinson had nothing to report.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Karen Rees reported seats open on the new Landscaping Oversight Committee, Rockville Hills Regional Park Advisory Committee, and the Youth Commission.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Works Senior Management Analyst Nigel Browne recognized the 2023 Water Awareness Video Contest 1st Place Winner, Sachi Bansal, for her video entitled "The Water Detective."

2. Fairfield Police Department's Recognition of journalist Kimberly Fu for 24 Years of Service to the community by Police Chief Dan Marshall.

3. Proclamation declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day presented by Vice Mayor Pam Bertani to President of the Solano Black Chamber of Commerce Tamuri Richardson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Trager spoke about upcoming events at the Downtown Theatre.

Alicia Minyen spoke about the development of One Lake. She asked that her written statements be included in the record. Mayor Moy said she would discuss the issues that Ms. Minyen brought up with the city manager and city attorney.

Sherwin Harris asked that people not feed the peacocks visiting Orchard Street or other areas. They are creating a mess and damaging property and cars. Vice Mayor Bertani shared that she is aware of the problem, that the peacocks belong at Dunnell Nature Center, and that no one should feed them.

Sachi Bansal and Lili S. invited the community to attend the Fairfield Air Quality Roundtable on June 22, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Adult Recreation Center.

Rochelle C. spoke about concrete work at the East Tabor and Dover intersection that has caused a hazard for cars and pedestrians. She asked that Public Works look into it.

Convened a joint meeting of the City Council and Housing Authority at 7:01 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.

ROLL CALL

On roll call were Commissioners Carr, Panduro, Tonnesen, Vaccaro, and Williams; Vice Chair Bertani, and Chair Moy.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

4. Director of Finance John Furtado recommended that Council open the Joint Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Fairfield and Housing Authority Adopting Resolutions 2023-149 Through 2023-154 and HA2023-04 Approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 and 2024-25 Budget and Financial Plan.

Alicia Minyen and Maria Figueroa spoke on Item 4.

Mayor Moy made a motion to approve Resolutions 2023-149 through 2023-154, and HA2023-04. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Reconvened meeting of the City Council at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Moy requested that Item 18 be heard first before the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

18. Director of Public Works Kaushal opened a discussion on Markeley Lane Extension to Peabody Road.

Maria Figueroa, Alicia Minyen, Matt Bidou, Will Wade, Diana Gonzalez, Elijah Dillard, Joe Gonzalez, Rich Burke, and Omar Flores spoke on Item 18.

After a lengthy discussion, City Council asked staff to return with more information and various funding

options at the next Council meeting on July 18, 2023. No formal action was taken.

Mayor Moy recessed the meeting at 8:50 p.m. for ten minutes. The Council meeting was reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 2023

Councilmember Williams asked for Item 6 to be pulled for clarification from staff. Director of Public Works Paul Kaushal answered her questions.

6. Resolution 2023-155 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing Execution of the Improvement Agreement between the City of Fairfield and Albert D. Seeno Construction Company for the Red Top Road Widening Improvements

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-155. Mayor Moy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

7. Resolution 2023-156 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Accepting the North Texas Street Water Main Replacement and Overlay East Travis Boulevard to Air Base Parkway Project as Complete

8. Resolution 2023-157 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Incorporating a List of Projects Funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 for Fiscal Year 2023- 2024

9. Resolution 2023-158 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Suspending Competitive Bidding and Authorizing a Contract with Landscape Structures for the Purchase of a New Play Structure at Allan Witt Community Park – Phase 3 All Inclusive Playground; and

Resolution 2023-159 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Suspending Competitive Bidding and Authorizing a Contract with Public Restroom Company for the Purchase of a New Restroom Structure at Allan Witt Community Park – Phase 3 All Inclusive Playground

10. Resolution 2023-160 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Suspending Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase One Portable Genset with Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger for FAST Battery Electric Buses and Authorizing an Update to the Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 Budget

11. Resolution 2023-161 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Grazing License between the City of Fairfield and Leland F. Hazeltine for the Grazing of Approximately 1,285 Acres in Rockville Hills Regional Park and the Rolling Hills and Serpas Ranch Open Spaces

12. Resolution 2023-162 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving a Five-Year Joint Use Agreement Between Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District and City of Fairfield

13. Resolution 2023-163 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Final Map and Authorizing Execution of the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for the Canon Station Planning Area 5 – Neighborhood O Subdivision

14. Resolution 2023-164 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Five-Year Software Agreement with Flock Safety for License Plate Reading Products

15. Resolution 2023-165 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving an Amendment to

Resolution 99-302 Revising the Fairfield Golf Advisory Board

Mayor Moy asked that Item 15 be pulled for discussion. Assistant to the City Manager Anna Guiles, Homeless Services Management Analyst April Cobb, and City Manager Gassaway answered questions.

16. Resolution 2023-166 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Extend the Terms of Two Current Memorandums of Understanding Between the City of Fairfield and SHELTER Solano, Inc. for the Provision of Emergency Shelter Beds

Councilmember Vaccaro made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-166. Councilmember Tonnesen seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0, with Mayor Moy voting no.

17. Resolution 2023-167 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Correct Errors on In Lieu Holiday Accrual Rates for Affected Employees Represented by the Fairfield Employees' Association (FEA)

Councilmember Panduro made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Moy recessed the meeting for ten minutes.

19. Public Works Senior Management Analyst Chris Lewis recommended to Council that it approve Resolutions 2023-168 Through 2023-176 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Granting Preliminary Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Engineer's Reports, Declaring Intention to Order the Levy and Collection of Assessments, and Providing Notice of a Public Hearing 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. 11 – Paradise Valley North, No. 12 – Downtown Business District, and No. 13 – North Cordelia

Councilmember Tonnesen made a motion to approve Resolutions 2023-168 through 2023-176. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Councilmember Vaccaro recused himself and left the dais as he lives in the district.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20. Public Works Senior Management Analyst Chris Lewis recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing; and approve Resolution 2023-177 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 Supplement to the Engineer's Report, Confirming the Boundaries and Assessment and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the Smith Ranch Assessment District.

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

Councilmember Tonnesen made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-177. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0 with Councilmember Vaccaro abstaining.

21. Public Works Senior Management Analyst Chris Lewis recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing; and approve Resolutions 2023-178 Through 2023-184 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Engineer's Reports, Confirming the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Diagrams and Assessments, and Ordering the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Improvements for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts No. 10 – Southbrook, 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 Moy opened the public hearing. There were no requests to speak. Mayor Moy closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Carr made a motion to approve Resolutions 2023-178 through 2023-184. Councilmember Tonnesen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

City Council and staff sang Happy Birthday to Councilmember Vaccaro.

ADJOURNED MEETING IN MEMORY OF FAIRFIELD EMPLOYEE, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER AMBER VILLAREAL, WHO DIED UNEXPECTEDLY ON MAY 28, 2023, AT 9:26 P.M. TO TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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City Clerk

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Mayor