

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 18, 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
Chris Wynkoop, Fire Chief

City Clerk Iopu announced the agenda was posted on February 13, 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.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Gov. Code § 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: City Manager Andrew Murray, Assistant City Manager Hector De La Rosa
Employee organizations: PPEA & IAFF

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Gov. Code § 54956.8

Property: 401-162-003 (Bank); 401-162-001 (Corner); 401-142-010 (Blackies); 401-142-011 (Collins); 402-166-030 (811 San Pablo Avenue); 402-230-015, 402-

230-016, 402- 230-017, 402-230-018, 402-230-020 and 402-230-022 (Pinole Shores II)

Agency negotiator: City Manager Murray, Assistant City Manager Hector De La Rosa

Under negotiation: Price and terms

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

Mayor Swearingen reconvened the meeting at 7:17 p.m. There was no reportable action from the 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 addressed the City Council:

Rafael Menis, resident of Pinole, spoke regarding change of law allowing voters to change their political party at their polling place up until the day of the March 3rd primary election. Made comments regarding the importance of ethical behavior.

Frances Adebola- Wilson, Pinole Library Manager, announced details of the Lunar New Year Celebration at the Pinole Library, H.A.L.O Therapy Dogs reading education program event and announced upcoming story time event with Pinole Police Department.

Debbie Long, resident of Pinole, spoke regarding the blighted condition of the Doctor's Hospital site. Asked City to have Code Enforcement monitor the site and work with the current owner to maintain the property.

Irma Rupert, resident of Pinole, asked when the fire study report will be coming back to the Council for discussion. Made suggestions with regard to the City's methods of communication with the public. Offered to volunteer.

Marybeth Falzareno, resident of Pinole, spoke regarding public and bicycle safety on our roads. Offered to volunteer to help implement safety measures for the public.

6. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / COMMUNITY EVENTS

A. Proclamations

1. Honoring Pinole Firefighter of the Year, Eric Holt

Mayor Swearingen read the proclamation and presented it to Eric Holt, Pinole Firefighter of the Year. Mr. Holt thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor.

B. Presentations / Recognitions

None.

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.

The following speaker addressed the City Council:

Irma Rupert, resident of Pinole, spoke regarding Item 7B, asked questions of staff regarding the details of the administrative review process.

Staff responded to public question.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 2020
- B. Receive the February 1, 2020 – February 14, 2020 List of Warrants in the Amount of \$212,836.31 and the February 7, 2020 Payroll in the Amount of \$415,880.72
- C. Approve A Letter To Designate Andrew Murray To Serve As The Authorized Representative For The State Revolving Fund Loan For The Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Upgrade Project [**Action: Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (T. Miller)**]
- D. Professional Services Agreement For Preliminary Engineering Services To Advance The San Pablo Avenue Bridge Replacement Over BNSF Railroad Project [**Action: Award Contract and Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (T. Miller)**]
- E. Declare The Listed Property As Surplus And Designate A Purchasing Officer To Dispose Of The Listed Property In Accordance With The Procurement Policy [**Action: Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (T. Miller)**]

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Martinez-Rubin/Tave to Approve the Consent Calendar Items A-E

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

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.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adoption Of The City Of Pinole Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025 [Action: Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (A. Murray)]

City Manager Murray made a presentation highlighting the details of the Strategic Plan.

The following speakers addressed the City Council:

Rafael Menis, resident of Pinole, asked what the timeline will be for the implementation plan. Encouraged inclusion of maintaining diversity and community engagement in the City of Pinole Strategic plan goals.

Maureen Toms, resident of Pinole, stated that Pinole already has several plans in place that include implementation, asked when the Strategic plan will be reviewed or updated, and made comments regarding the language for Goal 3, Strategy 3. Suggested amendment to the language related to housing.

Debbie Long, resident of Pinole, stated that the plan presented an accurate representation of the themes discussed at the Community engagement workshop. Stated that she would have liked to see more information regarding how the specific goals were developed; from the community input or staff input.

Ivette Ricco, resident of Pinole, spoke regarding the importance of communication and outreach with the public. Encouraged the City to improve those methods through the strategic plan process.

Irma Rupert, resident of Pinole, asked regarding past Strategic Plans and encouraged the City to review the report again in the future.

Council members made comments regarding the process, thanked participants, and asked questions of Management Partners representative, Christine Butterfield.

Ms. Butterfield and City Manager Murray addressed the questions of Council.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Tave/Martinez-Rubin to amend the strategic plan language for Goal 3, Strategy 3

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

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Tave/Murray to Adopt the Strategic Plan 2020, with amended language for Goal 3, Strategy 3

Vote:	Passed	5-0
	Ayes:	Swearingen, Martinez-Rubin, Murray, Salimi, Tave

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Receive and Review the FY 2019-20 Mid-Year Financial Report and Approve Budget Adjustments **[Action: Receive Report and Adopt Resolution per Staff Recommendation (A. Miller)]**

Finance Director Miller presented the report.

Council members asked questions regarding details of the report.

The following speaker addressed the City Council:

Rafael Menis, resident of Pinole, asked questions regarding details of the report.

Staff addressed the questions of the public.

Debbie Long, resident of Pinole, asked staff details of the report. Asked question regarding the City Attorney budget. Requested an alternate format of the revised budget.

Staff addressed the public questions.

Council members asked questions.

Staff responded to questions.

ACTION: Motion by Council Members Martinez-Rubin/Tave to Approve the Budget Adjustments

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

11. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Mayor Report**
 1. Announcements

Mayor announced recognitions of Pinole Police Officer Jennifer Witchi and Police Chief Neil Gang for outstanding work in the Community by the Office of Congressman Thompson at an event held on Saturday, February 15th.

- B. Mayoral & Council Appointments

C. City Council Committee Reports & Communications

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Rubin spoke regarding ABAG meeting; gave summary of topics. Spoke regarding her recent visit at Shannon Elementary school and announced the importance of engagement with the community. Attended Congressman Thompson's recognition event honoring Pinole Police staff. Updated the public on Census2020 outreach and her work with local parish to engage the public.

Council member Tave congratulated the Police Chief for the recognition received from Congressman Thompson. Announced attendance at the Pinole Rotary Club Crab Feed. Attended NAACP event celebrating Black History Month.

Council member Murray announced that City of Pinole firefighter Bob Ramos passed away. Announced memorial service on Saturday March 7th at the Pinole Valley High School Theater. Made comments recognizing his life and service to the community.

D. Council Requests For Future Agenda Items.

Council member Murray asked staff regarding graffiti program and made note of areas of concern.

Mayor Swearingen requested follow-up on his previous request to discuss police staffing levels.

E. City Manager Report / Department Staff

No report.

F. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Casher announced special meeting of the Council on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the topic of becoming a Charter City.

12. ADJOURNMENT to the Special City Council Meeting of February 25, 2020 In Remembrance of Amber Swartz.

At 9:31 p.m., Mayor adjourned to the Special City Council Meeting of February 25, 2020 In Remembrance of Amber Swartz, Bruce Cort and Bob Ramos

Submitted by:



Heather Iopu, CMC
City Clerk

Approved by City Council: March 3, 2020

