

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
May 5, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN HONOR OF THE US MILITARY TROOPS

The City Council Meeting was held in the Pinole Council Chambers, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Mayor Swearingen called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order **6:00** p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL, CITY CLERK'S REPORT & STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Roy Swearingen, Mayor
Norma Martinez-Rubin, Mayor Pro Tem
Peter Murray, Councilmember
Vincent Salimi, Councilmember
Anthony Tave, Councilmember

B. STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Murray, City Manager
Hector De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager
Heather Iopu, City Clerk
Eric Casher, City Attorney
Tamara Miller, Development Services Director/City Engineer
Neil Gang, Police Chief
Chris Wynkoop, Fire Chief

City Clerk Iopu announced the agenda was posted on April 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. All legally required notice was provided.

Following an inquiry to the Council, the Council reported there were no conflicts with any items on the agenda.

3. CONVENE TO A CLOSED SESSION

Citizens may address the Council regarding a Closed Session item prior to the Council adjourning into the Closed Session, by first providing a speaker card to the City Clerk.

NO CLOSED SESSION

4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (Public Comments)

Citizens may speak under any item not listed on the Agenda. The time limit is 3 minutes, and is subject to modification by the Mayor. Pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The City Council may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future Council meeting.

The following speakers submitted written comments that were read aloud and will be filed with the agenda packet for this meeting: **David Rupert, Rafael Menis**

6. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / COMMUNITY EVENTS

- A. Proclamations
- B. Presentations / Recognitions

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and noncontroversial. These items will be enacted by one motion and without discussion. If, however, any interested party or Council member(s) wishes to comment on an item, they may do so before action is taken on the Consent Calendar. Following comments, if a Council member wishes to discuss an item, it will be removed from the Consent Calendar and taken up in order after adoption of the Consent Calendar.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2020
- B. Receive the April 18, 2020 – May 1, 2020 List of Warrants in the Amount of \$356,733.12 and the May 1, 2020 Payroll in the Amount of \$386,615.76
- C. Resolution Confirming Continued Existence Of Local Emergency **[Action: Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (Casher)]**
- D. Approving A Side Letter To The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Pinole And IAFF Local 1230 To Extend The Term And Implement A Salary Increase **[Action: Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (A. Murray)]**

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Citizens wishing to speak regarding a Public Hearing item should fill out a speaker card prior to the completion of the presentation, by first providing a speaker card to the City Clerk. An official who engaged in an ex parte communication that is the subject of a Public Hearing must disclose the communication on the record prior to the start of the Public Hearing.

- A. Adopt Resolution Declaring Intent for the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the Pinole Valley Road Landscape and Lighting Assessment District for FY 2020/2021, Setting the Date of the Public Hearing, and Approving the Annual Engineer's Report **[Action: Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (T. Miller)]**

Mayor Swearingen introduced the item and asked Council if they had any ex parte communications to report. Council had none to report.

Mayor Swearingen opened and closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

There were no public speakers.

Director of Development Services Miller presented an overview of the item and highlighted the action.

Council members asked questions. Staff responded to questions.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Murray/Martinez-Rubin to Adopt Resolution Declaring Intent for the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the Pinole Valley Road Landscape and Lighting Assessment District for FY 2020/2021, Setting the Date of the Public Hearing, and Approving the Annual Engineer's Report

Vote:	Passed	5-0
	Ayes:	Swearingen, Martinez-Rubin, Murray, Salimi, Tave
	Noes:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	None

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report From Pinole Branch Library On Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 Utilization
[Action: Receive and File Report (A. Murray)]

City Manager Murray introduced and provided an overview of the item.

Pinole Branch Manager Library Francis Adebola-Wilson presented the Library Utilization report. Council members asked questions. Mr. Abedola-Wilson answered questions.

The following speakers submitted written comments that were read aloud and will be filed with the agenda packet record for this meeting: **Jim (Citizens for A Better Pinole), David Rupert, George Pursley, Sal Spataro, Rafael Menis**

Council held discussion.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mayor Report
1. Announcements

Mayor Swearingen announced that he will attend the upcoming Mayor's Conference virtually. Announced the West County Mayor's meeting for the month has been cancelled. Attended the most recent WCCTAC meeting and highlighted the topics of discussion. Encouraged the public to check with local agencies regarding changes to service due to the Covid-19 crisis.

- B. Mayoral & Council Appointments

C. City Council Committee Reports & Communications

Mayor Pro Tem thanked the community for completing their Census surveys. Presented state and local completion rates and encouraged anyone who hasn't yet responded to do so.

Council member Tave announced that he presented the Pinole Rotary Club with information related to COVID-19 pandemic. Provided details of the resources that were presented.

Council member Salimi announced meeting with Small Business Administration and gave highlights of discussion regarding Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans. Shared his concern with Congressman Thompson regarding the ability of small businesses to receive these loans.

Council member Murray announced that the monthly West Contra Costa County Integrated Waste Management Authority meeting this month has been cancelled.

D. Council Requests For Future Agenda Items

Council member Murray requested a future agenda item to discuss the potential acquisition of the "Hurn property" in Pinole. Consensus given.

Council member Tave requested an item to discuss the City's former resolution to fly the Pride Flag in the month of June. Consensus given.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Rubin requested an item to discuss use of staff signature blocks to promote the City's Census 2020 response by including a logo and tagline. Consensus given.

E. City Manager Report / Department Staff

City Manager Murray encouraged the public to check the City website for important information on the COVID-19 situation and resources that are available. Encouraged the public to take precautions and to be kind to one another through the health crisis.

F. City Attorney Report

No report.

12. ADJOURNMENT to the Regular City Council Meeting of May 19, 2020 In Remembrance of Amber Swartz.

Mayor Swearingen announced the recent passing of Pinole community member Vince Pisteli. made comments honoring his life.

At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Swearingen adjourned to the Regular City Council Meeting of May 19, 2020 In Remembrance of Amber Swartz, Vince Pisteli and Lou Mulhalland.

Submitted by:



Heather Iopu, CMC
City Clerk

Approved by City Council: July 7, 2020

