



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue
Albany, CA 94706
Monday, June 05, 2023

Date approved: June 20, 2023

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council Member López read a statement regarding mental health, and the Council observed a moment of silence in honor of those lost during Mental Health Month.

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan and López, Vice Mayor Miki,
Mayor Tiedemann

Absent: None

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4-1. Immigrant Heritage Month

Council Member Jordan presented the proclamation to Josie Halpern-Finnerty of FWD.us.

4-2. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Graduation

Mayor Tiedemann and Fire Chief Jim Boito presented certificates to graduates.

A summary of public comment is as follows: appreciation for the CERT instructors.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Nicole Almaguer reported pavement rehabilitation at Marin Avenue was completed May 20-21, 2023 while the street was closed. Construction alerts and updates can be found on the City website (albanyca.org) under the Public Works Department tab. East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) anticipates starting pavement rehabilitation on Marin Avenue on June 26, 2023. The Albany Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Departments held an evacuation drill at Gateway Condominiums during the weekend of May 27, 2023. Albany's Juneteenth Celebration and the summer Stroll-ish event are scheduled for June 18, 2023. The Progress Pride Flag is flying at City facilities during June in honor of Pride Month, information available on City website. The Street Tree Management Plan Community Survey will be open through June 30, 2023, information available on City website and is an opportunity for citizens to share their thoughts. Registration for National Night Out block parties on August 1, 2023 is now open.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: thanks to the Public Works Department for completing pavement rehabilitation at Marin Avenue in just 36 hours.

6. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC COMMENT



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, June 05, 2023

Mayor Tiedemann opened the Good of the City.

A summary of public comment is as follows: two vacant buildings near the intersection of Solano Avenue and Carmel Avenue need repairs; power lines at 1600 Solano Avenue have not been properly secured.

City Manager Almaguer advised that staff is in communication with the property owners of regarding concerns raised 1600 Solano Avenue. The buildings near Solano and Carmel are undergoing construction, but staff will ensure the property owners are aware of the concern.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7-1. Minutes – May 15, 2023

Staff Recommendation: Approve

7-2. Ratification of Payroll – Date Paid 5/19/2023: Net Amount \$378,060.10, Taxes/Benefits/Deductions \$382,543.88, Total Payroll \$760,603.98

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 \$260,244.94 (5/19/2023), \$211,493.21 (5/26/2023)

Staff Recommendation: Ratify

7-4. Advisory Body Appointment Recommendations for City Council Ratification:

- Leo Von Nydeggen recommended for appointment to the Transportation Commission by Council Member López
- Evan Vigil-McClanahan recommended for appointment to the Transportation Commission by Council Member Jordan
- Julian Baldwin recommended for appointment to the Arts Committee by Council Member Hansen-Romero

Council Members López, Jordan, and Hansen-Romero Recommendation: Ratify

7-5. Advisory Body Appointment

- Melanie Guan by Council Member Jordan to the Arts Committee

Council Member Jordan Recommendation: Information item

7-6. Initiating Proceedings, Approval of Annual Reports, and Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2023/24, and Setting a Public Hearing for June 20, 2023



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, June 05, 2023

Staff Recommendation: That the Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-38, initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2023/24;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-39, approving the Annual Report for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2023/24; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-40, a Resolution of Intention to levy and collect assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2023/24. Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972, set a public hearing for June 20, 2023 on the proposed assessment

7-7. Ordinance Relating to Mobility Sharing Services – Second Reading, Pass-to-Print

Transportation Commission Recommendation: That the Council adopt an ordinance to amend the Albany Municipal Code to include the proposed permitting regulations of shared micromobility services and that fees include sufficient funding to help implement increased infrastructure for parking

Staff Recommendation: That the Council adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03, amending sections of the Albany Municipal Code relating to mobility sharing services – Second Reading, Pass to Print

7-8. Cooperation Agreement with Alameda County Continue Albany’s Participation in the Alameda County Urban County to Receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Funds

Staff Recommendation: That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-41, authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperation agreement with Alameda County to continue participation of the City of Albany in the Alameda County Urban County for CDBG funds

Mayor Tiedemann asked if anyone wishes to remove items from the consent calendar. No one removed an item from the consent calendar.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Jordan, seconded by Council Member Hansen-Romero, to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan and López, Vice Mayor Miki, Mayor Tiedemann

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

8. PRESENTATION



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, June 05, 2023

8-1. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Contract with the County of Alameda for Additional Library Services

Staff Recommendation: That the Council:

1. Receive a presentation from the Alameda County Library regarding library services within the City of Albany; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-42, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Alameda for additional library services for Fiscal Year 2023-24 in the amount of \$725,440

Assistant City Manager Isabelle Leduc presented the staff report. The Albany Library is open to the public 41 hours per week. Alameda County Library funds 15.5 of the hours, and the City of Albany contracts with Alameda County Library for the remaining 25.5 hours at a cost of \$725,440. Voters approved two special taxes that pay for the additional hours.

Darshan Chattha, Alameda County Library Financial Services Officer, advised that the contract between Alameda County Library and the City of Albany has been in existence for a few years. The contract for Fiscal Year 2023-24 does not increase the City's cost. Additional expenses will be funded from the County Library Property Tax and the Alameda County available fund balance.

Rachel Sher, Albany Library Manager, presented the Annual Library Report. Statistics reflect a year-over-year increase in Library usage and services. Programs have included crafts, book giveaways, films, author and class visits, and a Teen Advisory Group and highlighted creativity, sustainability, and diversity. Programs returning to the Library are Albany Reads, Senior Health and Wellness, and Lunch and Learn.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: Appreciation for library staff, library programs, and the additional hours without increasing costs.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Hansen-Romero, seconded by Council Member López, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-42, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Alameda for additional library services for Fiscal Year 2023-24 in the amount of \$725,440.

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan and López, Vice Mayor Miki, Mayor Tiedemann

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9-1. Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25

Staff Recommendation: That the Council review the Fiscal Year 2023-24 and 2024-25 Biennial Budget package and adopt the following Resolutions:



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, June 05, 2023

1. Resolution No. 2023-30, updating the City's Fiscal Policies;
2. Resolution No. 2023-31, establishing the Appropriations Limit for the 2023-24 fiscal year;
3. Resolution No. 2023-32, adopting the updated City of Albany Master Fee Schedule;
4. Resolution No. 2023-33, adopting the Salary Schedule;
5. Resolution No. 2023-34, adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 tax rate for the Pension Override Tax;
6. Resolution No. 2023-35, establishing the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Parcel Tax Rates;
7. Resolution No. 2023-36, appropriating Reserve Fund amounts; and
8. Resolution No. 2023-37, adopting the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25

Finance & Administrative Services Director Heather Rowden presented the staff report. Staff has made several technical revisions to the Master Fee Schedule since the Council's review on May 15, 2023. The City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Appropriations Limit has been added to the budget booklet.

Staff revised the proposed Budget after the Council's review to include funding for storm drains, two CERT classes, and to increase Special Revenue Parcel Tax rates to the maximum rates allowed. Staff proposes no increase to Library taxes as the current amount collected covers costs. The sewer tax rate will not change until the City conducts the next sewer fee study.

While the proposed Budget projects a deficit, the cash flow projection indicates a deficit will probably not occur until FY 2025-26. The Council receives a budget update quarterly and may revise the budget at the time of an update.

A summary of public comment is as follows: a suggestion for the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) to liaise with staff regarding the feasibility and timeframe of proposed new revenue sources; a request for music in the park evening events.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: suggestion for follow up discussion regarding music in the park evening events; a suggestion to add \$6,800 to the budget for one night-time event in 2023; the proposed Budget increases expenses by 12% and revenues by 18%.

City Manager Almaguer indicated that the proposed Budget includes funding for a July 4th music event and daytime events in August and September 2023. If the Council supports a night-time event in September, it needs to add \$6,800 to the proposed Budget for lighting. Additional events will require more advanced planning time to secure bands and associated equipment needs for evening events.



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, June 05, 2023

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Jordan, seconded by Vice Mayor Miki, to adopt 1) Resolution No. 2023-30, updating the City’s Fiscal Policies; 2) Resolution No. 2023-31, establishing the Appropriations Limit for the 2023-24 fiscal year; 3) Resolution No. 2023-32, adopting the updated City of Albany Master Fee Schedule; 4) Resolution No. 2023-33, adopting the Salary Schedule; 5) Resolution No. 2023-34, adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 tax rate for the Pension Override Tax; 6) Resolution No. 2023-35, establishing the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Parcel Tax Rates; 7) Resolution No. 2023-36, appropriating Reserve Fund amounts; and 8) Resolution No. 2023-37, adopting the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25, with an amendment to add \$6,800 for a night-time Music in the Park event in FY 2023-24.

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan and López, Vice Mayor Miki, Mayor Tiedemann

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11-1. Update to Guidelines for Restricting Street Parking Near Intersections

Transportation Commission Recommendation: That the Council approve the proposed Council Policy for restricting street parking near intersections

Staff Recommendation: That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-43, updating the Council Policy for restricting street parking near intersections

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 “Existing Facilities” of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing streets with negligible expansion of use

Transportation & Sustainability Manager Justin Fried presented the staff report. Intersection daylighting or red-curb parking at intersections is a safety measure that increases visibility of pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles and improves emergency vehicle access. National guidance calls for 20-25 feet of red curb at crossings. Other red-curb applications at intersections are related to infrastructure access and implemented under City Engineer authority. The current guidance was set in 2017, distinguishes approach and departure sides of an intersection, identifies preferred distances of 20 feet and 10 feet respectively, and calls for individual analysis of intersections with geometry, topography, or other constraints. To date, daylighting guidelines have been implemented through either City projects that involve engineered plans or standalone striping by prioritization. In implementing the guidelines, the Transportation Commission (TC) has



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue
Albany, CA 94706
Monday, June 05, 2023

consistently supported pedestrian safety over parking. Assembly Bill (AB) 413 proposes a Vehicle Code amendment to restrict parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

Staff proposes to change and clarify the process, change the guidelines to a Council Policy, remove the prioritization criteria and TC review, place implementation under the City Engineer’s Municipal Code authority to restrict parking in hazardous areas, and modify the public notice. The proposal allows faster implementation of the safety measure and facilitates incorporation into a broader range of projects.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: residents expressed concerns about parking impacts when daylighting was implemented in front of their homes; the proposal will impact primarily corner lots, and corner lots have the most access to on-street parking; support for enhancing the safety of pedestrians and people with limited mobility; concern about the impact of AB 413.

MOTION:

Moved by Vice Mayor Miki, seconded by Council Member López, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-43, updating the Council Policy for restricting street parking near intersections.

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan and López, Vice Mayor Miki, Mayor Tiedemann

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

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	Tiedemann	Miki
Alameda County Transportation Commission	Jordan	Miki
Alameda County Waste Management Authority	Hansen-Romero	Jordan
Association of Bay Area Government	Tiedemann	Jordan
East Bay Community Energy JPA Board	Tiedemann	López
East Bay Sports Field Recreational Authority JPA	Miki	Hansen-Romero
Housing Authority of Alameda County	McQuaid	N/A
League of California Cities (East Bay)	Miki	López
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District	López	N/A
Alameda County Library Advisory Commission	Jordan	Tiedemann
Rausser College of Natural Resources Dean’s Advisory Committee on the Gill Tract (DAC)	López	N/A
Police & Fire Pension Fund Board	Tiedemann	Miki
Alameda County Paratransit Advisory & Planning Committee (PAPCO)	(vacant)	N/A



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, June 05, 2023

12-1. Reports for Housing Authority of County of Alameda (HACA)

Council Member Hansen-Romero reported she attended a StopWaste meeting where they discussed pending legislation. She encouraged the public to review information and services provided at stopwaste.org.

Council Member Jordan reported he attended the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) meeting, in which ACTC approved the five-year Transportation Expenditure Plan, a construction contract for a 7th Street East grade separation project, and the proposed budget.

Mayor Tiedemann reported he attended an East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Board meeting regarding its proposed budget, and an Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Committee meeting, where they discussed the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Equity Plan, the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) budget, and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process.

Council Member López reported he attended a meeting of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, where they approved the budget, received a preliminary engineer's report for FY 2023-24, and changed banks.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Tiedemann requested an agenda item to discuss Music in the Park events.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1. Juneteenth – Monday, June 19, 2023 (City Offices Closed)

Upcoming City Meetings

1. Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
2. Financial Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
3. Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission Meeting, Thursday, June 8, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
4. Arts Committee Meeting, Monday, June 12, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
5. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
6. Policing Commission Meeting, Thursday, June 15, 7:00 Pm, City Hall Council Chambers
7. City Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, June 05, 2023

15. ADJOURNMENT

9:15 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Tiedemann adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Anne Hsu, City Clerk.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. Tiedemann", written over a horizontal line.

Aaron Tiedemann
Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Anne Hsu", written over a horizontal line.

Anne Hsu, City Clerk