CITY OF FAIRFIELD
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024; 6:00 PM
HARRY T. PRICE MEMORIAL 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 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Vernon Burroughs of Community United Methodist Church gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Vaccaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Carr reported he attended the Fairfield-Suisun Public Safety Academy Crab Feed hosted by the Police Department on February 24 and encouraged the public to attend next year. He invited the community to attend the Travis Air Show on March 16-17 (free to the public) to see the Blue Angels in action.

Vice Mayor Bertani wished everyone a "Happy Primary Election Day" and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Vaccaro wished everyone running for elected office good luck. He shared that it takes a lot of courage to run for office.

Councilmember Tonnesen reported he attended the grand openings of Digital Stitchz on February 23 and the Fairfield Industrial Center at 2725 Low Court on February 28. He thanked his colleagues and planning commissioners for attending both events.

Councilmember Williams shared that she was aware of recent attacks on her integrity and character and that she would deal with the situation outside of the City Council. She stated her integrity is beyond reproach. She will continue to lead with compassion and integrity. Next, she reported that Solano EDC has introduced a new program, "Small Biz Grow," for small business loans of $25,000-$125,000 at a 6% interest rate. She reported that she would put the loan information on her website and social media. She also thanked the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce for the excellent job they do working with small businesses.

Mayor Moy shared that people still had time to vote until 8 pm! She reported that she sits on the Board of Directors of the Solano Transportation Authority. They will break ground this summer on the Solano I-80 Westbound Truck Scales Project. The funding for this project came from the state of California. The new facility will be able to process 1,000 trucks per hour. For more information, contact Janet Adams, STA Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects at jadams@sta.ca.gov (707) 399-3207.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager David Gassaway did not have a report and stated there were no changes to the agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney David Lim had nothing to report.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Karen Rees reported she coordinated a Trash Mob on February 24 at Allan Witt Park. She thanked the volunteers, especially the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron of Travis Air Force Base, who provided 20-25 volunteers. They collected 27 bags of trash.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring National Women's History Month presented by Vice Mayor Pam Bertani to former Fairfield Mayor Karin MacMillan, who was the first female mayor of Fairfield. Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce read an original poem entitled “Courage Unmasked” for the occasion.

2. Proclamation declaring American Red Cross Month presented by Councilmember Scott Tonnesen to Executive Director of American Red Cross (North Bay Chapter) Vincent Valenzuela, Disaster Program Manager Robbie Gaines, and Red Cross volunteer Alzinia Pailin.

3. Proclamation declaring "Cort Day" presented by Mayor Catherine Moy, recognizing K-9 Cort’s nearly nine years of service to the Fairfield Police Department, upon his retirement. Cort was given an engraved dog bowl and a key to the City! His handler, Police Sergeant Michael Pena, was also honored.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Theda Peck and Rick Johnson spoke about the Paradise Valley Maintenance & Monitoring District.
Jeff Trager spoke about upcoming events at the Downtown Theatre.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Resolution 2024-45 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving Amendments to the City of Fairfield Conflict of Interest Code

5. Resolution 2024-46 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Setting a Hearing for April 2, 2024 Re: Appeal of Denial of Business License #99000054 for Panderia La Mexicana Located at 1972 N. Texas Street #H, Fairfield, CA 94533 Pursuant to Chapter 10 (Section 10B.33) of the Fairfield Municipal Code

6. Resolution 2024-47 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Support Agreement with Westnet, LLC for the First-In Alerting System

7. Resolution 2024-48 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Improvement Agreement with Rancho Tolenas Corp. for the Phase 3 Master Infrastructure Clay Bank Road Improvements

8. Resolution 2024-49 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Declaring Its Intention to Annex Territory (Taco Bell) to Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2012-2 and Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Therein for Annexation No. 67

9. Resolution 2024-50 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing Prequalification of Bidders for Public Works Contracts

10. Resolution 2024-51 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and LSA Associates, Inc. for Environmental Services for the Travis Safe Routes to School and Transit Trail Project

11. Resolution 2024-52 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Funding Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) for the Solano Climate Adaptation Resiliency Plan for Transportation Infrastructure

12. Resolution 2024-53 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for Pro-Housing Incentive Program (PIP) Funds

Councilmember Vaccaro made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Vice Mayor Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

13. Economic Development Manager Dwayne Dalman recommended to Council that it approve Resolution 2024-54 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Report of the Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2023 and Proposed Budget for Calendar Year 2024 in Connection with the North Texas Street Business Improvement District; and

Resolution 2024-55 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 2024 and Setting a Time and Place for Hearing Objections Thereto

There were no requests to speak on this item.

Vice Mayor Bertani made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-54. Councilmember Vaccaro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Councilmember Vaccaro made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-55. Vice Mayor Bertani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Planning Division Manager David Feinstein recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing; and approve the First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 2024-02 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending Section 25.28.5 of Chapter 25, Article I of the Municipal Code, Also Known as the Zoning Ordinance, to Permit Selected Industrial Business Park Uses for Office Commercial – North Cordelia Zoned Properties South of Business Center Drive and Establish Certain Design and Operating Standards

Or;

Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2024-01 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending Section 25.28.5 of Chapter 25, Article I of the Municipal Code, Also Known as the Zoning Ordinance, to Permit Selected Industrial Business Park Uses for Office Commercial – North Cordelia Zoned Properties South of Business Center Drive and Establish Certain Design and Operating Standards

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

After a lengthy discussion, Vice Mayor Bertani make a motion to waive the full reading, read by title, only, and introduce Ordinance 2024-02 for the first reading. Councilmember Tonnesen seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilmember Williams voting no.

City Council agreed with the Planning Commission's decision to have a total of four docks (2 per building) and no more. Ordinance 2024-01, which did not allow any truck docks, was dropped.

ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M. TO TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M., HARRY T. PRICE MEMORIAL COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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City Clerk

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Mayor