

MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, December 15, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Geller in Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Geller, Vice Mayor Diaz and Councilmembers Haydon, Pierce, and Shuey (arrived at 7:27 p.m.). Councilmembers absent: None. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, City Attorney Mala Subramanian, Community Development Director Mindy Gentry, and City Clerk/HR Manager Janet Brown.

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

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Haydon, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. (Passed; 4-0 vote).

- (a) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2015.
- (b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.
- (c) Approved Mayoral reappointment of Peggie Howell to the Board of Trustees for the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District as Clayton's representative for the term of January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2018.

4. 7:28 p.m. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Geller thanked Councilmember Shuey for his term and leadership as Clayton's mayor during 2015 and presented him with an engraved wood box as a token of appreciation for his service as mayor. Councilmember Shuey thanked the City Council for the gift and its support.

5. **REPORTS**

- (a) Planning Commission – Commissioner Sandra Johnson summarized the Commission's meeting of December 8, 2015. She noted its agenda included a Development Plan and Vesting Tentative Map Time Extension on Creekside Terrace (Oak Street) mixed use project. The Commission approved the time extension, and also informally spoke with citizens in attendance after its meeting

regarding concerns with a possible high-density housing project on High Street and Marsh Creek Road.

- (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.

Vice Mayor Diaz attended the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference hosted by the City of Concord, a Clayton Library Foundation Board meeting, and the Clayton Community and Business Association's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event.

Councilmember Pierce attended meetings on regional planning with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference hosted by the City of Concord, a joint meeting of Metropolitan Transportation Commission and ABAG, the Clayton Community and Business Association's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event, and additional meetings of Metropolitan Transportation Commission, TRANSPAC, Central Transportation, and ABAG.

Councilmember Haydon the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference hosted by the City of Concord, the Clayton Community and Business Association's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event, CBCA's volunteer appreciation dinner and its tea with Mrs. Claus. He also attended the Clayton Historical Society Annual Christmas home tour and a meeting of the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy.

Mayor Geller attended the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference hosted by the City of Concord, the East Bay Hospice Annual Tree Lighting event, the Community and Business Association's Annual Tree Lighting event and its volunteer appreciation dinner.

- (e) Other – None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON - AGENDA ITEMS

Joanna Welch, 518 Mt. Dell Drive, expressed concerns with residential mail and parcel thefts and inquired if the City Council would consider the purchase and installation of license plate readers at each entrance and exit in town. She also inquired on the parameters of closed session items on the City Council Agenda.

Nick Snyder, student consultant with Contra Costa County Climate Control, thanked the City of Clayton for having representation at its recent Zero Waste and Open Space workshop. He also noted that various programs are available to save money and encouraged the City to consider a climate action plan with goals for increasing energy efficiencies.

David Baker, 244 Stranahan Circle, expressed concerns regarding the potential housing project located at High Street and Marsh Creek Road. Mr. Baker advised his concerns are increased noise, increased traffic and erosion of nearby property values caused by the development. Mr. Baker is open to development in the community but prefers projects of less density and would like the City to consider re-zoning the real property for single family homes.

Dan Hummer, 282 Stranahan Circle, expressed his concerns about additional traffic and crime accompanying a proposed high density housing project across the street from the existing Stranahan neighborhood on Marsh Creek Road.

Gerri Baker, 244 Stranahan Circle, expressed her desire to keep a small town feel by not allowing high density housing in Clayton. If high density housing is approved, there may be a need for a traffic signal in the downtown area at Center Street and Marsh Creek Road. She also considers the 1932 house located on the Marsh Creek Road property to be historic and should be preserved. The proposed project will be overwhelming to Clayton.

(Councilmember Shuey arrived)

City Manager Napper advised Community Development Director Gentry prepared an Informational Sheet about the potential high-density housing project on High Street and Marsh Creek Road. It is available on the table in the foyer at the entrance to the Council Chambers and it outlines the history of the land use designations on the properties and the City's process. If interested citizens would like additional information, he recommended they contact Community Development Director Gentry.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Review and determination of City Council, ad-hoc, committee, inter-governmental and regional board assignments for 2016.

Mayor Geller reviewed the list of the current City Council assignments to ensure councilmember personal schedules and interests still meet the needs of the various committees and assignments. Changes were proposed for Community Emergency Response Team alternate, Contra Costa Water District liaison, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy alternate, Economic Development Committee, Endeavor Hall Marketing Committee, Trails and Landscaping Committee (TLC) applicants alternate, and Library Foundation Liaison.

It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, and seconded by Councilmember Shuey, to approve the City Council ad-hoc, committee, inter-governmental and regional board assignments for 2016 as presented by Mayor Geller. (Passed; 5-0 vote).

- (b) Consider the recommendation for City Council cancellation of its regularly scheduled Council meeting of January 5, 2016.

No discussion was held or public comment received.

It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Haydon, to cancel the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of January 5, 2015. (Passed; 5-0 vote).

9. **COUNCIL ITEMS** – None.

10. **CLOSED SESSIONS** – None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**– on call by Mayor Geller, the City Council adjourned its meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be January 19, 2016.

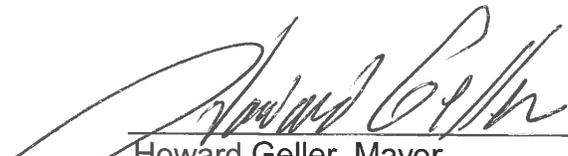
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Respectfully submitted,



Janet Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



Howard Geller, Mayor

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