

CITY OF ALBANY

MINUTES OF THE
ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 SAN PABLO AVENUE
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

6:00 p.m. STUDY SESSION: COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Council will hold a study session to review the Community Resource Center 5-month Pilot Project.

Social & Economic Justice Commission recommendation: that the Council:

- a) Employ an at-least 50%-time Human Services Resource Coordinator to be available to Albany residents in need by phone, internet, and in-person consultation and be available to other City staff who may encounter persons in need of assistance, visit key locations in the City to outreach services and coordinate with other agencies that provide services to Albany residents.
- b) Designate a space in the Annex for the Human Services Resource Coordinator to hold weekly consultations with residents in need.
- c) Continue to monitor the use and effectiveness of these services and report regularly to the City Council and the Social and Economic Justice Commission on service use and needs in the Albany community.

Staff recommendation: that the Council conduct a study session to

- a) Review final report and findings on the Community Resource Center 5-month Pilot Project and recommendations for services to vulnerable populations; and
- b) Provide direction to staff on the provision of services to vulnerable populations in Albany

Assistant City Manager Isabelle Leduc presented the staff report. The Social and Economic Justice Commission (SEJC) researched the feasibility of a Community Resource Center (Center) as a venue for Albany residents to obtain information about and referrals to community services and asked the Council to consider developing a one-year pilot project. The Council included a pilot project in the Strategic Plan and allocated \$68,400 for the pilot project. The City hired a part-time Resource Center Director (Director), who created a structure for the Center and opened the Center on September 8, 2017, in the Albany United Methodist Church community hall. The main goal of the

Center was to educate residents about community services and to refer and assist residents as needed. The Center was staffed by the Director and eight volunteers. On February 2, 2018, the Center closed due to the resignation of the Director.

During operation, the Center served 54 people, 39 onsite and 15 via telephone, email or in-person outside Center hours. 38 of the 54 clients were Albany residents, 25 of whom were housed and 13 homeless. Half of clients were over the age of 50, and 37% of clients were between the ages of 19 and 49. 30 clients were female and 24 were male.

Housing was the main concern for 32 clients who were either homeless or at risk of losing their housing. Housing issues were housing vulnerability, tenant/landlord issues, seeking low-income or senior housing for self or a parent, and seeking mortgage assistance. The main reasons for housing vulnerability included steep rent increases, sale of the building in which the client resided, loss of income, loss of a partner, parent or housemate, and unmet mental health needs. Of the 21 clients with stable housing, 5 requested help with landlord/tenant issues, and seven sought affordable housing and caregiving assistance for aging parents. Clients without housing were referred to Project HOPE. Other client concerns were mental health care, affordable medical and dental care, caregiving for aging parents, affordable childcare, immigration, employment, transportation, and food insecurity.

Outside Center hours, the Director followed up with clients to ensure referrals were appropriate and to ensure clients received assistance. In addition, the Director coordinated with onsite agency representatives to ensure accountability for both clients and service providers. The Director responded to City staff who encountered people in need. In general, clients preferred to speak with staff and volunteers rather than to read information. The Center's central location was easily accessible for residents. The lack of a permanent space, storage, and information technology infrastructure was challenging for Center staff and volunteers.

Following closure of the Center, volunteers began providing assistance and referrals on Wednesday and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Albany Senior Center. In February, volunteers assisted 20 clients, six of whom were new clients. The location in the lobby of the Senior Center increases visibility of the Center, access to services, and the services of the Senior Center beyond recreation and social activities.

Staff proposes a Human Services Resource Linkage Program as an option to the Resource Center. A Human Services Resources Linkage Program could complement services provided by other agencies and fill gaps by coordinating services and referrals. Goals of a program would be to increase access to services; to provide assistance to vulnerable residents; and to serve the needs of seniors, low-income residents, and people who do not have stable housing. Staff and volunteers would refer clients to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project case manager and Berkeley Mental Health as appropriate. Location options include the Albany United Methodist Church community hall at an annual cost of \$18,400 and the Senior Center with additional hours at the Annex. Staffing options

include a part-time Director, a full-time Human Services Supervisor, and volunteers. A Human Services Supervisor could integrate human services programs into other services offered at the Senior Center and assist with implementation of a rent review program, should the Council implement one.

Bart Grossman, Social and Economic Justice Commission Chair, stated the pilot program has demonstrated the interest and needs of Albany residents and the need for an individual to connect residents with service providers. If the City cannot offer stability and an ongoing position for this individual, then finding an individual will be difficult. The SEJC recommends the staff person spend time outside the Senior Center to avoid the perception of the program as serving seniors only; to meet potential clients in their surroundings; and to meet with City staff as needed.

Judy Kerr, Resource Center Volunteer, reported the Director spent at least an hour with each client. Volunteers set up the furniture and greeted clients. Some clients had addiction issues, but disclosure of addiction issues was voluntary.

The following persons spoke: Judy Kerr, Tim Acock, Allan Maris, and Antoinette Aschettino.

A summary of comments is as follows: the objective of the Resource Center is to refer clients for services; a suggestion for the Resource Center to be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; support for a permanent Resource Center; support for hiring another Director to continue offering effective referrals.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: potential locations for a program; sufficient duties to justify a full-time position; assistance from Alameda County; hopes to partner with Berkeley to provide geriatric social services in Albany; the possibility of contracting with an agency instead of hiring an individual; support for continuing the Resource Center with a full-time Director; appreciation for the quality of the data gathered from the pilot program; a request to consider other funding, budget needs, and priorities prior to implementing a permanent program; perhaps the program could be fully funded with outside funds if the City had a staff person to pursue grants and resources; referring clients is not social work, and the Director may not need a degree in social work; support for implementing a program and expanding it as needs are discovered; support for continuing the existing program; support for continuing the Resource Center as it currently exists and considering a full-time staff position through the Administration Department in the 2018-2019 fiscal year; before instituting geriatric social services, staff should demonstrate the need for such services; a suggestion to contact Berkeley about the possibility of contracting services; suggestions for services to cover immigration issues and children leaving foster care.

City Manager Nicole Almaguer reported the Resource Center will continue under its current conditions, and staff will utilize the Council's comments to present information as part of the budget cycle.

7:30 p.m. - REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Maass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: none

3. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5-1. Minutes, March 5, 2018

Staff recommendation: Approve

5-2. Ratification of Payrolls - (a) Payroll Period: 3/2/2018; Net Payroll: \$302,623.28; Taxes, Benefits, Withholdings: \$312,164.95; Total: \$614,788.23; (b) Payroll Period: 3/16/2018; Net Payroll: \$314,170.54; Taxes, Benefits, Withholdings: \$314,221.34; Total: \$628,391.88

Staff recommendation: Ratify

5-3. Proclamation – March for Our Lives Day

Mayor McQuaid recommendation: that the Council adopt the proclamation in support of School Safety and Firearms Regulations and in honor of March for Our Lives Day

5-4. Proclamation – Persian New Year

Mayor McQuaid recommendation: that the Council adopt the proclamation in honor of Persian New Year

5-5. Appointment of Board Members and Board Member Alternates to the Board of Police and Fire Pension Fund Commissioners.

Staff recommendation: that the City Council appoint Dustyn Wiggins as the Fire Department Board Member, Captains John Weitzel and James Boito, as Fire Department Board Alternates, John Megonnigil, as Police Department Board Member, Archie Stirling, Sgt. David Belman, and Officer Peter O'Connor, as Police Department Board Alternates to the Board of Police and Fire Pension Fund Commissioners

Staff recommendation: that the City Council appoint Nicole Almaguer as the City Treasurer's Alternate to the Board of Police and Fire Pension Fund Commissioners

5-6. Call for Bids for 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Contract C18-10)

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-35, authorizing the City Manager to approve a Call for Bids for the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Contract No. C18-10

5-7. CIP Project 22000 Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation, Round One Call for Bids

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-37 authorizing the City Manager to approve a Call for Bids for Round One of the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project, Contract No. C18-35

5-8. CIP Project 21000 Annual Street Rehabilitation: 2018 Hillside Neighborhood Paving Project – Award of Design Contract

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-34 authorizing the City Manager to execute Contract C18-32 to NCE Engineering in the amount of \$175,600 for engineering design services

5-9. Sue Mellers, AUSD Board of Education appointee, resigned from the Parks & Recreation Commission

Staff recommendation: Informational only

Mayor McQuaid asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Pilch pulled Item 5-8.

Council Member Pilch reported staff has a map of the streets affected by the paving project if Council Members are interested in obtaining one.

Public Works Director Mark Hurley explained that staff chose the area for paving based on the lack of conflicts with other street projects.

City Attorney Craig Labadie advised that because Council Members are situated similar to the general public with respect to sidewalk rehabilitation, they would not have a conflict of interest.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Pilch, seconded by Council Member Barnes, to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

NOES: none

Motion carried and so ordered.

6. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor McQuaid opened the Good of the City.

The following persons spoke: Val Williams, Diane Ichiyasu, Nancy Wong, Anne Zolfaghari, Jeremiah, Brigid Acuna, Elaine, and Allan Maris.

A summary of comments is as follows: encouragement for residents to contact the Assembly Education Committee and local politicians in support of AB 2808; encouragement for residents to sign a petition for a ballot initiative to reform Proposition 13; thanks to the City for cosponsoring a citizenship workshop; a request for a future agenda item regarding school zones; thanks to the Public Works Department for replacing the school safety sign on Cornell and Solano; Albany is a great place to live, and the farm is a fun place; a request for future agenda items regarding the status of affordable housing projects and campaign finance guidelines.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ON STATE/REGIONAL/LOCAL MEETINGS ATTENDED AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS/CITY MANAGER REPORT/COMMENTS

Council Member Maass reported he attended the Field JPA meeting where he learned about plans for a new field house. He attended meetings for the Recycling Board and the Alameda County Transportation Commission Programs and Projects Committee. The Programs and Projects Committee discussed Caltrans' east-west connector project. In response to Council Member Pilch's questions, Council Member Maass advised that he agreed with the Committee's recommendation to spend existing funds to continue the study. Union City wanted to allocate all of its Measure BB funding to this project. He did not believe the project would be built.

Council Member Pilch reported he attended the Town Hall meeting led by Alameda District Attorney O'Malley.

Council Member Barnes reported he attended the Town Hall meeting where he learned Oakland and Alameda Counties have processed the backlog of rape kits. He and Mayor McQuaid attended an AC Transit informational meeting. Transbay routes will soon have double-decker buses, and stops on Transbay routes will be a half mile apart.

Mayor McQuaid suggested to those who were unable to attend the Town Hall/O'Malley meeting to watch on YouTube or on City web site. She also reported that she attended the Chamber Mixer, the 2x2x2 meeting, the Mayors Conference, an FBI Symposium on hate crimes with Lieutenant Geissberger, and the Little League parade. Vice Mayor Nason and she participated in two calls with Godbe Research.

City Manager Nicole Almaguer reported March 22 is the deadline to register for the Civics Academy. The FilmFest is underway with shows scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. The Friends of Albany Parks is holding a cleanup event at Albany Hill Park on March 31.

Vice Mayor Nason reported the Mayor of Emeryville will replace Rebecca Kaplan on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board.

8. PRESENTATION

8-1. Charter Review Committee Request for Charter Amendment to Transition Voting Method to Ranked Choice Voting At Large

Staff recommendation: that the Council:

- a) Receive a presentation from representatives from the Charter Review Committee regarding a possible ballot measure to amend the City's Charter to transition to the election method of Ranked Choice Voting at Large
- b) Provide direction to the Charter Review Committee regarding the possible ballot measure

City Clerk Anne Hsu presented the staff report. In 2011, the Charter Review Committee (Committee) began a review of election methods and submitted a final report in 2015. The Committee found ranked choice voting at-large to be the superior voting method. Moving to ranked choice voting will have financial impact anticipated; however, the Alameda County Registrar does not have an estimate of the costs. The Committee has suggested language for a ballot measure to amend the Charter including consideration of cost reasonability thresholds.

Preston Jordan, Charter Review Committee Vice Chair, reported Albany currently uses plurality at-large to elect the City Council and the School Board. Each voter votes for his preferred candidate, and the candidate with the most votes wins. The Committee reviewed election methods and concluded ranked choice voting at-large is a better method than plurality at-large. Under ranked choice, voters rank candidates from most preferred to least preferred. Votes are reordered until the number of candidates equal to the number of seats has an equal number of votes. In an election for two seats, each winning candidate needs more than a third of votes. Plurality voting creates governance instability and results in no representation for many voters, which decreases the motivation to vote. Ranked choice voting provides stable governance and results in fair representation, which increases voter turnout.

The Committee developed a list of criteria to judge election methods; selected six criteria from the list; judged each voting method based on the criteria; and determined ranked choice is a better voting method. Based on the criteria,

plurality was best for cost, and ranked choice was worst for cost and ease of use. Switching to ranked choice voting could increase the cost of elections by \$2,500 per year each for the City and for the School Board. The cost of equipment and education could cost \$5,000 per year for two years for the City and the School Board each. The Alameda County Registrar may issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new election equipment in 2019; consequently, changing the election method would be most cost efficient in 2018. Changing the voting method would provide better democracy and avoid district elections under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

In 2017, Bay Area cities began receiving letters threatening lawsuits to enforce CVRA. The Committee ruled out district elections at the beginning of its review, deciding that Albany's districts would be extremely small, which would dramatically limit the candidate pool in each district. In the last week, Half Moon Bay received a letter threatening a lawsuit, which suggests small cities in the Bay Area are being reviewed for litigation. Under CVRA, the law firm sending the letter can claim as much as \$30,000 from the jurisdiction subject to the threat. The jurisdiction must then hire a demographic firm to develop a series of district maps, if it chooses to switch to district elections, and pay for legal and staff time for meetings. The cost to a jurisdiction at this point is approximately \$100,000.

Under district elections, the City would be divided into four districts with the Mayor elected at-large or five districts. Ranked choice at-large appears to be Albany's best option to prevent being forced to implement district elections. While the cost of ranked choice was worse when compared to plurality, ranked choice would be better than plurality when a CVRA letter and district elections are considered. In the last month, the School Board passed a resolution supporting ranked choice voting at-large. The Committee has prepared a Charter amendment specifying a transition to ranked choice voting at-large under the following conditions: the County Registrar can run the election; the County Registrar can provide voter education; and the additional cost will be less than a specific amount.

City Attorney Labadie explained that CVRA makes cities liable for election methods that in effect delete the voting power of minority groups and prescribes district elections as a remedy. A successful plaintiff is reimbursed for its attorney fees; however, a successful jurisdiction is not reimbursed for its attorney fees. CVRA does apply to Charter cities. If a jurisdiction moves to district elections within specified timelines after receiving a threat letter, the jurisdiction's exposure for the plaintiff's fees and costs is capped at \$30,000. None of the legal authorities address ranked choice voting as an alternative voting method or provide that moving to ranked choice would prevent the City from being forced to move to district elections after receiving a threat letter. He did not know that

moving to ranked choice voting would either positively or negatively affect the City's legal exposure.

The following persons spoke: Bryan Marten, Brian Beall, Kim Trutane, Bart Grossman, Brian Parsley, Sasha Keller, Laura Alie, Jim Lindsay, and Anne Zolfaghari.

A summary of comments is as follows: support for the Committee's recommendation; the voters should decide whether to change the voting method; staff should determine whether ranked choice is a legal defense against a CVRA lawsuit; district elections may not be feasible when there have not been sufficient School Board candidates to fill all open seats in past elections; a solution that is fair in all situations has not been provided; the Council should direct the Committee to recommend districts for district elections; opposition to district elections; ranked choice voting is a better option for creating a more representative City Council; support for ranked choice voting.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: switching to ranked choice voting would not prevent the City from receiving a CVRA letter; the Legislature has approved district elections as the only solution for racially polarized voting; ranked choice voting will provide more diversity, and plurality voting can be dangerous; there should be at least one Asian Council Member since a third of Albany population is Asian; district voting would not be appropriate in Albany because minority populations are spread throughout the community; the issue before the Council is a ballot measure to amend the City Charter; district elections would lead to the greatest socioeconomic diversity; an analysis of racial distribution is needed before a measure is placed on the ballot; district elections could lead to more candidates; support for placing a Charter amendment on the ballot; perhaps the Council should consider allowing noncitizens to vote; the Council charged the Committee with analyzing ranked choice voting, not CVRA; to resolve some issues, the School Board could be removed from the Charter; ranked choice voting is not a solution for Albany; moving to ranked choice voting and then implementing districts because of litigation will result in fewer candidates; effort should be made to increase the number of candidates; 2020 is the earliest ranked choice voting could go into effect, which current Council Members are not trying to benefit from the decision; ranked choice voting will not resolve the lack of candidates for public office; some arguments do support district elections, but that will incur costs.

MOTION:

Moved by Vice Mayor Nason, seconded by Council Member Barnes, to direct staff and the Charter Review Committee to obtain cost estimates for an analysis to determine if voting in Albany is polarized in a manner prohibited by the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

City Attorney Labadie advised the Council that such an analysis would inform a Council decision to implement district elections if litigation is threatened. The CVRA references racial, ethnic, and language as factors of polarization.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: the number of Asian participants in the Civics Academy and C.E.R.T. classes is increasing; the younger generation of immigrant residents is more politically active than the older generation; the discussion has moved from ranked choice voting to mitigating the risk of litigation; a ballot measure for ranked choice voting will likely cause a threat letter to be sent to the City.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Pilch, seconded by Council Member Maass, to direct the Charter Review Committee to draft language for a ballot measure for Ranked Choice Voting at-Large.

AYES: Council Members Maass and Pilch

NOES: Council Member Barnes, Vice Mayor Nason, Mayor McQuaid
Substitute motion failed.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: concern that the City will receive a threat letter before the analysis is conducted; the analysis will determine if there is a problem and, if there is a problem, then the Council can consider a range of options.

City Attorney Labadie clarified that the analysis conducted after receipt of a threat letter involves creating districts. Prior to creation of the safe harbor provision, monetary gain was an incentive for attorneys to file lawsuits. If the City invoked the safe harbor provision, the monetary incentive would be considerably less.

Vote on the Motion:

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

NOES: Council Member Barnes

Motion carried and so ordered.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10-1.** Request from Council Member Pilch that the City Council consider including a cannabis regulation-related advisory ballot

Staff recommendation: that the City Council receive the report and provide direction on any next steps regarding the possibility of an advisory measure related to cannabis regulations

Community Development Director Jeff Bond presented the staff report. Currently, City regulations prohibit cannabis dispensaries, commercial cultivation, and manufacturing. Review of the regulations is scheduled for September 2019.

Council Member Pilch referred to his memorandum. There was some question on Council as to whether the Council could rely on data from a previous advisory ballot measure. The Council should poll the community as to the desire for allowing medical and recreational cannabis facilities in the City.

The following persons spoke: None.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: a preference for limiting the age of users at venues for onsite consumption; support for a ballot measure if the cost is low; opposition to a ballot measure; voters have overwhelmingly supported medical and recreational use of cannabis; prohibiting cannabis facilities in Albany has not restricted the ability of residents to obtain cannabis for medical and recreational purposes.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Pilch, seconded by Council Member Maass, to approve an advisory ballot measure asking voters if they support recreational or medical cannabis facilities in Albany.

AYES: Council Members Maass and Pilch

NOES: Council Member Barnes, Vice Mayor Nason, Mayor McQuaid

Motion failed.

10-2. Capital Improvement Plan FY 2017/2018 – FY 2018/2022 and Appropriation of Funds for FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-36, approving the Capital Improvement Plan FY 2017/2018 – FY 2021/2022 and appropriate funds for FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019 projects

CIP Manager Robert Gonzales presented the staff report. The category of parks/trails/creeks has been reduced by moving the Codornices Creek project to the unfunded category. The category of buildings and facilities has not changed. The category of major equipment has increased slightly because of a change for fleet vehicles. The category of community improvements has been reduced by moving the Buchanan Bikeway Project to the streets/bikeways/pedestrian improvements category. The streets/bikeways/pedestrian improvements category has increased due to the inclusion of the street lighting program and a few other programs. The sewer/storm drain category has increased to correctly reflect all projects. Masonic/Marin intersection improvements and the Albany Bulb planning/CEQA documentation are new projects. Funding for the street lighting project was increased, and the project was moved to the first two years of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Projects for the Civic Center HVAC and

Washington Avenue traffic calming have been moved forward. The Shrine pocket park and Key Route Path have been removed from the CIP. Budget adjustments have been made for sewer rehabilitation, street rehabilitation, and Albany Hill access improvements. Staff proposes projects totaling approximately \$21.7 million for fiscal years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. Much of the work proposed for fiscal year 2017/2018 has been completed. Completed projects include the Maintenance Center, the Community Center mechanical unit replacement, the Ohlone Greenway/Senior Center crosswalk, the Buchanan/Marin Bikeway Phase III. The Complete Streets San Pablo/Buchanan project and the Masonic/Marin intersection improvements are viable candidates for Active Transportation Plan grants. Fire fleet replacement is scheduled for the fifth year of the CIP; staff will consider funding strategies closer to 2022.

Public Works Director Mark Hurley reported paving projects totaling \$8.7 million are planned over five years, but \$5.4 million of that amount is planned in the first two years of the CIP. Staff will continue a planning analysis to determine the impact of paving investments on the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) and present the results to the Traffic and Safety Commission and the Council. The final three years of the CIP may be underfunded in order to maintain the PCI. The backlog of sewer work under the Consent Decree is close to being eliminated. Again, sewer projects may be underfunded in the out years to comply with requirements of the Consent Decree. Staff may return to the Council in 2019 to consider a rate increase.

The following persons spoke: None.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: the Shrine pocket park and Key Route Path should be noted as deferred rather than removed; use of one-time surplus funds; status of deferred maintenance; design review for the bicycle storage shed; support for beginning design of the field at Pierce Street Park; installation of temporary signage at the intersection of Marin and Masonic; concern about coordination of the Complete Streets and lighting projects at Solano; a preference for electric vehicles in the City's fleet; concern about the number of vehicles in the Police Department's fleet.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Mayor McQuaid, seconded by Council Member Barnes, to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.

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

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Maass, seconded by Council Member Barnes, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-36, approving the Capital Improvement Plan FY 2017/2018 – FY 2021/2022 and appropriate funds for FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019 projects

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

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11-1. Art in Public Places Set Aside Funds for Community Projects – Review and authorization for the Request for Proposals for Community Projects

Arts Committee and staff recommendation: that the Council review and authorize the release of the request for proposals for Community Projects to be funded with Art in Public Places funds

Assistant City Manager Leduc presented the staff report. The Arts Committee determined funds should be reserved for Community Projects as part of the 2016-2019 Public Art Projects Plan (PAPP). The Arts Committee utilizes the PAPP to recommend Public Art Program projects to the Council. The Arts Committee determined funds reserved for Community Projects should not exceed 20% of funds in the Art in Public Places Fund as of January 1 of the year in which the PAPP is approved. Reserved funds do not have to be expended if no appropriate Community Project is approved. The current allocation of \$14,000 was approved by the Council as part of the PAPP.

Jen Daly, Arts Committee Chair, advised that the Arts Committee wanted to create an opportunity for small projects to be reviewed and to increase art in Albany. The Art Committee created guidelines for Community Projects. Community Projects are intended to be small projects from distinct neighborhoods or groups of community members. The Arts Committee has reserved a time on its fall agenda to discuss the PAPP and for the public to share their vision for art in the City.

The following persons spoke: None.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: concern about budgets for Community Projects being reduced to or below \$10,000 through outside funding.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Maass, seconded by Council Member Pilch, to authorize the release of the request for proposals for Community Projects to be funded with Art in Public Places funds.

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

NOES: None
Motion carried and so ordered.

12. OTHER BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor McQuaid reported the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2.

12-1. Upcoming City Events

The 8th Annual Albany FilmFest – March 17-25, 2018

Albany Civics Academy starts (1st Session) Thursday, March 29, 2018, 6:30 PM

Friends of Albany Parks Clean-Up Day – Albany Hill Park, March 31, 2018, 9 AM

12-2. Upcoming City Meetings

Traffic & Safety Commission, Thursday, March 22, 7 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall

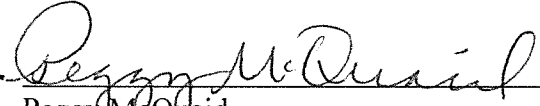
Charter Review Committee, Monday, March 26, 7:30 PM, Admin Conference Room, City Hall

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, March 28, 7 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall

13. ADJOURNMENT

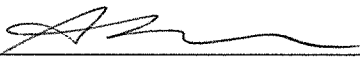
10:46 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor McQuaid adjourned the meeting in memory of Nancy Ramos.

Minutes submitted by Anne Hsu, City Clerk.



Peggy McQuaid
Mayor

Attest:



Anne Hsu, City Clerk