

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 11, 2023**

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

The City Council Meeting was held in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom videoconference and broadcast) from the Pinole Council Chambers, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Mayor Murphy called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 5:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Murphy took the opportunity to recognize September 11 as Patriot Day in recognition of the lives lost due to a terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, and on this solemn anniversary he commemorated all those who perished and in honor of the bravery of the first responders as well as ordinary individuals who rushed into danger to assist them.

The City Council held a Moment in Silence to honor those individuals at this time.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Before we begin, we would like to acknowledge the Ohlone people, who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respects to the Ohlone elders, past, present and future, who call this place, Ohlone Land, the land that Pinole sits upon, their home. We are proud to continue their tradition of coming together and growing as a community. We thank the Ohlone community for their stewardship and support, and we look forward to strengthening our ties as we continue our relationship of mutual respect and understanding.

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

An official who has a conflict must, prior to consideration of the decision: (1) publicly identify in detail the financial interest that causes the conflict; (2) recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter; and (3) leave the room until after the decision has been made, Cal. Gov. Code § 87105.

A. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Devin Murphy, Mayor
Maureen Toms, Mayor Pro Tem
Norma Martinez-Rubin, Council Member
Cameron Sasai, Council Member
Anthony Tave, Council Member

B. STAFF PRESENT

Eric Casher, City Attorney
Heather Bell, City Clerk

STAFF ABSENT

City Manager Andrew Murray
Deputy City Clerk Roxane Stone

City Clerk Heather Bell announced the agenda had been posted on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. with all legally required written notices. No written correspondence had been received in advance of the meeting.

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

4. 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. Individuals may not share or offer time to another speaker. 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.

Irma Ruport, Pinole, thanked the Mayor for the remembrance of September 11, 2001, and asked that the meeting adjourn on behalf of all September 11 first responders and all others who had lost their lives. She asked that they never forget what happened on that date.

5. 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.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Gov. Code § 54957

Title: Interim City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS OPENED

Irma Ruport, Pinole, asked that whomever the City Council chose as the Interim City Manager be someone who knew the City and staff and could work with everyone including the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED

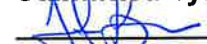
6. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Murphy reconvened the meeting into open session and announced there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT to the Regular City Council Meeting of September 19, 2023 in Remembrance of Amber Swartz and all the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on our nation.

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting to the Regular City Council Meeting of September 19, 2023 in Remembrance of Amber Swartz and all the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on our nation.

Submitted by:



Heather Bell, CMC

City Clerk

Approved by City Council: November 7, 2023