



## CITY OF ALBANY

MINUTES OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 SAN PABLO AVENUE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

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**6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor Maass called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Maass led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, Pilch, Vice Mayor Maass

**3. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor Maass opened Good of the City/Public Forum.

The following people spoke: Jeremiah; Catherine Sutton; Max Wei; Doug Donaldson; Joan Larson/Kim Denton; Amber Whitson.

A summary of comments is as follows: expressed interest in creating school zones; announced the Albany Green Coalition and goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through education; noted the increase in users of the Albany Bulb and appreciation for the work done to improve park access; announced upcoming Historical Society meeting; asked about Project Hope outreach and rental subsidies.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**4-1. City Council Reorganization**

Staff recommendation: that the Council nominate and elect members of the City Council to the positions of Mayor and Vice-Mayor for a one-year term

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Nicole Almaguer delivered the staff report. Vice Mayor Maass polled the Council for nominations for the position of Mayor. Council Member Barnes nominated Vice Mayor Maass.

Council Member Nason nominated Vice Mayor Maass.  
Vice Mayor Maass polled the Council for a second to the nomination.  
Council Member Pilch seconded the nomination of Vice Mayor Maass for Mayor.

AYES: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, Pilch, Vice Mayor Maass

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

Mayor Maass polled the Council for nominations for the position of Vice Mayor.

Council Member Barnes nominated himself.

Council Member McQuaid nominated Council Member Barnes.

Council Member Nason nominated Council Member Pilch.

Council Member Pilch nominated himself.

Mayor Maass nominated Council Member Barnes.

Mayor Maass polled the Council for a second to the nominations.

Council Member McQuaid seconded the nomination of Council Member Barnes for the position of Vice Mayor.

AYES: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, Mayor Maass

NOES: Council Member Pilch

Motion carried and so ordered.

#### **4-2. City Council Strategic Plan Update – Work Session**

Staff recommendation: that the Council receive a presentation regarding the implementation status of the 2013 Strategic Plan and provide direction to staff for the development of the 2015 Strategic Plan tentatively scheduled for Council review and approval in February 2015

City Manager Penelope Leach delivered the staff report and provided an update regarding current implementation status of the existing strategic plan. The Council conducted a review of the strategic plan goals and metrics, identifying possible changes and additions to the strategic plan. The session was facilitated by Amy Paul of Management Partners. Staff will work to refine and update the strategic plan for review by the Council in February 2015.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: suggested providing web links from the strategic plan scorecard to project web pages when available; expressed interest in identifying how to quantify increased usage at parks including the Bulb and Pierce Street; expressed interest in adding a “score” column to help identify progress, and need for clear metrics; expressed interest in condensing transportation related items; expressed interest in the themes of housing, parking and economic development and agreed that the subjects should be further analyzed and categorized by staff; expressed interest in the theme of safety;

expressed support for use of icons to help depict when a metric addresses multiple goals; expressed interest in accelerating implementation of the Active Transportation Plan and adding more metrics regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan; expressed interest in developing recreation and aesthetic improvements along the Ohlone Greenway; expressed interest in improving outreach regarding tax exemptions, rebates and general outreach to low income residents and others in need; expressed interest in including provisions for low income households within tax and franchise agreements.

The following people spoke: Julie Winklestein; Tod Abbott; Preston Jordan; Catherine Sutton.

A summary of comments is as follows: expressed interest in additional community outreach, pedestrian safety and accessibility of open space; encouraged the Council to create a body to discuss economic development; expressed interest in low income provisions, creation of energy conservation ordinances for greenhouse gas emissions reduction, an advisory measure regarding a split tax roll for gas and electricity usage, and a referral to the Charter Review Committee for an implementation plan to transition to ranked choice voting; expressed interest in transition streets, monthly education events regarding climate change, low income tax exemptions; a drop-in center for persons who are homeless and public areas on Solano Avenue.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

5-1. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**


9:40 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk.



Peter Maass  
Mayor

Attest:



Nicole Almaguer  
City Clerk