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**MINUTES OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL**  
**IN REGULAR SESSION,**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER, 1249 MARIN AVENUE**  
**MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009**

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**6:30 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

City Council convenes in the Council Chamber and then adjourns to Executive Session to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

Beth Pollard

City Administrator

To discuss litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9:

City of Albany v. Alten Construction, Inc.

**7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Atkinson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, called the regular meeting of the Albany City Council to order on the above date.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

Absent: None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Beth Pollard, City Administrator; Robert Zweben, City Attorney; Jacqueline Bucholz, City Clerk; Ann Chaney, Community Development Director; Jeff Bond, Planning

Manager; Nicole Almaguer, Environmental Specialist; Aleida Chavez, Transportation Planner; Rich Cunningham, Public Works Manager.

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

Mayor Atkinson reported the Council gave the City Administrator her evaluation and regarding the litigation instruction was given to the City Attorney.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. By approval of the Consent Calendar, the staff recommendations will be adopted unless otherwise modified by the City Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or a member of the audience requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar.)

**4-1. Minutes, July 6, 2009.**

Staff recommendation: Approve.

**4-2. a. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of \$187,753.12; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of \$152,245.69. Total payroll in the amount of \$339,998.81. Payroll period: 07/02/09.**

b. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA net payroll in the amount of \$57,576.67; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of \$40,474.22. Total payroll in the amount of \$. Payroll period: 07/02/09.

Staff recommendation: Ratify.

**4-3. a. Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the City of Albany in the amount of \$32,92.81. Period: 07/01/09. (File #300-40)**

Staff recommendation: Ratify.

**4-4. Ordinances:**

a. Ordinance 09-09 – An Ordinance of the Albany City Council Amending Section 5-1.24 Cumulative Remedies of the Albany Municipal Code.

b. Ordinance No. 09-010 – An Ordinance of the Albany City Council Amending Section 1-12 Recovery of Attorney’s Fees of the Albany Municipal Code. (File #100-95)

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Staff recommendation: Approve Ordinance 09-09 & 09-010 for Second Reading-Pass-to-Print. Waive reading of entire Ordinances.

- 4-5.** Resolution No. 09-38 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Requesting the Federal Government to Update Studies on Potential Health Effects of Radio Frequency Wireless Emissions in Light of Proliferation of Wireless Use.  
(File #560-85)

Council Member Lieber recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 09-38.

- 4-6.** Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP).  
(File #1030-20)

Staff recommendation: Authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement with Bartle Wells Associates in an amount not to exceed \$19,500 for development of a financial plan for the SSMP.

- 4-7.** Memorandum of Understanding with University Village to provide crossing guards for Ocean View Elementary School.  
(File #600-40)

Staff recommendation: Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with University Village in Albany for the Albany Police Department to manage crossing guard services for children in the vicinity of Albany Unified School District's Ocean View School.

- 4-8.** Letter of support for the Wayfinding Project proposal being submitted by the Western Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) for a Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) grant request.  
(File #345-50)

Staff recommendation: Support WCCTAC's grant application to the SR2T Cycle III for the development of a uniform wayfinding signage system that include points of interest in the City of Albany and neighboring communities in Contra Costa County.

- 4-9.** AB 1234 Reporting on EOC Finance & Disaster Cost Recovery Class that the City Treasurer attended.  
(File #640-15)

Staff recommendation: Information only.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 4-10.** Contract C09-1: Creek Monitoring Contract in an amount of \$27,000 (From Codornices Creek Account) with Far West Engineering to provide monitoring per requirements of permitting agencies for Codornices Creek Restoration.  
(File #6009-30)

Staff recommendation: Approve Contract C09-1.

- 4-11.** Letter to League of California Cities opposing unfunded mandates and housing allocation requirements.  
(File #610-80)

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to sign and send letter to the League of California Cities urging it to oppose any existing or potential unfunded mandates, and to support a more realistic approach to the housing allocation requirements mandated upon cities.

- 4-12.** 2009 Paving Project.  
(File #600-10)

Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 09-39 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Approving Plans, Finding Project to be Categorically Exempt Under CEQA, Calling for Bids and Authorizing the City Administrator to award a Contract for Contract No. C09-11, 2009 Paving Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$818,000.

Mayor Atkinson asked if anyone would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Council Member Javandel asked to remove Item 4-1.

**4-1. Minutes, July 6, 2009.**

Council Member Javandel noted that his vote on the Consent Calendar would include an abstention for the Minutes of July 6, 2009, as he was not present at the meeting.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Lieber, seconded by Council Member Thomsen to approve the Consent Calendar, as submitted.

AYES: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

**5. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Atkinson read a statement regarding the comments made under Good of the City at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding an incident between the Williams Family and

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the Albany Police Department. Mayor Atkinson noted that the City Council is listening and responding to what has been stated and the City Administrator is reviewing the matter.

Council Member Lieber announced that he attended a Memorial for Richard Cross who passed away recently and noted that Richard served on the Albany Library Board.

The following people spoke: Representatives for the Uhuro Movement; Signe Madson, Albany resident; Donna Butcher, Albany resident; Jordan ?, Albany resident; Jackie Hermes-Fletcher, Albany resident; Ken McCrosky, Albany resident; Susan Silver, Safe Routes to School; Sarah ?, Albany resident; Bart Grossman, Albany resident; Brian Parsley, Albany resident; Nich Pilch, Albany resident; Kim Linden, Albany resident; Caryl O'Keefe, Albany resident.

A summary of the comments is as follows: Reiterated comments regarding the Williams Family and the Albany Police Department. Speakers spoke supporting the Williams Family. Council Member Wile thanked Mayor Atkinson for her statement regarding the Williams family and noted the Council is troubled by the incident. A petition was presented to the City Council regarding the property at 739 Madison demanding that the City and the Police Department do something regarding the chronic health, safety and criminal problems associated with the residence and its occupants. Spoke about student safety at Marin School noting that the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path design does not protect the school children and urged the Council to review the plans again. Requested that the plans include a protected left hand turn. Thanked Council Member Thomsen for her comments last week about the Gilman Street Sport Fields and expressed concern that the JPA has violated the Brown Act and asked that residents be allowed to look at the itemized costs and change orders, etc. Expressed concern about the draft EIR for the UC Village project and spoke about green house gas and climate change and noted that the EIR should be put on the shelf until all these issues are addressed. Noted that the Friends of the Albany Library held a one-day book sale and collected \$2,468.48 and thanked all the volunteers and supporters of the Library. It was noted that the next book sale would be September 26, 2009. Council Member Lieber stated that he attended the book sale and noted there were a lot of very good books for sale.

The City Administrator reported on the Jackson Street nuisance as follows: 947 Jackson has been referred to legal counsel; 953 Jackson has been given a timeframe; 955 Jackson staff has made contact and a few changes have been made. Staff will continue to follow up on these properties.

The City Administrator noted that she would contact Berkeley staff regarding the questions asked about the Gilman Street Sports Fields.

The City Planner stated that regarding 739 Madison staff is aware of the problems and is working on a solution and would stay in touch with neighborhood representatives. Council Member Wile stated that would be happy to coordinate with Mental Health services regarding the individual living at 739 Madison.

Council Member Wile acknowledged the Albany Bowl and the contribution it has made to the community and noted that it would be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in August.

## **6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING**

### **6-1. Presentation of Proclamation.**

Mayor Atkinson read a Proclamation honoring Richard Russo, Albany Library employee who is retiring in August after 35 years with the Alameda County Library.

Mr. Russo thanked the Council and spoke about his work with the Albany Library.

### **6-2. 2008 Alameda County Waste Characterization Study (File #810-25)**

The Environmental Specialist reported that StopWaste.Org recently completed the 2008 Alameda County Waste Characterization Study, which consists of analysis of solid waste disposal to identify and classify what materials are being disposed of within Alameda County; and provide solid waste composition and quantity results for each jurisdiction within the County.

The Environmental Specialist noted that the City's current franchise with Waste Management of Alameda County has facilitated an increase in the amount of waste material diverted from the landfill, including commingled recycling, residential organics food scraps collection and subsidized organics food scraps collection for the commercial sector. It was also noted that several other programs have been established to further increase diversion opportunities including: All plastics recycling (#1-7, plastic bags and film); organics collection at City facilities; polystyrene ban; public information; Citywide garage sale; on-call bulky waste and e-waste collection; construction and demolition recycling ordinances; environmentally preferable purchasing policy; support to StopWaste.Org outreach campaigns.

It was also noted that staff has been working closely with the Albany School District to assist in the "Greening of Albany Schools". To date, two elementary schools are now utilizing recycling and organics collection and beginning in 2009-10 school year, all schools except the high school will utilize recycling and organics collection. This equates to an approximate waste diversion of over 60 yards per week and should enable a significant decrease in the amount of organics material currently being sent to the landfill.

Council Member Wile noted that the Recycling Board is using Albany as a model in terms of developing partnerships. The Council congratulated staff for its excellent work. Mayor Atkinson asked some questions about some statistics in the report and also asked staff to work with the residents of Pierce Street Condominiums to help the residents in their recycling efforts.

Information only, no Council action required.

### **7-2. Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Design (File #820-20)**

The Community Development Director reported that the City received a \$266,000 grant for development of 35% Plans, Specifications and Engineering, Environmental work and Traffic Analysis for the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path. In 2007, the

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City contracted with DMJM Harris to prepare the 35% plans and the intent is to develop a concept plan on which an environmental document would be prepared.

Bill Burton, DMJM Harris, explained that the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path design concept entails extending the Marin Avenue bicycle lanes from Cornell Avenue to the intersection of Marin Avenue and San Pablo Avenue, construction of a bicycle and pedestrian path along the south side of Marin and Buchanan and extension of the westbound bicycle lane along the north side of Marin Avenue and Buchanan Street to the Buchanan Bridge Over crossing. The goal of this project is to close the existing east-west gap between the Ohlone Greenway and the Bay Trail.

Mr. Burton went over the various plans and alternatives and noted that the recommendation from the Traffic & Safety Commission is to approve alternatives I that would remove some trees; however, additional trees would be replaced with additional bulb outs.

Council Member Lieber noted that a lot of people came together on this project and has agreed on the recommended alternative I. Council Member Lieber expressed concern about the signals at Cleveland Avenue and child safety.

Council Member Thomsen expressed concern about the removal of trees and also asked whether residents were notified about the Pierce Street closure. The Community Director responded that notices were sent to residents and property owners from Cornell down to Pierce Street.

Council Member Wile also expressed concern about the removal of the five Redwood Trees and would like to revisit this even though it would mean losing parking spaces.

Council Member Javandel noted that additional trees and bulb outs would be added, which would have a traffic calming benefit. Council Member Javandel wanted clarification that the sculpture at Ocean View Park would not be impacted and was assured there would be no impact to it.

The following people spoke: Nick Pilch, Chair Park & Recreation Commission; Bob Outis, Albany resident; Elizabeth Pun, Albany resident; Francesco Papalia, Albany resident; AC Transit Transportation Planner.

A summary of the comments is as follows: Spoke to the concern about the removal of the Redwood Trees and noted that although the trees are in good health they are not a good street tree and reiterated that additional trees would be planted in their place. A question was asked about the 2-way strip and wanted to know where the traffic would go and Council Member Javandel responded that it would go to Cleveland. Asked whether the City could get money for the trees that would be mulched. Expressed concern on a survey that was taken and the results showed that people feel uncomfortable and not safe when riding their bikes to the Waterfront area. AC Transit noted that they have submitted comments and look forward to this project being a benefit to transit.

The Community Development Director noted that staff is preparing an application for the SR2T grant program, which does not require a match. However, projects with additional financial resources score higher. The City is requesting \$500,000 from the grant for the construction of the two segments. An additional local match of \$139,000 is required for project completion.

## 7-2. Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Design

Staff is recommending using TDA funds that the City receives annually and Measure F monies previously allocated to Phase II of the Marin Avenue reconfiguration, as a local match for this project.

Council Member Javandel requested an agenda item be brought back to the Council to provide direction on the turn lanes on Jackson Street that would eliminate some parking spaces.

Council Member Javandel presented Resolution No. 09-37 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Supporting a Grant Application for Construction Funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Safe Routes to Transit Program and authorizes use of funds for local match.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Javandel, seconded by Council Member Lieber to approve the design alternatives for the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path, as recommended by the Traffic & Safety Commission: Segment I: From Cornell Avenue to San Pablo Avenue (SPA): Alternative I. Segment II: From SPA to Jackson Street, there is only one proposal for this segment. Segment III: From Jackson Street to USDA: Alternative I. Segment IV: From USDA to the Buchanan Bridge Over crossing: Alternative 2.

After reading title of Resolution No. 09-37, and waiving reading of entire Resolution it was approved.

### **ON THE QUESTION:**

Council Member Thomsen reiterated her concern about the third alternative regarding the removal of trees and wished that the Traffic & Safety Commission would speak to this. Council Member Thomsen thanked everyone who worked on this project.

### **VOTE ON THE MOTION:**

AYES: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

## 7-1. Ordinance No. 09-013 – Campaign Finance Reform

(File #630-40)

The City Attorney reported that the Campaign Finance Reform Task Force, which was established by Council on March 2, 2009, met during the last few months. At this time, the Task Force has recommended that two additional incentives be incorporated into the ordinance, Section 7-7, as follows: B. For candidates accepting the voluntary expenditure limits, the following applies: 1. The sample ballot will contain a designation that the candidate was a participant in the voluntary expenditure limit program. 2) The fact of a candidates participation in the voluntary expenditure limit program will be noted on the City's website.

The Task Force also recommended reporting requirements, Section 7-5, as follows: c. Each candidate or treasurer of a controlled committee that supports or opposes a candidate shall pay, or cause to be paid, each vendor ~~upon~~ receipt of the vendor's goods or services in whole or in part. D. The treasurer of a committee that



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makes independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate shall pay, or cause to be paid, each vendor ~~upon~~ within five days receipt of the vendor's goods or services in whole or in part. E. In addition to any other laws requiring disclosure, disclosure of committees' payments for goods and services through the 8<sup>th</sup> day before the election shall be filed with the City Clerk seven (7) days before the date of the election.

The Task Force discussed two other issues on public financing and whether to add an attorney's fee provision to a prevailing party, should a lawsuit be filed.

Public Financing: Making public funds available for use for joint mailing. This is a policy decision for the Council to make. The Task Force did learn that the City already uses public funds to subsidize the cost of candidate statements. The City charges the candidate approximately \$83 and current cost charged by the County is \$619 with the City paying the difference out of the General Fund.

The City Attorney noted that attached to the Task Force Report is a separate report by Allan Maris. Staff does not recommend what is being proposed by Mr. Maris, which involves numerous issues that would require the City to be involved in elections in a much more substantial way.

The following people spoke: Bob Outis, Albany resident; Caryl O'Keefe, Task Force member; Thelma Rubin, Albany resident.

A summary of the comments is as follows: Would recommend that the Ordinance be repealed and default to State requirements, as the Ordinance does not mean much and just causes confusion. Thanked the City Attorney for his help on the Task Force and noted that she agrees the Ordinance is less substantive than it was but would recommend that the Council consider amending it. Noted that new people in town would have to spend more money to become known and stated she was curious about the money spent on elections.

Council Member Thomsen stated that she was surprised to hear about the candidate statements being subsidized by the City and believe that this should be an incentive if candidates sign the voluntary expenditure. Council Member Thomsen commented that she would like to see the issue of public financing go back to the Task Force.

Council Member Lieber stated that he did not support public financing of campaigns because it is too expensive and supports the status quo of the City subsidizing the candidate statement. Council Member Lieber agreed with Bob Outis that the ordinance should be repealed and believes this is repression and not reform. Council Member Lieber noted that the FPPC regulates the campaign expenditures and revenues and anyone can see what a candidate has spent on the election.

Council Member Javandel stated that there should be a balance between access to the public and freedom of speech and would like to see an ordinance that strikes a balance. Council Member Javandel noted that he would like to see this go back to the Task Force to discuss public financing.

Council Member Wile stated that she does not want the City to spend any more money but would agree to send it back to the Task Force for a report back in November.

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Mayor Atkinson stated that she would prefer to end the Task Force duties and does not want to commit money for public financing. Mayor Atkinson commented that she agrees with keeping the status quo but would like to abolish the entire ordinance.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Lieber, seconded by Mayor Atkinson to repeal the Campaign Finance Reform Act Ordinance.

**ON THE QUESTION:**

The City Attorney advised the Council to put the issue of repeal on the agenda in September, as this agenda did not notice action on repeal.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Lieber, seconded by Mayor Atkinson to have an item on the September agenda to discuss the repeal of the Campaign Finance Reform Act ordinance.

**ON THE QUESTION:**

Council Member Thomsen stated that she believes it important that people have a right to see the expenses of a candidate and the local ordinance is a second level, which gives incentives.

Council Member Lieber stated that people can see exactly what a candidate is spending and collecting. Council Member Lieber commented that he might be able to support an ordinance if the level of expenditure is raised to \$10,000 and the City does not participate in campaigns at all.

Council Member Thomsen noted that the expenditure level was set by the Social & Economic Justice Commission and would not support changing it.

Council Member Javandel stated that the recommendation from the Task Force is unanimous and would not want to net pick at the ordinance out of respect for the work done by the Task Force.

Mayor Atkinson noted that the Task Force is an advisory body and the Council can make changes.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:**

AYES: Council Members Lieber, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

NOES: Council Members Javandel & Thomsen      ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Lieber, seconded by Council Member Wile that the issue of public financing not be sent back to the Task Force for consideration and that status quo on the candidate statement with subsidization from the City.

**ON THE QUESTION:**

Council Member Thomsen asked that an amendment be added that this be put on the agenda for future discussion. Council Member Lieber stated a motion was not needed, as any Council Member can put any item on the agenda.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:**

AYES: Council Members Lieber, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

NOES: Council Members Javandel & Thomsen      ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

**7-3. BART Agreement regarding Ohlone Greenway Earthquake Safety**  
(File #600-40)

The Community Development Director reported that BART is planning to seismically retrofit the columns under the BART tracks (Ohlone Greenway) in Spring 2010, which would require excavation around the columns. As enhancements to the Ohlone Greenway were identified in Albany's Park and Open Space Master Plan, the City discussed with BART the issue of putting back landscaping and amenities more to the liking of the community.

BART agreed and in 2007 the City hire a consultant to assist in developing a plan for the Greenway. In 2008, Council adopted the consultant's 35% plan, as modified by the Tree Task Force plan and reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Commission. In late 2008, BART and City staff reviewed a detailed cost estimate for the Albany portion, which included repair and replacement costs directly attributable to the earthquake safety project and costs attributable to Albany's plan termed as "betterments".

The Community Development Director noted that a staff member from BART is available tonight for any questions. The Community Development Director stated that there are no costs to the City regarding improvements above and beyond the seismic project.

Council Member Lieber asked about the gray water and whether there was any progress and the Community Development Director responded this issue has been agreed upon.

The City Attorney noted that there are still a few unresolved issues with BART that need to be taken care of and that staff will follow through on this.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Thomsen, seconded by Council Member Javandel to authorize the City Administrator to enter into the following agreements with BART: Acquisition Agreement, Right-of-Way and Letter Agreement for Final Design and Construction.

AYES: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

**7-4. Monthly Progress Report: Civic Center**  
(File #200-20)

The Public Works Manager reported that the project is approximately 78% complete and the total amount expended between Contractor and retention paid into escrow to date is \$6,734,367.38. There were some delays due to the incorporation of change orders and handling of unresolved issues during the period of transition between project managers in May-June.

New plans for the Administration Wing and Fire Station are being submitted to the building department for approval. Fifteen-contract change orders have been issued during the past month for a total amount of \$102,527.70. All together the contract change orders total \$799,006.18 or 9.9% of the present contract amount.

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The Public Works Manager noted that as the project nears completion, the cost of the remaining change orders is projected to exhaust the available funds in the project contingency. As a result, staff has prioritized for authorization those potential change orders that are a necessity to the project and necessary to perform during the course of construction and deferred items that can be constructed later if/when there are funds available.

Council Member Wile asked a question about the costs to date and whether the project was over budget and was informed that there is a substantial margin right now and the project is not over budget.

Council Member Lieber noted that the Fire Department doors are in place and the Public Works Manager stated that the doors do not hinder the fire truck.

No Council action needed.

**7-5. Draft Final Report: Economic Development**

(File #470-40)

Council Member Thomsen asked whether this item could be held over until September, as the time is late and it is an important issue.

Council Member Wile agreed and suggested a five-minute summary now and the actual presentation held over.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Lieber, seconded by Council Member Wile to continue the meeting for 15 minutes.

Motion carried and so ordered.

The Assistant City Administrator reported that the final report discusses Albany's potential in terms of the redevelopment area (Cleveland/Eastshore); Albany's Main Street (Solano Avenue and the Solano/San Pablo intersection) and San Pablo Avenue. The report provides qualitative assessments and recommendations and includes the work of the Ad Hoc Economic Development group and of the subgroup that has been meeting to address recruitment and retention issues along San Pablo and Solano Avenues.

The Assistant City Administrator noted that one recommendation is to include San Pablo Avenue into the redevelopment area and to move forward with sustainability issues, retention and recruitment on Solano Avenue, to work with other City Commissions, Committees, have proactive business recruitment and to broaden the stakeholder group.

Council Member Wile stated that this is very exciting and is looking forward to moving ahead on this issue.

The following people spoke: Bob Outis, Albany resident; Francesco Papalia, Albany resident.

A summary of comments is as follows: Noted that the report is very informative and asked what is the purpose, why is the City doing this and would like to see goals and a timeline. Items should be prioritized especially important issue to the City and the economic situation should be addressed.

No Council action taken.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8-1. Cal in Local Government Internship Program

(File #600-40)

The City Administrator reported that the Council had recently been contacted by a Berkeley City Council Member recommending the City participate in the UC Berkeley sponsored Cal students in local government. This program enhances the student's knowledge about local issues, improving their ability to think creatively and critically about policy affects local problems and developing their professional skills. It is a component of the Cal Corps Public Service Center. The City Administrator noted that two Council Members have expressed interest to have an intern to work on policy issue research.

Council Member Thomsen stated that the students run this program and noted that UC Berkeley does have an intern program, which it runs. Council Member Thomsen noted that if the program were adopted she would prefer having the intern work with staff versus working with the Council.

Council Member Wile commented that it is important to think of ways to help staff with the workload and this program might help.

Council Member Lieber stated that he checked into this program and believes it would be a very productive outreach to the community and would give the students real life experiences in City government.

Council Member Thomsen expressed concern that the intern would need supervision, which would put more work onto the staff and noted that she believes the Council should do its own research.

Mayor Atkinson stated that the City should take advantage of this program and that staff would have the first priority in using the intern.

Council Member Javandel agreed that the intern should be assigned to staff so that staff gets the assistance and use the intern as they see fit.

The City Administrator stated that she believes the intern should be used to implement Council goals and that the issues regarding individual Council use could be worked out and agreed that staff should supervise the intern.

The following person spoke: Caryl O'Keefe, Albany resident, who noted that she agreed with Council Member Javandel.

#### **MOTION:**

Moved by Council Member Lieber, seconded by Council Member Wile to authorize staff to apply for and enter into an agreement with University of California, Berkeley to host an intern(s) to work on policy research and development of related projects.

AYES: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

10:50 p.m. – there being no further business before the City Council it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting in memory of Nancy Peterson and Richard Cross and a moment of silence was observed.

Minutes submitted by Jacqueline L. Bucholz, CMC, City Clerk.

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MARGE ATKINSON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC  
CITY CLERK