## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY- -APRIL 1, 2025- -7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Councilmember Daysog led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>ROLL CALL</u> - Present: Councilmembers Boller, Daysog, Jensen, Pryor, and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5.

Absent: None.

#### AGENDA CHANGES

(<u>25-178</u>) The City Clerk announced the City Manager agreement [paragraph no. <u>25-190</u>] was withdrawn and would not be heard.

#### PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(25-179) Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft read the proclamation.

Expressed appreciation for the proclamation; stated during the last Council meeting, testimony opposing the Sister City was offensive; urged Council to support becoming a Sister City with Wadi Foquin: Jeanne Nader, Alameda.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(<u>25-180</u>) William Morrison, Alameda, discussed the Fernside Traffic Calming and Bikeways Project; stated 82 residents of the Fernside neighborhood signed a letter; submitted the letter to Council.

(<u>25-181</u>) Gordon Williams, Alameda, discussed the Fernside Traffic Calming and Bikeways Project.

(<u>25-182</u>) Joshua Altieri, Housing Authority, announced a housing waitlist for Linnet Corner opens on April 4<sup>th</sup>; made an announcement regarding Estuary One, permanent supportive housing units for individuals 18 and older.

(<u>25-183</u>) Briana Wing discussed shoplifting at CVS; encouraged people to raise children to be polite and well-mannered.

(<u>25-184</u>) Rachel Campos de Ivanor, Radium Presents, stated April is the start of Arts, Culture, and Creativity month; there will be an outdoor photography exhibit located at Radium Runway from May 9<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>; encouraged people to visit.

(<u>25-185</u>) Paula Rainey, League of Women Voters, invited people to attend the upcoming speaker series: "Is Free Speech a Core Value of Our Democracy?" starting April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Main Library.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

The City Clerk announced the terms of the City Attorney agreement [paragraph no. \*<u>25-191</u>] and the three Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) unrepresented employees [paragraph no. \*<u>25-193</u>],

In response to Vice Mayor Pryor's inquiry, the Human Resources Director stated staff conducts salary surveys when renewing contracts or when there are vacancies; the last salary survey for the AMP positions was in 2015; the large increase is a result of how the market has significantly changed.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft requested clarification about market changes.

The Human Resources Director responded competitors in the area, as well as community choice aggregators, are pulling executives from the same market and are able to pay a lot more.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether other competitors in the area are cities that also have a municipally owned electric utility, to which the Human Resources Director responded in the affirmative.

Expressed concern about the California Environmental Quality Act findings and terms of the agreements for the public electric vehicle charging pilot program, [paragraph no. \*25-189]: Jay Garfinkle, Alameda.

Councilmember Daysog recorded a no vote on the AMP salary increase.

Councilmember Jensen moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor Pryor seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote - 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(\*<u>25-186</u>) Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings Held on March 4, 2025. Approved.

(\*25-187) Ratified bills in the amount of \$3,478,632.84.

(\*25-188) Recommendation to Accept the Work of W. Bradley Electric, LLC. for the Ralph Appezzato Memorial Parkway Intersection Modifications Project, No. P.W. 03-23-06. Accepted.

(\*25-189) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Master License Agreements for the Public Electric Vehicle Charger Pilot Program. Accepted.

(25-190) Recommendation to Approve the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the City Manager, Retroactive to the First Pay Period in January 2025. Not heard.

(\*<u>25-191</u>) Recommendation to Approve the Second Amendment to the Amended Employment Agreement for the City Attorney, Retroactive to the First Pay Period in January 2025. Accepted.

(\*25-192) Recommendation to Approve the Sewer Rate Study Report. Accepted; and

(\*25-192A) <u>Resolution No. 16255</u>, "Declaring the City's Intention to Revise the Sewer Service Charge and Establish Procedures for Accepting Protests Pursuant to Article XIIID, Section 6(a) of the California Constitution Regarding Property-Related Fees and Charges." Adopted.

(25-193) <u>Resolution No. 16256</u>, "Amending the Alameda Municipal Power Unrepresented Salary Schedule Effective April 6, 2025, to Reflect an Approximately 20% Increase to the Assistant General Manager - Administration, an Approximately 13% Increase to the Assistant General Manager - Customer & Energy Resources, and an Approximately 25% to the Assistant General Manager - Engineering & Operations Classifications." Adopted.

Since Councilmember Daysog recorded a no vote, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Boller, Jensen, Pryor and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 4. Noes: Councilmember Daysog – 1.

(\*<u>25-194</u>) <u>Resolution No. 16257</u>, "Amending Master Fee Resolution No. 12191 to Increase the Ambulance Transportation Fees to Match Alameda County Approved Fiscal Year 2024-25 Emergency Medical Services User Fee Schedule." Adopted.

## CONTINUED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS** 

(25-195) Mayor's State of the City Address.

The Mayor gave the State of the City Address.

(<u>25-196</u>) <u>Resolution No. 16258</u>, "Appointing John Lipp as a Member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities." Adopted;

(25-196A) <u>Resolution No. 16259</u>, "Appointing Lily Boris as a Member of the Golf Commission." Adopted; and

(25-196B) <u>Resolution No. 16260</u>, "Appointing Hamill Serrant as a Member of the Golf Commission." Adopted.

Councilmember Daysog moved adoption of the resolutions.

Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Lipp, Ms. Boris and Mr. Serrant.

Mr. Lipp, Mr. Serrant and Ms. Boris made brief comments.

(<u>25-197</u>) <u>Resolution No. 16261</u>, Adopting the 2025 Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP) Mid-Cycle Update and Accept the 2024 Annual Report." Adopted.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager gave a Power Point presentation.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired about the Basement Flooding Program; requested more details.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded basement flooding is often pumped into the gutter and has been increasing with rising groundwater; stated staff has been educating homeowners.

Councilmember Boller stated the correspondence suggests language changes regarding wildlife habitat; inquired whether staff believes the language changes have merit.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded staff is willing to make the changes with some modifications; stated one suggestion relates to a strategy for location-based priority flooding around Southshore; the City's consultant recommends using the word "tidal wetland" instead of "marshland" for consistency and to align with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) definition; staff also has minor changes to the prosed language around permitting challenges.

In response to Councilmember Jensen's inquiry about hydrofluorocarbons being included in the inventory, the Sustainability and Resiliency Manager stated hydrofluorocarbons, which are refrigerants, are not part of the greenhouse gas inventory; stated standard protocols followed by staff do not include hydrofluorocarbons, however, staff is aware it is a priority; the CARP now discusses the needs to address refrigerants; the State has policies about refrigerants.

Councilmember Jensen stated the City passed an ordinance to restrict natural gas

hookups in new buildings, which was overturned by the Supreme Court; inquired if staff has information about what the State may be doing to restore the regulations.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded the City cannot ban natural gas usage in buildings; stated the California State Building Code is making significant strides to require and encourage electric appliances in new construction buildings.

Eric Yurkovich, Raimi and Associates, stated in October, staff laid out several options for new construction, including a performance approach and an air quality approach.

Councilmember Daysog inquired about Shoreline Drive/Crown Beach adaptation and whether the area belongs to East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD); inquired if staff will make a recommendation to EBRPD and whether the area should be a tidal wetland.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded the proposal is not to make the beach a tidal wetland; stated the Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary already is, which staff would like to preserve; wetlands and marshes around the Bay are at risk of drowning; staff has seen a lot of erosion at Southshore Beach; staff would like to conduct a geomorphology study to better understand where the sand is going and how to help.

Councilmember Daysog stated his understanding is the initial Climate Action Plan identified the beach, in the long-term, as being less of a recreational beach and more of a wetland; requested more information about Crab Cove, which is not listed.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded staff is working closely with EBRPD, since the locations are part of the District's assets; stated EBRPD has a vision plan for Crab Cove, which staff is planning to incorporate; this year, staff will be focusing on the subregional adaptation plan; staff will be specifically looking at the Southshore Beach area and discussing medium and long-term options; staff has applied for a State grant with EBRPD for sand replenishment.

Councilmember Daysog stated the research should identify whether there are other cities in California, or in the country, that have contemplated natural solutions to rising sea levels.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded many cities are considering a range of options; stated Alameda has been a model in the region for collaborating with other jurisdictions and community organizations to collectively plan for the future; planning early allows the City to have more options and a more thoughtful approach.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether it is a choice between a managed retreat from sea level rise or the Foster City approach of creating big sea walls.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded it is not quite so black and white; stated those are some options; where there is no space, sea walls tend to be the solution required; where there is more horizontal space, levees and more gradual

slopes can be placed to allow natural habitat and access to the beach; the latter is the preferred approach.

Vice Mayor Pryor inquired how often there will be updates, to which the Sustainability and Resiliency Manager responded annually.

Councilmember Boller stated staff expressed concerns about the language regarding fill; language was suggestion regarding wetlands; inquired whether there is anything else staff believes should be added.

Kris May, Pathways Climate Institutes, stated the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has changed some rules on bay fill; staff and consultants are revising the language to say fill at the Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary is to help maintain the marshes for sea level rise so it would not have permitting challenges with BCDC; fill to maintain the beach does not fall under that same bay fill modification BCDC has made; the beach is not a natural habitat; a clarification has been made about the difference between bay fill for the beach versus bay fill to maintain the wetland habitat.

The Sustainability and Resiliency Manager stated by bay fill is referring to fill that goes into the Bay.

Discussed Bee Green Recycling and Supply and Senate Bill 1383; stated it would be advantageous for Alameda to consider a local alternative, such as Bee Green: Tyler Middleton, Bee Green Recycling & Supply.

Expressed support for the item; discussed the history of Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) and collaborative efforts with the City and local organizations: Ruth Abbe, CASA.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated when it comes down to the language that will end up in the report, she will always defer to the experts staff has engaged.

Councilmember Jensen stated the mid-cycle report shows the City is moving in the right direction, however, there is still work to be done; she is optimistic that by working with partners, Alameda can be a municipal green leader.

Councilmember Jensen moved approval of adopting the 2025 CARP mid-cycle update and accepting the 2024 Annual Report [including adoption of the resolution].

Vice Mayor Pryor seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Boller stated that he would like to include changes to the language, as suggested by staff.

Councilmember Jensen stated it is included in the motion.

Councilmember Daysog stated the next generation is the reason the City is moving forward with planning; he looks forward to comments and suggestions made by the Youth Board during the next annual update.

On the call the for the question, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft called a recess at 9:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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(<u>25-198</u>) Recommendation to Accept the Economic Development Status Update and Provide Feedback Regarding Economic Development Efforts and Activities.

(25-199) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft suggested 5 additional minutes be allowed for the presentation.

Vice Mayor Pryor moved approval of the additional time.

Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

The Economic Development Division Manager gave a Power Point presentation.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired about staff's plans and ideas for buildings, such as the old Bank of America building on Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded the building presents a few issues; stated one problem is the size, which is too big for small retailers; the bathroom locations and layout are another issue; staff is working on ways to address issues.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated while walking down Park Street, she saw several businesses with plywood over doors and/or windows; inquired what happened and what staff is doing to avoid this in the future.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded staff is working on addressing safety issues, such as cars driving into storefronts; stated staff may return to Council to address the issue through design, such as bollards.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether staff is working with the Police Department, to which the Economic Development Division Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Jensen stated the vacancy rate being less than 5% is pretty good, considering the economy and interest rates; the Park Street and Webster Street

business districts are crucial to Alameda; inquired what staff is doing to improve business opportunities and get businesses into areas, such as Harbor Bay Shopping Center.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded staff has a strong collaboration with West Alameda Business Association (WABA) and the Downtown Alameda Business Association (DABA); inquired whether the question is specifically regarding retail strategies for shopping centers.

Councilmember Jensen stated areas in Alameda, such as the shopping center on Bayfarm Island, do not have a supportive business district association, which can be detrimental; inquired how staff is addressing the matter.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded staff meets with the property owners to assist with outreach; stated for older shopping centers, the property owner must be willing and able to make improvements to the center.

Councilmember Jensen inquired what would happen if an owner of a shopping center does not have an interest in filling vacancies.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded that is a challenge; stated the property owner has to be willing and able to invest in the property and fix up the center to get more tenants.

Councilmember Jensen stated expenses, such as property taxes and marketing, can be a lot for centers; inquired about the vacancy monitoring fees and how it might be used to encourage places with high vacancies.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded owners can be penalized through fees, assessments, and creating minimum standards for what has to do with properties; stated ultimately, there is very little staff can do if owners are not willing to help.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated the Bayfarm Island property is one of three shopping centers in Alameda that was rezoned as part of the last Housing Element update to be a combination of residential and retail; inquired whether staff collaborates with other departments, to which the Economic Development Division Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Jensen stated shopping centers and neighborhood shopping districts are important; access to and participation in centers should be improved.

Vice Mayor Pryor inquired whether staff received responses to the letters sent out to businesses in January.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded staff did not receive any

direct responses to the eight letters sent, however, in three cases work was done as a direct result of the letter; stated staff hopes to receive more responses in the future.

Vice Mayor Pryor inquired whether staff has met with the businesses.

The Economic Development Division Manager responses in the three cases mentioned, staff has talked to owners and brokers; stated sit-down conversations have yet to be arranged.

In response to Vice Mayor Pryor's inquiry about Team California, the Economic Development Division Manager responded Team California allows staff to share marketing and outreach at conferences; stated it is a cost-saving measure that allows staff to have a larger presence.

Councilmember Daysog inquired what work is being done regarding shade structures for Spirits Alley tenants.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded staff met with Faction Brewing, Saint George Spirits, and Gold Bar Whiskey Distillery; stated all three businesses are heavily reliant on people spending money in person; stated the problem is owners are unsure how to get through the process of building shade structures that meet the requirements of the biological report; staff hired a biologist that worked on the report who will review the plans and present them to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Councilmember Daysog stated members of the public have concerns about shade allowing predators to perch and swoop down onto the least tern colony.

The Economic Development Division Manager stated the businesses do not want to create structures where predators can perch; design of the shade structure must take the birds into consideration, meaning no items, such as flags, which could look like a predator.

In response to Councilmember Daysog's inquiry about maritime strategies at Alameda Point, the Base Reuse and Economic Development Director stated staff is focused on the area around the piers; the goal is to draw in more maritime and blue-tech businesses, which is tied to the need to reinvest in the piers.

Councilmember Daysog inquired if the maritime strategy includes Port of Oakland-type shipping containers with container trucks going in and out.

The Base Reuse and Economic Development Director responded it is very unlikely; stated Seaplane Lagoon has become stilted; dredging to significant depths would be required to support that type of cargo movement.

Councilmember Boller stated it was helpful to see innovations around the vacancy

issue; the overall concepts regarding shopping districts and maritime, for example, are all important; this is a community collaboration with the City and business leaders; he hopes to have meetings in the future with residents in Harbor Bay, property owners, and staff; other things not discussed tonight are in the works; expressed support for the item.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated Webster Street is filling its vacancies; inquired when staff expects to see results from the strategies.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded staff has weekly discussions with WABA and DABA about vacancies; stated two or three properties are close to being filled; once leases are signed, staff will announce it to Council and the public.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated Harbor Bay is perhaps the most vacant of the shopping centers; inquired about focusing on the center.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded the center will be staff's focus.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether there will be a dedicated team for shopping centers.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded for downtown districts, staff partners with WABA and DABA; stated staff will be overseeing shopping centers.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated the Southshore and Marina Village shopping centers have a leasing and brokerage team; inquired whether Harbor Bay has a leasing and brokerage team.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded he is unsure whether or not Harbor Bay has a broker, which also presents a challenge.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she and the City Manager had discussions with Safeway's Real Estate Attorney and there was a broker.

The Economic Development Division Manager stated in many cases, a broker will be hired by the property owner for the entire center; sometimes a company, such as Safeway, will have its own broker; in that case, staff would reach out to all three.

The Acting City Manager stated the Planning, Building, and Transportation Director has been reaching out to the owners of Harbor Bay Landing and is actively trying to work with them.

Councilmember Daysog stated several years ago, former Councilmember Knox-White helped put together the economic development strategic plan; an element of the plan had the concept of economic gardening; inquired how it factors into staff's review to help resolve some challenges in commercial areas; further inquired how will staff guard against formulaic businesses moving to Alameda, such as chain stores.

The Economic Development Division Manager responded typically, chains have a formula for the kind of space they want; stated unless they are desperate to be in a location that does not fit their norm, the space is not for them; the layout of the buildings on Webster Street and Park Street lend themselves to locally owned businesses; staff is meeting with many property managers to learn more about tenants.

Councilmember Jensen stated something Code Enforcement provisions have not been discussed, but appeared in the report; adoption of a property maintenance code was suggested; a building near the High Street bridge has been abandoned for decades; this past year, with support and outreach from staff, the building has been remodeled and brought up to code; a property maintenance code is important to Alameda residents.

Vice Mayor Pryor stated that she appreciates the collaboration of the business community, filling vacancies, and supporting businesses.

Councilmember Boller moved approval of accepting the economic development status update.

Vice Mayor Pryor seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

(25-200) Introduction of Ordinance Amending the Alameda Municipal Code by Adding Section 8-8.9 (Electric Vehicle Charging) to Article 8-8 (General Parking Regulations) of Chapter VIII (Traffic, Motor Vehicles and Alternative Transportation Modes), to Limit the Use of Designated Parking Spaces at Curbside Locations and City-Owned Parking Facilities to Electric Vehicles that are Connected for Electric Charging Purposes. Introduced.

The Parking Manager gave a Power Point presentation.

Councilmember Jensen inquired if, when developing the ordinance, staff evaluated an alternative of requiring the electric vehicle (EV) actually be charging.

The Sustainability and Resilience Manager responded language in the ordinance specifically states the vehicle must be connected for the purposes of charging; stated this means the owner of the vehicle has inserted a credit card and is charging the vehicle; at Seaplane Lagoon, one cannot extract the charging plug without paying, therefore demonstrating participation of a charging session; staff could use a fee structure from the provider to charge an idle fee.

In response to Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft's inquiry regarding parking in Seaplane Lagoon versus Civic Center Garage, the Acting City Attorney responded there are different parking regulations throughout the City.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether signage informing EV charger users about parking limits is sufficient, to which the Acting City Attorney responded in the affirmative.

Vice Mayor Pryor expressed support for the item; inquired whether there are specific neighborhoods and/or parts of the City that will have more charging stations than others; inquired how neighborhoods will be impacted by loss of parking spaces.

The Sustainability and Resilience Manager responded staff is proposing a public charging program; stated many residents in Alameda do not have access to charge at home; staff is focusing on City-owned parking lots and working with a provider to install chargers in as many City-owned parking lots as possible; staff still encourages residents to walk and bike around the City; staff is pursuing curbside charging that may be used by the public and are targeting multi-family and mixed-use neighborhoods and sites near schools and parks.

Councilmember Boller inquired whether deciding the locations for the curbside chargers would happen at a later date.

The Sustainability and Resilience Manager responded staff has selection criteria and is working with the provider to identify locations, which will then go through a permitting process; stated staff is currently working on a pilot program to implement 30 curbside chargers across the City.

Councilmember Boller inquired whether residents will have an opportunity to comment on the selection of the locations, to which the Sustainability and Resilience Manager responded in the negative; stated staff will be inviting participation from building owners to have adjacent parking space for chargers; the parking owners will not have explicit access to the parking space since it will be public.

Councilmember Boller inquired whether it would be for commercial buildings only, to which the Sustainability and Resilience Manager responded in the negative; stated staff is focusing on mixed-use and multi-family neighborhoods.

Councilmember Jensen stated most neighborhoods in Alameda do not have parking restrictions; inquired whether there would be a new parking zone at each curbside charging site.

The Parking Manager responded staff has not assessed having new zones; stated an existing ordinance prevents vehicles from parking on the street for more than 72 hours.

Councilmember Jensen inquired if parking staff would drive around the parking sites.

The Parking Manager responded existing enforcement staff are prioritizing routes for safety sensitive locations and regulatory signed areas; stated the sites may be in the routes; staff anticipates calls from residents regarding parking violations.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed support for the ordinance; stated more opportunities to charge electric vehicles are needed in the City.

The Parking Manager stated, as part of a capital improvement project, the City will be installing EV infrastructure for van accessible Americans with Disability Act (ADA) spaces.

Councilmember Boller moved introduction of the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Pryor seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

(<u>25-201</u>) Recommendation to Accept the 2024 Annual Reports on the Alameda 2040 General Plan/Housing Element, Transportation Choices Plan, and Vision Zero Action Plan.

The Planning Services Manager, the Transportation Planning Manager, and Deputy Public Works Director gave a Power Point presentation.

Councilmember Boller stated a letter from BikeWalk Alameda expressed concern about the completion for the neighborhood greenway slow streets; inquired whether staff could comment on the matter.

The Transportation Planning Manager responded staff is actively working on the neighborhood greenways and has been making great progress; stated staff expects to begin construction on Pacific Avenue soon; staff expects to complete the slow street segments on Pacific Avenue, Versailles Avenue, and San Jose Avenue by the end of 2026, pending the biannual budget approval.

Councilmember Boller stated BikeWalk Alameda encouraged the City to commit to completing it as expeditiously as possible, as it has not been at the pace originally envisioned; inquired whether staff recommends Council endorsement of the suggestion.

The Transportation Planning Manager responded staff will work as expeditiously as possible; stated staff will provide a proposal to Council as part of the biannual budget.

Expressed support for the recommendation; stated CASA would like to re-implement the Bus Buddies program: Ruth Abbe, CASA.

Thanked staff for working on the Cross Alameda Trail, bike signals, and the water shuttle; expressed excitement for Vision Zero; stated that she hopes more money will be provided to slow street conversions, if needed: Cyndy Johnsen, BikeWalk Alameda.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft discussed a Metropolitan Transportation Commission possible revenue bond measure to keep public transit systems from going off the fiscal cliff; encouraged everyone to use public transit as often as possible.

Councilmember Jensen moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Boller seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

# CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(25-202) The Acting City Manager alerted the community about a planned communityorganized protest taking place on Saturday, April 5, from 12 to 1 p.m. in front of City Hall; stated on April 9, the Police Department will be holding a community meeting to discuss Assembly Bill 481; the City is starting to design neighborhood greenways for San Jose Avenue and Morton Street, between Calhoun Street and Fernside Boulevard which will be constructed next year; invited people to attend one of two pop-up events on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the intersection of San Jose Avenue and Chestnut Avenue and at Versailles Avenue and Lincoln Avenue; staff launched an eight-week emergency preparedness campaign; encouraged people to sign up on the City's website; tonight starting at 10 p.m., the Posey Tube leaving Alameda will be closed for maintenance and will reopen the following morning at 4:30 a.m.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

## COUNCIL REFERRALS

None.

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(<u>25-203</u>) Vice Mayor Pryor announced that she attended the Kiwanis Hope of America Awards, a tree planting promoted by the Rotary Club in partnership with the Recreation and Parks Department, and the Joint Apprenticeship Hope Opportunity Program.

(25-204) Councilmember Jensen announced that she attended the Chamber sponsored State of the City; stated that she took a kayak tour of the sites of the Oakland Alameda Adaptation Project; she attended the East Bay Innovation Awards and the California League of Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee; she helped Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft cut a ribbon for the Replenish Marketplace on Webster Street; encouraged everyone to visit the store; she also attended the Friends of the Alameda Free Library event and the Girls Inc. Women Who Dare Awards.

(<u>25-205</u>) Councilmember Boller stated that he attended the State of the City, the East Bay Innovation Awards, the Bonnie Randall Boller closing art exhibit reception at Rhythmix Cultural Works and the Joint Apprenticeship Hope Opportunity Program.

(25-206) Councilmember Daysog announced that he attended the Alameda Police

Department Beat Meeting held at Alameda Point; stated residents at the meeting expressed concern about living at Site A; he hopes to put together a Council referral in the coming weeks.

(<u>25-207</u>) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she attended a Housing Community and Economic Development Policy Committee meeting, an Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting, and the East Bay Economic Development Awards; announced that she will be naming an Ad Hoc Council Subcommittee of Councilmembers Boller and Daysog to work with the consultant to conduct salary surveys for the City Attorney, City Manager, and City Clerk.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger City Clerk

The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Ordinance.