



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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City Administration Building
7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2016

The Arbor Day tree planting, originally scheduled before the meeting, has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Hannon, Collazo, Bucci, and Vice Mayor Freitas.

B. MINUTES

B.1 Approval of Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Bucci seconded, to approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

C. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

C.1 Introduction of employees.

Mayor Nagy introduced newly hired or promoted city employees from the Public Works Department: Public Works Director Soren Fajeau, Senior Landscape and Parks Maintenance Worker Brian Liljeblad, Senior Administrative Support Specialist Cheri Good, Equipment Mechanic II Nick Icasiano, and Building Mechanic II Jessie Mero.

C.2 Proclaiming March 10, 2016, as Arbor Day in Newark.

Mayor Nagy presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to Maintenance Supervisor Neal Hornbeck.

C.3 Proclaiming March as American Red Cross Month in Newark.

Mayor Nagy presented the American Red Cross Month proclamation to Greg Portillo and Bernie Nillo.

C.4 PG&E presentation on their Community Pipeline Safety Initiative.

Treva Reid and Marvin Nushwat of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) gave a presentation on PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative in the City of Newark.

They are checking the area above the gas transmission pipeline for trees and structures. If there is a safety concern, PG&E will work with the property owner to relocate or replace the tree or structure.

In response to Council questions, the PG&E representatives stated that they would replace the tree on a safe location and restore the area; financial compensation can be negotiated; they could negotiate with the city for adequate replacement of city trees, and the project involved two high power gas transmission lines that run north/south in the City.

The City Council had a number of questions that the PG&E representatives could not answer at the meeting. They promised to get answers to the questions and follow up with City Staff. These questions involved public outreach, details of the current pipeline, the proposed automated valves, future monitoring of the easement, tree standards, and the status of this project in Palo Alto.

Fred Arredondo outlined the process that he thought would apply if a property owner did not agree to a tree removal. He stated that he thought the property owner had the right to get an appraisal and negotiate compensation for the tree. He said that it was important to advise the property owners as soon as possible.

Mike Parsons stated that he had problems with the report. He worked as a first responder and it was not their practice to park near a gas line. He asked about this program in Palo Alto whose negotiations appear to be stonewalled. He questioned the depth of the pipelines and suggested that they verify the information.

Melinda Pickens stated that San Bruno's problem was in the streets, not from trees. She stated that she thought the new garbage trucks damaged the streets. She outlined the trees on her property and the root depth. She asked if the school district has been notified. Other alternatives need to be considered before the trees are removed.

City Manager Becker stated that the process is just beginning. Staff will be working with PG&E on city owned trees, but will not be involved in private property trees.

In response to Council Member Bucci's request that PG&E provide answers to Council's questions within 72 hours, Mr. Nushwat stated they would start working on the responses immediately following the meeting.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

D.1 JS-15-8, a Joint Staff Committee Review, to construct a duplex at 37070 Locust Street (APN: 92-126-13-2).

Vice Mayor Freitas recused himself from participation because he owns property near this item.

City Manager Becker stated that the application was for a duplex at 37070 Locust Street; a permitted use in this zoning district. The Joint Staff Committee has approved this application and the Planning Commission did not call this item up for review.

The City Council chose not to review this item.

Vice Mayor Freitas returned to the City Council Chambers

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Bucci seconded, to approve Consent Calendar Items F.1 through F.2, that the resolutions be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption of the resolutions and ordinance. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

CONSENT

F.1 Second reading and adoption of an ordinance rezoning 41 acres (APN's: 537-852-9; 537-852-10; 537-852-11) from MT-1 (High-Technology Park District) to MDR-FBC (Medium Density Residential – Form Based Codes) and HDR-FBC (High Density Residential – Form Based Codes) for the Gateway Station West Project, a 589 unit residential project located along Willow Street at the western edge of the City . ORDINANCE NO. 492

F.2 Approval to reclassify the Administrative Assistant position in the City Attorney's Office to a Legal Assistant by amending the Employee Classification Plan, the Compensation and Benefit Plan for the Confidential Employee Group and the 2014-2016 Biennial Budget to add the position and funding for a regular full-time position of Legal Assistant and to delete the position and funding for a regular part-time position of Administrative Assistant. RESOLUTION NOS. 10470 - 10472

G. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

I. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Nagy stated that participated in the Meals on Wheels program today. He commended Council Member Hannon who delivers meals on a weekly basis for the program. He wished his wife a happy anniversary.

Council Member Hannon stated that Assembly Member Kansen Chu honored inspirational women and Newark resident Libby Macris was honored at the event.

Vice Mayor Freitas stated that the recognition of Libby Macris was well deserved. He congratulated Ray Collier who was named Employee of the Year.

Council Member Collazo congratulated Libby Macris. She stated that volunteerism can make a difference in a person's life and that you can give blood if you don't have time to volunteer. She encouraged the public to shop in Newark.

Council Member Bucci congratulated Libby Macris. He stated that Relay for Life will hold a chilli cook off on Saturday.

J. CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**K. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Fred Arredondo stated that he received an email from Ricardo Corte regarding the cost for renovation versus new construction for the library. He provided a handout (On file in City Clerk's office) highlighting areas that concerned him and his calculations.

L. APPROPRIATIONS**Approval of Audited Demands for the City Council meeting of March 10, 2016. (MOTION)**

City Clerk Harrington read the Register of Audited Demands: Check numbers 107115 to 107246.

Council Member Freitas moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve the Register of Audited Demands. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

M. CLOSED SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:16 p.m., Mayor Nagy adjourned the City Council meeting.

SHEILA HARRINGTON
City Clerk