

MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, January 20, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Shuey in Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Shuey, Vice Mayor Geller and Councilmembers Diaz, Haydon and Pierce. Councilmembers absent: None. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, City Attorney Mala Subramanian, City Engineer Rick Angrisani, Maintenance Supervisor John Johnston and City Clerk Janet Brown.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Mayor Shuey.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Diaz, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. (Passed; 5-0 vote).

(a) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2015.

(b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.

4. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

(a) Certificates of Recognition to “Do The Right Thing” public school students selected for exemplifying the character trait of “Kindness” during the months of November and December 2014.

Mayor Shuey and Mt. Diablo Elementary School Teachers Mrs. Reyes and Mrs. Cloverdale recognized students Stella Tomlinson and Brett Simpkins.

Mayor Shuey and Diablo View Middle School Principal Patti Banister and Teacher Mrs. Ploetz recognized Skye Aven and Brendan O’Reilly.

Mayor Shuey and Clayton Valley Charter High School Dean of Students Greg Fister recognized Destiny Sudo, Roxana Benavidez and Elisse Martinez.

5. **REPORTS**

(a) Planning Commission – No meeting held.

(b) Trails and Landscaping Committee – No meeting held.

(c) City Manager/Staff – No Report.

- (d) City Council - Reports from Council liaisons to Regional Committees, Commissions and Boards.

Councilmember Haydon continued orientation training with City staff and provided a brief summary on a draft report provided by the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy.

Councilmember Pierce attended meetings of the Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Association of Bay Area Governments and Metropolitan Transportation Committee.

Councilmember Diaz attended meetings of the Council's Fire Services ad-hoc Committee, an Economic Prosperity Strategy, the County Connection Board, and the League of California Cities' Public Safety Policy Committee. He also assisted the Clayton Business and Community Association with Christmas decorations take-down task in the Downtown. Councilmember Diaz attended the Contra Costa Fire Protection District's Fire Academy Graduation ceremony and its re-opening of Clayton Station 11 on January 16th.

Vice Mayor Geller attended the Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference and the Clayton Valley Charter High School Board Meeting. He also assisted the Clayton Business and Community Association with Christmas decoration take down event.

Mayor Shuey attended the Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference.

- (e) Other – None.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON - AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Report and discussion of the condition of the trail rimming the Mt. Diablo Elementary School and Council Member's suggestion for landscaping/irrigation of the adjacent City hillside abutting Clayton Road and the Oak Street exit.

Maintenance Supervisor John Johnston presented the staff report along with a slideshow of recent photos illustrating existing conditions of the area. Mr. Johnston provided historic information noting the area was landscaped in 1992 as part of the Oakhurst Assessment District Development, Phases 1B and 1C. He also advised due to a limited and antiquated irrigation system installed on a portion of the hillside, City Maintenance has not watered the landscaped portion and has treated the hillside and trail more as "natural open space".

Vice Mayor Geller asked if there is a water source on the hillside? Mr. Johnston advised there is a limited inefficient irrigation system approximately 400 feet in length starting at Mt. Zion Drive.

Councilmember Haydon asked if the existing sprinkler system is still capable of distributing water to the existing landscape? Mr. Johnston advised in order for that watering system to be efficient, an upgrade is necessary to the mainline and a new irrigation clock to handle the various zones.

Vice Mayor Geller inquired if the existing water system could tap into the City's groundwater well within close proximity to the hillside? Mr. Johnston noted the nearby Clayton Road medians do currently use well water for irrigation, as does the Library grounds; however, connecting this area to that groundwater well would necessitate additional studies as to capacity and volume of new systems.

City Manager Gary Napper noted the small pedestrian bridge off Oak Street in the slideshow is actually owned by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and is located on District property; the public trail itself meanders over both City and School District properties.

Mr. Johnston continued his presentation noting natural wildlife (ground squirrels) continue to cause problems to the drainage berms and asphalt pathway by tunneling. The City currently performs some ground squirrel control along the trail, but without similar or substantial rodent control on the elementary school property, most of the City's effort in this regard is ineffective.

Councilmember Haydon inquired if the City has contacted School District Maintenance staff to address the ground squirrel problems? Mr. Johnston advised to date no City contact has been made with School District Maintenance personnel regarding ground squirrel control.

Vice Mayor Geller clarified to resolve the existing problems of this hillside and trail, collaboration between the City and the School District should occur to solve these drainage issues and share the financial costs to make the necessary repairs. Mr. Johnson noted public safety is always the first priority.

Councilmember Haydon asked where does the storm water flow to? Mr. Johnston advised the storm water is generally diverted to the City's v-ditch at the bottom of the hill but added the drainage system is limited and does not capture or divert all of the flow. Much of the water just flows over the trail and onto the hillside.

Mayor Shuey confirmed from his perspective, due to the current condition of the hill, it is not advisable to landscape and irrigate the hillside at this time.

City Manager Gary Napper referenced the upcoming joint meeting between the City of Clayton and Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Trustees whereat general support could be obtained for each public agency's Maintenance Departments to work together on a proposed storm water drainage solution for the hillside and minor trail repairs. Without Redevelopment Agency funds, the City's financial resources are fairly limited but Landscape Maintenance District monies would be one source for City funds.

Mayor Shuey opened the item to receive public comments; no public comments were offered and Mayor Shuey then closed the public comment period.

The City Council took no action on this matter.

- (b) City Council discussion to determine the date (February 9, 2015) and topics for its annual joint special meeting with Mount Diablo Unified School District Board of Trustees.

City Manager Gary Napper opened the discussion by suggesting possible talking points between the City Council and the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Trustees. Staff recommends discussion of the trail rimming the Mt. Diablo Elementary School site and collaboration of a solution to the drainage and rodent problem. Mr. Napper requested the City Council by motion include the purpose, date, time and location of the proposed special joint meeting with the Mt. Diablo School Board of Trustees.

Councilmember Haydon asked about a possible expansion to the parking lot at the elementary school and a status report on the recent Mount Diablo Elementary School drop off and pick up route changes.

Councilmember Pierce commented the changes that were recently implemented have not made the traffic situations at Mount Diablo Elementary School any better or worse during drop off and pick up times. She has noticed the Parent Faculty Club assisting as crossing guards before and after school. Councilmember Pierce indicated there is still a safety hazard when the vehicle line backs up into the residential streets and the queue can back up to Clayton Road on Mitchell Canyon Road; some drivers even move into the opposite lane to pass the long line of vehicles trying to access the school.

Councilmember Geller encourages parents to start carpooling and walking kids to school in large groups to help reduce traffic congestion around the Mount Diablo Elementary School.

Councilmember Pierce advised there is a "School Pool", however a limited amount of students are participating. She suggested weather permitting, traffic congestion could be reduced if more students were able to ride their bikes or walk in groups to and from school. Councilmember Pierce indicated it is difficult to come up with a solution with the limited roadway space available.

Mayor Shuey would like to discuss the Clayton City Council's support of the Clayton Valley Charter High School with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Trustees concerning the various issues that occurred last year.

Vice Mayor Geller would like to generally review all of the public schools in Clayton in the discussions with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Mayor Shuey suggested we inform them again that All Out Sports League is willing to collaborate with Diablo View Middle School to offer afterschool clubs/programs on that campus to students.

Mayor Shuey opened the agenda item to receive public comments; no public comments were offered and Mayor Shuey then closed the public comment period.

It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, and seconded by Councilmember Diaz, to approve a City Council special joint meeting with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Trustees on February 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm in Hoyer Hall located at 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA to include the five City agenda items outlined below:

- a. Mt. Diablo Elementary School storm drainage and hillside/trail impacts;
- b. Mt. Diablo Elementary School "walking school buses" with PFC;
- c. Mt. Diablo Elementary School traffic and student drop off/pick up circulation;
- d. AOSL afterschool programming potential at Diablo View Middle School; and
- e. Clayton Valley Charter High School relationship update and discussion. (Passed; 5-0 vote).

9. COUNCIL ITEMS – limited to requests and directives for future meetings.

10. CLOSED SESSION – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT– on call by Mayor Shuey, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is February 3, 2015.

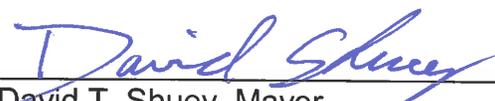
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Respectfully submitted,



Janet Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



David T. Shuey, Mayor

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