



**7:30 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Maass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Barnes, Maass, and Pilch, Vice Mayor Nason, Mayor McQuaid  
Absent: None

**3. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**3-1. Proclamation – Fire Prevention Week Proclamation**

Mayor McQuaid presented the proclamation to Albany Fire Chief Lance Calkins.

Fire Chief Lance Calkins provided an update regarding emergency preparedness and fire prevention efforts. The Fire Department's pancake breakfast is scheduled for October 13.

**3-2. Certificate of Appreciation – Albany Recreation Department**

Vice Mayor Nason presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Recreation and Community Services Director Chelle Putzer for staff's work on Local Week and Dinner with Albany.

Mayor McQuaid announced Ken McCroskey won the Uber Albany award.

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

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5-1. Minutes, September 17, 2018**

Staff recommendation: Approve

**5-2. Ratification of Payroll - Payroll Period: 9/14/18; Net Payroll: \$321,538.27; Taxes, Benefits, Withholdings: \$334,159.67; Total: \$655,697.94**

Staff recommendation: Ratify

**5-3. Ratification of Bills, Claims and Demands - Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the City of Albany in the amount of: \$84,557.89 (9/7/18), \$29,298.71 Wire Transfer (9/11/18), \$251,476.69 (9/14/18), \$533,023.09 (9/21/18)**

Staff recommendation: Ratify



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- 5-4.** Letter of Opposition – Federal Communications Commission’s Proposed Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order

Mayor McQuaid recommendation: that the Council note and file the letter as submitted

- 5-5.** Resolution 2018-120 in Support of Proposition 2 – No Place Like Home 2018

Mayor McQuaid Recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution 2018-120 in support of Proposition 2 – No Place Like Home 2018

- 5-6.** Proclamation in Recognition of National Bullying Prevention Month

Mayor McQuaid recommendation: that the Council adopt the proclamation in recognition of National Bullying Prevention Month

- 5-7.** Proclamation in Honor of Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week

Mayor McQuaid recommendation: that the Council adopt the proclamation in honor of Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week

- 5-8.** Proclamation in Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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- 5-9.** Proclamation in Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor McQuaid recommendation: that the Council adopt the proclamation in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month

- 5-10.** Letter of Opposition – Petition for Forbearance of USTELECOM (1996 Telecommunications Act)

Mayor McQuaid recommendation: that the Council authorize submittal of letters of opposition to the Federal Communications Commission opposing the Telecommunications Act Forbearance

- 5-11.** Contract No. C19-22 for Consulting Services with Restoration Design Group for Lower Codornices Creek Monitoring and Maintenance Permit Assistance

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-121, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Restoration Design Group in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide monitoring and maintenance permit assistance for lower Codornices Creek

Mayor McQuaid asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the consent calendar. No one requested an item be removed from the Consent Calendar.



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### **MOTION:**

Moved by Vice Mayor Nason, seconded by Council Member Maass, to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

NOES: None

The motion carries and is so ordered.

### **6. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor McQuaid opened the Good of the City.

The following persons spoke: Joan Larson, Jim Acock, Susan Schwartz, Assistant City Manager Isabelle Leduc, Neighborhood Services Manager Sid Schoenfeld.

A summary of the comments is as follows: Friends of the Albany Library invites the public to an author presentation on October 10 and requests a collaboration among the City, County of Alameda, Albany Unified School District, and the Albany Library; a suggestion for the City to designate a location where people who live in their cars can park; appreciation for the maintenance fund for Codornices Creek; an update regarding implementation of the rent review program; outreach efforts for the rent review program include community workshops, the City's weekly e-newsletters, responses to individual inquiries, postcards, and a business license insert.

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

Vice Mayor Nason reported she attended the 2x2x2 meeting with Mayor McQuaid, a meeting of the Friends of Albany Hill regarding monarch butterflies, the Best of Albany awards ceremony, and Dinner with Albany.

Council Member Maass reported he attended the Solano Avenue Complete Streets pop-up event and the community advisory group's meeting. In addition, he attended the Waste Management Authority meeting regarding a change in the Integrated Waste Management Plan, execution of conservation easements, and a grant to study carbon and construction projects; the Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting regarding the high-occupancy-vehicle lanes; and Dinner with Albany.

Council Member Pilch reported he attended Dinner with Albany, the Best of Albany, and Food Truck Friday. He also attended the East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) meeting regarding implementation of the commercial program, greenhouse gas calculations, rate setting, and power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) rates and the Electric Vehicle (EV) Coordinating Council meeting regarding low-income residents' adoption of plug-in vehicles.

Council Member Barnes reported he attended the final Music in the Park event.

Mayor McQuaid reported she attended Coffee with a Cop, the United Against Hate Week kickoff event, Food Truck Friday, the Solano Avenue Complete Streets pop-up event, the 2x2x2 meeting with Vice Mayor Nason, the Senior Center open house, Best of Albany, and Dinner with Albany. Another Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for Wednesday from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. at Royal Ground.



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City Manager Nicole Almaguer reported the Albany Police Department partnered with the El Cerrito Police Department for Coffee with a Cop on September 18; conducted annual safety presentations at Albany Middle School; and initiated an online LGBTQ training for law enforcement. The sidewalk maintenance program has entered Phase II with improvements scheduled to begin October 15. A tentative schedule of improvements is posted on the City website. The Public Works Department has been working hard to ensure the City avoids unnecessary flooding and encourages residents to take action. The sand bag program is ongoing. Kitchen improvements at the Senior Center are almost complete. The paving project for Evelyn Avenue between Portland and Garfield is substantially complete and utilized SB 1 funding. Installation of water bottle filling stations should begin in mid-October. The City is working with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to locate a polling site at the Public Works Department. The voter information and sample ballot pamphlet have been mailed. Vote-by-mail ballots may be placed in the blue box at City Hall on or before October 8. The public is encouraged to review the Solano Avenue Complete Streets project website for next steps. Mattresses and used propane canisters may be dropped off at the household hazardous waste event on October 7. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and staff began implementing it in August. Lizzie Carrade is the City's new CivicSpark Climate Fellow. The City is hosting a disaster preparedness class regarding shelter fundamentals on October 20.

At Mayor McQuaid's request, City Manager Almaguer will look into continuing the program to assist senior and disabled residents with filling and loading sand bags.

### 8. PRESENTATION

#### 8-1. "United Against Hate Week" – Presentation by Not In Our Town representative Patrice O'Neill

Patrice O'Neill, Not In Our Town, shared the incidents that led to the formation of Not In Our Town and Berkeley Stands United Against Hate, which has spread across the East Bay and led to United Against Hate Week. Communities are working together to provide a safe, inclusive community, and acknowledging hate is a part of providing a safe, inclusive community. Change will occur when as many people as possible become involved. No act is too small to make the first United Against Hate Week meaningful. United Against Hate Week is an opportunity to begin conversations that will lead to stopping hate and engaging people.

Mayor McQuaid announced she, the Albany Unified School District Superintendent, and UC-Berkeley staff are planning a film and discussion with a tentative date of November 16 at UC Village.

### 9. PUBLIC HEARING

### 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 11. NEW BUSINESS



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

Council Member Pilch advised that the Governor signed AB 2923, which provides land use authority over property within a half mile of a Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station to BART. Some Albany real property may be located within a half mile of the El Cerrito BART station.

#### **12-1. Upcoming City Events**

National Coffee with a Cop Day, October 3, 3 PM, Royal Ground Coffee, 1127 Solano

Friends of Albany Parks Clean-up Day – Pierce Street Park, October 6, 9 AM – 12 noon,  
Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, October 7, 9 AM – 1 PM, Golden Gate Fields North Parking Lot (take Buchanan West), Please Register: [www.stopwaste.org/recycling/residents/household-hazardous-waste/one-day-event](http://www.stopwaste.org/recycling/residents/household-hazardous-waste/one-day-event)

Albany Fire Department Open House / Pancake Breakfast, October 13, 8 AM – 12 noon,  
Albany Fire Station

Albany Art Gallery Opening, October 14, 4 PM – 6 PM, Albany Community Center

#### **12-2. Upcoming City Meetings**

Social & Economic Justice Commission, Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Economic Development Committee, Thursday, October 4, 5 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Arts Committee, Monday, October 8, 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning Commission, Wednesday, October 10, City Hall Council Chambers

Parks & Recreation Commission, Thursday, October 11, 7 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

City Council, Monday, October 15, 7:30 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

8:30 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor McQuaid adjourned the meeting in memory of Marla Stephenson.



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Minutes submitted by Anne Hsu, City Clerk.

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Peggy McQuaid  
Mayor

Attest:

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Anne Hsu, City Clerk

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