



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA
Monday, March 16, 2020

3-1B

7:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pilch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5-1. Minutes, March 2, 2020

Staff recommendation: Approve

5-2. Ratification of Payroll - Payroll Period: (2/28/2020); Net Payroll: \$306,410.51; Taxes, Benefits, Withholdings: \$318,638.85; Total: \$625,049.36

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: \$913,147.90 (2/28/2020), \$158,063.59 (3/6/2020)

Staff recommendation: Ratify

5-4. Agreement for Environmental Legal Services

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-25 authorizing the City Manager to execute Contract No. C20-43 with Downey Brand, LLP in a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 for environmental legal services

5-5. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Paratransit Program Plan Application and Agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-27 authorizing:

1. The submission of FY 2020-21 Paratransit Program Plan application to the Alameda County Transportation Commission
2. The City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission for the proposed use of Measure B & BB funds in the amount of \$69,129.82



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- 5-6.** Ordinance No. 2020-02 Renaming the Traffic & Safety Commission to the Transportation Commission – Second Reading – Pass to Print

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 2020-02, renaming the Traffic & Safety Commission to the Transportation Commission, Second Reading – Pass to Print

- 5-7.** Call for Bids for 2020 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Phase B (Contract No. C20-46)

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-26 authorizing the City Manager to approve a Call for Bids for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Phase B, Contract No. C20-46

- 5-8.** CIP Project 32000, Annual Sewer Rehabilitation – Approval of Contract Change Order #3 to Contract No. C18-10

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-28 authorizing the City Manager to execute Contract Change Order #3 to Contract No. C18-10 with Ranger Pipelines Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$259,823

Mayor Pilch asked if anyone wishes to remove an item from the consent calendar. No one requested removal of an item from the consent calendar.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Maass, seconded by Vice Mayor McQuaid, to approve the consent calendar.

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

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

6. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pilch opened the Good of the City.

A summary of public comments is as follows: Voter Choice Albany has gathered 600 signatures in support of placing a measure for ranked choice voting on the November ballot and requests the Council place the measure on the ballot in light of the coronavirus pandemic calling a halt to the campaign.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mayor Pilch provided a Mayor's Statement about the Coronavirus pandemic.

City Manager Nicole Almaguer reported the City is receiving helpful, factual information regarding the Coronavirus from the Alameda County Department of Public Health. City staff is also working with Dr. Frank Wells, Superintendent of the Albany Unified School District, and coordinating with non-governmental organizations and faith-based groups to determine how to utilize volunteers.



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The City's primary duty through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is to support vulnerable populations. The EOC and Police and Fire Departments are collaborating to continue providing services and support to the community. The Emergency Operations team will meet with department heads Tuesday to further define essential City services and will meet daily to determine needs. Information is being shared with the community through phone and text alerts and the City website. Staff is considering methods to provide information to citizens who do not have access to the internet and smartphones. Lists of vulnerable residents and emergency preparedness block captains will be utilized as needed.

City Manager Almaguer demonstrated the City's website and information contained therein. She stated restaurants are open, but the City strongly encourages residents to utilize take-out services. Residents may call the Albany CARES hotline at 510-524-9122 to obtain services for seniors, unsheltered persons, and chronically ill persons. Berkeley Food and Housing Project will continue providing services to people experiencing homelessness, and residents may contact the City by phone to request services.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: a suggestion for the City website to contain a list of restaurants providing take-out service and contact information; the State is considering the purchase or rental of properties to house homeless people during the pandemic; perhaps parking for restaurants can be limited to 20 minutes; suggestions to move the shower program and food preparation for homeless people to City facilities; hope that the Governor will relax Brown Act requirements so that a physical location for City meetings is not necessary; a suggestion for public comment to be provided via email during City meetings; a suggestion to stream films from the FilmFest and recreation activities on the City website.

Council Members requested continuing reports regarding services and outreach to homeless people and an agenda item to discuss moratoriums on evictions and rent increases.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8:18 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Pilch adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Anne Hsu, City Clerk.

Nick Pilch
Mayor

Attest:

Anne Hsu, City Clerk