



## **ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES**

Virtual Meeting  
Albany, CA 94706  
Monday, June 21, 2022

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### **SPECIAL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION 6:00 PM**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Council Member Gary read the Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021.

Present: Council Members Gary, McQuaid, and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

Absent: None

#### **2. CLOSED SESSION**

**2-1.** Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiator: Mayor Preston Jordan

Unrepresented Employee: City Manager Nicole Almaguer

A summary of public comment is as follows: concern about the City Manager being unrepresented; the City Manager's knowledge about the police department is helpful to the community; a request for information reportable to the public about the closed session.

Mayor Jordan advised that unrepresented is a term for employees who are not part of a union bargaining unit. The City Attorney determined that the City Manager has no conflict of interest.

### **REGULAR SESSION - STARTING NO EARLIER THAN 7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Jordan reported no reportable action from the closed session.

City Attorney Chris Diaz advised any direction from the meeting would be taken outside of the open session meeting and potential amendments to the contract, if any, would be presented to Council in open session.

#### **4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**4-1.** Presentation of National Association of Clean Water Agencies Award to the City of Albany

Mark Hurley, Public Works Director/City Engineer, introduced the presenter Eileen White and the award. He noted the award was given in 2019; however, COVID-19 interfered with plans to deliver an in-person presentation in early 2020.



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Eileen White, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Director of Wastewater, presented the award to Mark Hurley, Public Works Director/City Engineer. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) awarded the City of Albany for participation in the approach to reduce inflow and infiltration to protect the environment and public health.

A summary of public comment is as follows: a question regarding how rain enters the sewage system.

Eileen White, EBMUD Director of Wastewater, explained that rain flows into old pipes when the ground shifts and the pipes become damaged.

### 5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Almaguer reported City Council was meeting on a Tuesday due to the Juneteenth holiday that Council formally adopted through Resolution 2021-40. Special thanks to Council Member Gary and the Yes to Juneteenth organizers for providing a Juneteenth event. Albany Community Access to Resources and Services (CARES) Community Grocery Program is relocating to Albany Community Center on Marin Avenue. The next food giveaway will be held on July 1, 2022 stationed in the parking lot of the Community Center. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Concert in the Park event will be at Memorial Park. New recreation programs include a Junior Counselor Program for teens in 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades and a TK (Transitional kindergarten) and Kindergarten Kinder Camp. Repairs to the park surfaces at Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park, Ocean View Park, and the Dartmouth Tot Lot are expected to be completed by June 27, 2022. Additional surface repair work at Memorial and Terrace Parks is upcoming and will be announced when construction is scheduled. Visit [albanyca.org/measure-m](http://albanyca.org/measure-m) for information regarding Landscape Lighting Assessment District 1988-1 and Measure M funding. Sewer construction is ongoing throughout the City, visit [albanyca.org/construction-alerts](http://albanyca.org/construction-alerts) for construction locations. Alameda County Library's Black Health and Wellness series is celebrating Pride Month with the TherActivist film screening presented by Albany FilmFest, and a question-and-answer session with Dana TherActivist Johnson. The City has received half of the Rescue Act funds, and the remaining half is expected in the coming weeks. Total allocation for Albany is \$4.7 million dollars and approximately half has been allocated to various programs and services. Various Advisory Body positions are open, and information can be found on the City website. 739 Madison Avenue has been the subject of seven court hearings, and the next hearing is scheduled for July 28, 2022.

A summary of public comment is as follows: inquiries about the recreation classes and the Civics Academy; a question regarding recreation program costs; concern for location of platform at the Indigenous Peoples' Day event.

City Manager Almaguer explained that the programs are prepared throughout the year for all members of the community. Recreation program leaders in the Recreation Department are best qualified to answer specific questions concerning program organization and class offerings. Program costs are included in the Recreation catalogue,



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which is mailed to residents and available on the City's website. Despite the complexity of COVID-19 and limited staff capacity, efforts are being undertaken to restore an event like the Civics Academy. Youth recreational opportunities are emphasized throughout the summer as the school year has concluded.

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

Mayor Jordan opened the Good of the City.

A summary of public comment is as follows: support for the Recreation Department's focus on the youth; Berkeley Food Network hosts a free food giveaway at Albany High School on the first and third Friday of every month and provides free food at 1925 Ninth Street on Monday through Thursday and on Saturday; Albany residents with proof of identification may utilize the Berkeley Food Pantry located at 1600 Sacramento Street. Appreciation to Council Member Gary for initiating the first Juneteenth gathering in Albany, and to Council as a whole for the second event; a request that Council actively recruit black and brown residents to be members of the Social and Economic Justice Commission (SEJC); housing in Albany is expensive and assistance is needed; two additional horses have died at Golden Gate Fields race track since the last Council meeting; a question regarding business licensure suspension when a death occurs on the property of a business; a request for agenda items on just cause eviction and rent control; encouragement for the City to consider the importance of nutrition.

Mayor Jordan noted that on the consent calendar was the potential appointment by the Council as a whole of a Latino resident of University Village to the SEJC.

Council Member McQuaid advised that she notifies each Parent Advisory Group and schools when a vacancy occurs on an advisory body.

### 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7-1. Minutes – June 1, 2022  
Minutes – June 6, 2022

Staff recommendation: Approve

- 7-2. Ratification of Payroll – Date Paid 6/3/2022: Net Amount \$345,973.59, Taxes/Benefits/Deductions \$368,709.86, Total Payroll \$714,683.45

Staff recommendation: Ratify

- 7-3. Ratification of Bills, Claims and Demands – Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the City of Albany in the amount of \$101,346.90 (6/3/2022), \$301,715.90 (6/10/2022)

Staff recommendation: Ratify



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### 7-4. Advisory Body Resignation:

- Harshita Mira Venkatesh appointed by Vice Mayor Tiedemann resigned from the Climate Action Committee
- Kathy Rai appointed by Vice Mayor Tiedemann resigned from the Social and Economic Justice Commission

Staff recommendation: Information item

### 7-5. Advisory Body Appointment:

Appoint Robin Lopez to the Social & Economic Justice Commission to the City Council-as-a-Whole Seat

Mayor Jordan recommendation: Ratify

### 7-6. Proclamation – Support of Stronger Gun Safety Law

Council Members McQuaid & Nason recommendation: that the Council call on the Senate to act now on gun safety to pass a red flag law and to call on our federal and state legislators to work with us to recognize and address the underlying physical, social, economic, and structural conditions known to increase firearm homicide and suicide risks

### 7-7. Resolution of the Albany City Council Allowing for Video and Teleconference Meetings during the COVID-19 State of Emergency under California Assembly Bill (AB 361)

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-63, allowing for video and teleconference meetings during the COVID-19 state of emergency under AB 361

### 7-8. Adoption of Update to the Appropriation Limit

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-64, establishing the Appropriation Limit for the 2022-23 fiscal year at \$28,401,163

### 7-9. Proposed Authorized Adjustments to Local Taxes and Fees Collected on the Property Tax Bill - Library Services Act of 1994; Supplemental Library Services Act of 2006, Emergency Medical Services Program; Paramedic Advanced Life Support Tax; 2006 Street Paving and Storm Drain Improvement Tax, Sidewalk Parcel Tax; 2018 Parks and Open Space Parcel Tax; and Sewer Service Charges for FY 2022-2023



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Staff recommendation that the Council:

1. Determine whether any changes to the recommended rates are desired; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-65, confirming Fiscal Year 2022-2023 rates applied to the City of Albany Special Taxes and Fees collected on the annual property tax bill

### **7-10.** Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tax Rate for the Pension Override Tax

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-66, approving the FY 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) tax rate for the pension override tax to fund City of Albany Public Safety pension obligations

### **7-11.** Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000) – Award of Construction Contract No. C22-14

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-67, authorizing the City Manager to award Contract No. C22-14 to MCE Corporation for construction of the Phase 5 Project for the not-to-exceed amount of \$249,450 using funds previously appropriated for the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000)

### **7-12.** Annual Street Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 21000) – Marin Avenue Pavement and Curb Ramp Rehabilitation Project – Phase 1 Approval of Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 5 to Contract No. C21-49

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-68, authorizing the City Manager to execute Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 5 to Contract No. C21-49 in the amount of \$1,883,404.00 using funds previously appropriated as part of the City's Annual Street Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 21000)

Mayor Jordan asked if anyone wished to remove items from the consent calendar. A member of the public removed Items 7-4 through 7-9.

Item 7-4: Vice Mayor Tiedemann encouraged those who are interested in the available Advisory Body positions to apply.

Item 7-7: Mayor Jordan advised that Alameda County issued a masking indoors order for the entire county, excluding Berkeley, which has its own Department of Health.

Item 7-11: Mayor Jordan thanked staff for the accurate engineering estimate on the next round of sidewalk repairs, as well as the efforts taken to integrate the Masonic and Marin Signal Upgrade Project.

A summary of public comment is as follows: an inquiry regarding potential appointment considerations for advisory body vacancies; appreciation for the appointment of Robin



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Lopez to the SEJC; support for stronger gun safety; a suggestion for in-person Council meetings; an inquiry regarding funding requests for storm drain repairs following the City's award for the cleanest storm drains.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, seconded by Council Member Gary, to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

## **8. PRESENTATION**

### **8-1. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Contract with the County of Alameda for Additional Library Services**

Staff recommendation: that the Council:

1. Receive a presentation from Alameda County Library; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-69, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Alameda for additional library services for Fiscal Year 2022-23 in the amount of \$725,440

Isabelle Leduc, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director, presented the staff report. Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is open to the public forty-one hours per week. Twenty-five and a half hours are contracted with Alameda County Library.

Darshan Chattha, Alameda County Library Finance Manager, advised that the contract is renewed every year. Library services have been restored to full operation. The proposed contract amount is \$725,440, but the total budget has increased to approximately \$2.5 million dollars. Revenue from the City's two special parcel taxes would cover the additional hours of library services contracted with Alameda County. Periodic Activity Reports are provided by the County Librarian on a quarterly basis, along with the invoice. Library funds are not allocated to the General Fund, so savings are placed in available fund balances.

Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director Leduc advised that there is a reserve balance since library services were unavailable during the pandemic and did not invoice the City for the full amount.

Rachel Sher, Albany Library Manager, presented the Albany Library Report for FY 2021-22 and highlighted plans for the upcoming year. During the shelter in place order, the library provided chat and online services and deployed workers for Disaster Service Work. No Contact Pickup Service began in June 2020, and the library reopened with limited hours in April 2021. Regular pre-pandemic hours returned in September 2021. Library



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staff is coordinating with the Recreation Department and Community Center to provide programs on the patio and in local parks. The library averaged 2,751 visitors per month in the first quarter and 4,752 visitors per month have been recorded in the current quarter. Interactive displays were implemented when programs could not be provided due to social distancing. Among the collections the library has developed are the Parenting Collection, Zine (handcrafted, self-published magazine) Collection, Romance Collection, Internet Archive Digitization Project, and Seed Kits. Mental health programming has been a major initiative of the library this year, including mindfulness walks, parenting assistance, and support. Partnership with Albany Film Fest has enabled engaging discussions and film screenings on important topics. Albany Library is committed to fostering an inclusive environment and celebrating diversity. Summer Adventure activities for children and adults can be explored at [aclibrary.org/summer](http://aclibrary.org/summer). New teen programs and facility renovations are planned for the coming year.

Alameda County Library Finance Manager Chattha advised that the City provides janitorial services to the library, and the library has a contract with the City under which the City is reimbursed.

A summary of public comment is as follows: support for the new mental health programs; a suggestion to increase mindful meditation to a weekly event; questions concerning the parking hours, Wi-Fi password, and the Social Justice Program within the Alameda County Library; a suggestion to provide free notary services and workable fax machine; a question regarding the possibility of bringing back the portable toilet and sink.

Albany Library Manager Sher acknowledged the need for fax repair. Limited staffing currently hinders the possibility of weekly programming. The library has a partnership with the Alameda County Food Bank. Restricted parking hours are part of the City Ordinance. Wi-Fi at the library does not require a password. The Social Justice Program primarily works within the Juvenile Hall, but also coordinates with the library on programming throughout the County. Notary services are being explored.

Alameda County Library Finance Manager Chattha noted that the library offers up to ten free printing services. Additionally, staff provides tutoring and library services to individuals confined at the Santa Rita Jail and Juvenile Justice Center.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member McQuaid, seconded by Council Member Nason, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-69, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Alameda for additional library services for Fiscal Year 2022-23 in the amount of \$725,440.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.



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### 8-2. FY 2023 & FY 2024 Contract with Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP) for Albany Project HOPE – Housing Opportunities Expanded

Staff recommendation: that the Council:

1. Receive presentation from Berkeley Food & Housing Project (BFHP) on Albany Project HOPE – Housing Opportunities Expanded; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-70, authorizing the City Manager to enter into Contract No. C22-39 with Berkeley Food & Housing Project for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$1,252,272 for the provision of services for Albany Project HOPE - Housing Opportunities Expanded, the City's homeless outreach, engagement, and housing navigation program, including expansion services in the amount of \$500,000 approved on November 1, 2021, for the COVID Public Assistance Program

Isabelle Leduc, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director, presented the staff report. Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP) has been providing homeless outreach, engagement, case management and housing services in the City since July 2013. The current two-year contract approved by Council will expire on June 30, 2022, and must be renewed to continue the services provided by Albany Project Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program (HOPE). A two-year extension is proposed to ensure continuity of services. Since approval of the current contract, Council approved amendments to increase the contract amount by \$285,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support the needs of people experiencing homelessness during COVID-19, as well as services provided under the COVID-19 Public Assistance Program. Albany Project HOPE will be staffed by BFHP with one full-time Supervisory Case Manager and one full-time Housing Navigator. Additionally, ten percent of a Clinical Manager's salary will be included to assist the Albany Project HOPE team with disability verification and to facilitate permanent housing. ARPA funds will be used for rapid re-housing subsidies, short-term hotel stays, and flexible housing subsidies for move-in costs and other program expenses. BFHP staff presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report for FY 2022 to SEJC on June 7, 2022, and status reports are provided to the City on a quarterly basis.

Calleene Egan, BFHP Executive Director, reported that BFHP strives to ease and end the crisis of homelessness by providing emergency food and shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing with support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Values include equity, diversity, inclusion, community, and transparency. BFHP serves six counties and assisted 2,276 clients during the last fiscal year. Among the services provided in Alameda County are Dwight Way Center, Russell Street Residence, Meals Program, Housing Community Supports, Albany Project HOPE, Berkeley Respite Program, and Roads Home Alameda County. Veteran families are offered various supportive services such as street outreach, employment services, and health care navigation. BFHP partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build a 6-bedroom, 3-bath house in Rio Vista dedicated to veterans. BFHP Hope Center is scheduled to open in July 2022.





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Angela Upshaw, BFHP Director of Programs provided an overview of the Albany Project HOPE Program, services provided, and the 3rd Quarter report. The program assists each individual to retrieve and obtain all necessary documents to be eligible for permanent supportive housing through the Alameda County Coordinated Entry System. The goals are to ensure that immediate needs are addressed, and documents are gathered. The program's approach regarding Albany outreach is to engage, be consistent and respectful, build trust, and ensure shelter and basic needs are met. Expansion services are sought to assist eighteen individuals with Rapid Rehousing subsidies over a two-year period. Master leased homes are designed to provide individuals not interested or able to go to the shelter with a safe and warm place to stay until a permanent supportive housing match is completed. Two 4-bedroom homes would provide twenty-four months of transitional housing. Costs include utilities, furniture, cleaning, and applicable maintenance and repairs. Emergency motel assistance is intended for those who need short-term housing and can accommodate at least four people for a maximum of seven nights. Expanded flexible housing subsidies cover various services, including emergency food, household and kitchen supplies, application fees, and additional fees. Quarter one (Q1) through quarter three (Q3) outreach context have exceeded the target goal, as well as housing case plans, number of clients who have maintained housing, and clients who have been matched with permanent supportive housing. Substantial time has been devoted to discussions concerning housing, benefits, and employment.

BFHP Director of Programs Upshaw stated that the master lease homes are located in the Cities of Richmond and Oakland. Albany does not have homes available within the budgeted price range of approximately \$60,000 dollars per home per year. Any motel that is reasonable and accepting of the individuals being served can be utilized. Due to the lack of identification cards being a common barrier, partners in motels which do not require identification is helpful. Albany landlords were invited for a discussion of program services, but staff has not heard back from any attendees.

A summary of public comment is as follows: inquiries regarding food resources; concerns for difficulties to find a unit in the City; a suggestion that Council consider ways to ensure residents can remain in Albany; concern about individuals being referred by the police; suggestion for library program to assist with identification card barriers.

BFHP Director of Programs Upshaw reiterated that the provision of emergency food would be included in the proposed flexible spending. BFHP works to ensure food stability through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or by visiting a food bank. Local resources for food are prioritized. All referrals come from the City of Albany. Director Upshaw suggested contacting SSBF Supportive Services for Veteran Families if a deposit is needed to utilize the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) voucher. Albany Police Department will contact the Albany CARES team when an individual is unsheltered or in a mental health crisis.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: Council should consider exploring additional options to provide the partnership needed to work with landlords to ensure individuals are housed in Albany; Albany lacks programs to support individuals who are



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on the verge of losing housing; the county eviction moratorium does not expire until sixty days after the local health emergency is lifted; county has eviction services delivered by Centro Legal de la Raza, which is intended to assist with illegal evictions; a rental program with Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) Housing may be worth considering; appreciation to BFHP for the presentation.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, seconded by Council Member McQuaid, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-70, authorizing the City Manager to enter into Contract No. C22-39 with Berkeley Food & Housing Project for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$1,252,272 for the provision of services for Albany Project HOPE - Housing Opportunities Expanded, the City's homeless outreach, engagement, and housing navigation program, including expansion services in the amount of \$500,000 approved on November 1, 2021, for the COVID Public Assistance Program.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

## **9. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **9-1. Public Hearing on the Levy of Assessments within Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2022/23 Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972**

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-71, confirming the Diagram and Assessment, levying assessments in Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2022/23 (pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972) and ordering of the Levy to be placed on the Fiscal Year 2022/23 secured property tax roll

Mark Hurley, Public Works Director/City Engineer, presented the staff report. On June 6, 2022, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-58 initiating proceedings, Resolution No. 2022-59 preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report for FY 2022-23, and Resolution No. 2022-60 declaring the intention of Council to levy and collect assessments. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) No. 1988-1 provides funding for installation, maintenance and servicing of parks and recreational facilities throughout the City, including maintenance repairs of landscape, hardscapes, play structure and irrigation system at City parks. Proposed FY 2022-23 assessment is \$75.54 for detached single-family residential parcels (SFR). Staff recommends the Council conduct the public hearing concerning, provide comments, and approve the resolution confirming the assessment and diagram for the District.

A summary of public comment is as follows: None.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: None.



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AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

### **9-2. Amendment of the City of Albany Master Fee Schedule**

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-72, amending the City of Albany Master Fee Schedule

Heather Rowden, Finance & Administrative Services Director, presented the staff report. Staff recommends the Council to consider amendments to the Master Fee Schedule and adopt Resolution No. 2022-72.

A summary of public comment is as follows: a suggestion that the City provide free transportation for a limited period of time each day as a gesture of goodwill to the community.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member McQuaid, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-72, amending the City of Albany Master Fee Schedule.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

### **MOTION:**

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

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.



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### 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 10-1. FY2022-2023 Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Expenditure Plan

Staff recommendation: that the Council:

1. Review the proposed expenditure of proceeds from the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax; and
2. Determine whether to allocate funding to any other items as noted, including: Bicycle Path Improvements adjacent to the SAHA (Satellite Affordable Housing Associates) Housing development, BikeLink lockers at Albany Waterfront, distribution of reflector jackets for walking safety/safety, and funding for the Gill Tract Community Farm for incorporation into Resolution No. 2022-73; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-73, approving the FY 2022-2023 Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Expenditure Plan

Isabelle Leduc, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director, presented the staff report. Staff provided a review of the draft FY 2022-23 Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Expenditure Plan, including continued funding for the Crossing Guard Program, Healthy Me Music and Movement Program, Bike Safety Program, Albany Swims, and partial funding for Move'n'Groove event for a total of \$256,308 dollars. Staff also recommends that Council determine whether to allocate funding to any other items as noted, including the Bicycle Path Improvements adjacent to the Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) housing development, BikeLink lockers at Albany Waterfront, distribution of reflector jackets for walking safety, and funding for the Gill Tract Community Farm for incorporation into Resolution No. 2022-73.

Jake Massler, BikeLink Representative, advised that bike lockers could be installed on a variety of substrates, but concrete is preferred. Although there would be no price difference for locker anchoring, infrastructure costs may vary depending on the location. Anchors are located inside the lockers to make them more secure. Any on-demand space available throughout the entire BikeLink system may be utilized following system registration. Approximately 4,000-parking spaces are available at two hundred different locations in the Bay Area, which enables alternative transportation. Restricting access to only Albany residents is possible, but some type of system implementation would be required. A reservation system is in development and should be available in the next year or two.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: additional information is needed regarding the distribution of reflective jackets and the appropriate allocation of funds; Council has provided adequate information to make a decision regarding the Gill Tract Community Farm; the availability of fresh fruit and vegetables is a tremendous investment to the community.

A summary of public comment is as follows: an inquiry if the Bicycle Path Improvements adjacent to the SAHA Housing development was a priority; support for the Gill Tract



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Community Farm; a question if the bike lockers would accommodate cargo bikes; a suggestion to place water bottle filling stations at school sites; funding the Gill Tract Farm should be prioritized; Gill Tract Farm is open five days per week; BikeLink lockers are inexpensive and easy to use; a suggestion for additional lockers; installation of the bike lockers represents a long-term investment; support for the Bicycle Path along SAHA; a suggestion that Council consider families with kids and providing sufficient amount of locks; Gill Tract Farm would provide necessary fresh foods and education to the community.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Gary, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: funding the bike path segment will be more financially efficient if it is done at the time of site design and construction; Gill Tract Farm has potential but making a standing gift to an outside organization is not realistic without long-term financial planning; Gill Tract Farm is a large project but it would encourage a healthy community; a preference for the City to provide four longtail bike lockers; a suggestion that Move'n'Groove event organizers seek sponsorships to offset some of the costs rather than implying that \$6,000 will be provided continuously; the Council may want to forward a request from the Gill Tract Community Farm to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission (PROSC) for a more detailed discussion of the request and to develop a long-term sustainable plan; a preference to engage in further discussion with the university before submitting the request to committees; a suggestion to encourage Gill Tract Community Farm to develop a one-time, limited program; a suggestion to provide a one-time donation of \$20,000 dollars, and then perhaps a longer-term relationship can be established over time; more information regarding Gill Tract Farm will be provided at future meeting for consideration.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member McQuaid, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, to extend the meeting to 11:45 p.m.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Mayor Jordan, seconded by Council Member McQuaid, to Adopt Resolution No. 2022-73, approving the FY 2022-2023 Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Expenditure Plan, with the reduction of Move'n'Groove event donation from \$6,000 dollars to \$5,000



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dollars, the addition of costs for four BikeLink lockers that can accommodate cargo bikes, and the staff recommended costs for the Bicycle Path Improvements adjacent to the SAHA Housing development.

AYES: Council Members McQuaid and Nason, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan  
NOES: Council Member Gary  
Motion carried and so ordered.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

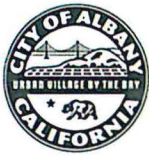
## 12. COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS, COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ON APPOINTED REPRESENTATION OF ALBANY, AND OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

City Council Appointed Representation Bodies	Appointee	Alternate
Alameda County Mayors' Conference	Jordan	Tiedemann
Alameda County Transportation Commission	Nason	Jordan
Alameda County Waste Management Authority	Jordan	Nason
Association of Bay Area Government	Gary	Tiedemann
East Bay Community Energy JPA Board	Tiedemann	Jordan
East Bay Sports Field Recreational Authority JPA	Nason	Gary
Housing Authority of Alameda County	McQuaid	N/A
League of California Cities (East Bay)	McQuaid	Tiedemann
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District	Jordan	N/A
Alameda County Library Advisory Commission	Gary	(vacant)
Alta Bates Hospital Task Force	McQuaid/Nason	N/A
Rausser College of Natural Resources Dean's Advisory Committee on the Gill Tract (DAC)	Gary	N/A
City/AUSD/UC – 2X2X2	Jordan/Tiedemann	N/A
Police & Fire Pension Fund Board	Jordan	McQuaid
Alameda County Paratransit Advisory & Planning Committee (PAPCO)	(vacant)	N/A

## 13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Mayor Jordan indicated future agenda items includes rental support to preclude evictions when the moratorium runs out, and a review of SEJC functional level.

Council Member Gary requested a follow-up on the request for a dual meeting with the School Board, and an item on reinstating the subcommittee by Council for youth engagement.



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A summary of public comment is as follows: requests for future agenda items on school zones and the Civics Academy.

### 14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Upcoming City Events – please check on City website [www.albanymca.org](http://www.albanymca.org) under City Calendar web page for up-to-date information.

Upcoming City Meetings

1. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing
2. Transportation Commission Meeting, Thursday, June 23, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing
3. City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 5, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing (due to Independence Day on Monday)

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

11:44 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Anne Hsu, City Clerk.

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Preston Jordan  
Mayor

Attest:

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Anne Hsu, City Clerk