

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- -SEPTEMBER 19, 2023- -5:00 P.M.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Councilmembers Daysog, Herrera Spencer, Jensen, Vella and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5. [Note: Councilmember Vella arrived at 6:31 p.m.]

Absent: None.

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Jensen moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor Daysog seconded the motion.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following voice vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Daysog, Herrera Spencer, Jensen, and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 4. [Absent: Councilmember Vella – 1.]

(23-517) Recommendation to Approve Jennifer Ott, City Manager, Andrew Thomas, Interim Base Reuse and Economic Development Director, Annie Cox, Acting Management Analyst, and Len Aslanian, Assistant City Attorney, as Real Property Negotiators for 1.7 Acres of City Owned Property Located at 677 West Ranger Avenue and along Pan Am Way (Alameda Food Bank). Accepted.

Public Comment

Teale Harden, Alameda Food Bank, discussed the Alameda Food Bank's 45-year service; stated there has been an increase in services over recent years; expressed support for the partnership with the City and for the use of space while construction occurs; urged Council support.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to consider:

(23-518) Conference With Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6) City Negotiators: Jennifer Ott, City Manager, Jessica Romeo, Human Resources Director, Edward Kreisberg, Outside Counsel, and Doug McManaway, Deputy City Attorney Employee Organizations: International Association of Firefighters Local 689 (IAFF) Under Negotiation: Salaries, Employee Benefits and Terms of Employment

(23-519) Conference With Real Property Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8) Property: 677 West Ranger Avenue (1.7 Acres Located on Pan Am Way between West Midway Avenue and West Ranger Avenue), Alameda, CA; City Negotiators: City Manager Jennifer Ott, Interim Base Reuse and Economic

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Development Director Andrew Thomas, Annie Cox, Acting Management Analyst, Assistant City Attorney Len Aslanian; Negotiating Parties: City of Alameda and The Alameda Food Bank; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Purchase

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened and the City Clerk announced that regarding Labor, staff provided information and Council provided direction by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Daysog, Jensen, and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 3; Noes: Herrera Spencer - 1 [Absent: Councilmember Vella – 1]; regarding Real Property, staff provided information and Council provided direction unanimous voice vote – 5.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE CITY OF ALAMEDA FINANCING AUTHORITY (CAFA)
TUESDAY- -SEPTEMBER 19, 2023- -6:59 P.M.

Mayor/Chair Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
Councilmember/Authority Member Jensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers/Authority Member Daysog, Herrera
Spencer, Jensen, Vella and Mayor/Chair Ezzy
Ashcraft – 5. [Note: Vice Mayor/Authority Member
Daysog joined the meeting via Zoom at 7:10 p.m.]

Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember/Authority Member Vella moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember/Authority Member Jensen seconded the motion, which carried by
unanimous voice vote - 4. [Absent: Vice Mayor/Authority Member Daysog – 1.] [Items
so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*23-01 APFA) Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Alameda
Public Financing Authority (APFA) Held on September 21, 2021. Approved.

AGENDA ITEM

(23-520 CC) Resolution No. 16097, “Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of City of
Alameda Financing Authority 2023 Lease Revenue Bonds for the City Aquatic Center in
an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$16,000,000 and Approving Certain Documents in
Connection with the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds and Authorizing the City Manager,
Assistant City Manager and Finance Director to Execute the Documents and Take All
Related Actions in Connection Therewith.” Adopted;

(23-01 CAFA) Resolution No. 23-05, “Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of City of
Alameda Financing Authority 2023 Lease Revenue Bonds for the City Aquatic Center in
an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$16,000,000 and Approving Certain Documents in
Connection with the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds and Authorizing the City Manager,
Assistant City Manager and Finance Director to Execute the Documents and Take All
Related Actions in Connection Therewith.” Adopted;

(23-01 CAFA-A) Resolution No. 23-06, “Adopting Amended By-Laws.” Adopted; and

(23-520 CC-A) Ordinance No. 3349, “Urgency Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager
to Enter into Leases with the City of Alameda Financing Authority.” Adopted.

The Finance Director gave a brief presentation.

In response to Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer's inquiry related to the proposed location, the Recreation and Parks Director stated Jean Sweeney Park is the desired location and other alternative sites will not be sought; the layout of the site will vary based on programming, size of the pool and parking lot.

The Assistant City Manager stated staff's approach follows previous direction from Council.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether the space is sufficient for an Olympic sized pool.

The Recreation and Parks Director responded staff has met with design consultants for a preliminary fit test; stated the site fits size requirements.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer further inquired whether the site would have sufficient parking for an Olympic sized pool swim meet.

The Recreation and Parks Director responded in the affirmative; stated a joint-use agreement will be created to use adjacent existing parking as overflow for swim meets.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer stated the report references events having the ability to earn revenue; inquired whether there is interest in the space earning revenue.

The Recreation and Parks Director responded in the affirmative; stated staff anticipates a tremendous amount of interest in a large pool capacity.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether there is an estimation of how much the City could earn per event.

The Recreation and Parks Director responded the numbers are currently preliminary; stated that he would prefer not to be specific.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether Council will have the information at some point prior to deciding on the final size of the pool.

The Recreation and Parks Director responded in the affirmative; stated staff is developing the project budget and programming; staff will present information prior to Council selection of pool size.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired what would happen if Council does not approve the matter.

The Finance Director responded there would be a risk of interest rates being higher.

Councilmember/Authority Member Vella requested clarification about the process; stated that she would like to understand related timelines.

The Recreation and Parks Director stated staff is currently working with consultants, looking at the program and developing a detailed construction cost estimates; a Request for Proposals will go out in late October to early November; the design development and community engagement meetings will follow with staff returning to Council in late spring for design selection; then, the project will go out to bid; construction will likely begin in early 2025.

The City Manager stated staff has discussed providing a site tour that could be a possible joint meeting of City Council and the Recreation and Parks Commission as part of the project outreach.

Mayor/Chair Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the public will be able to join, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative.

Expressed concern about the cost, bonds, and debt; discussed local taxes and debt:
Tod Hickman.

Mayor/Chair Ezzy Ashcraft stated Council has had many discussions related to the need for more aquatic facilities in Alameda; swimming and aquatic sports can be done at any age with many related advantages; expressed support for the proposal.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired about the risk of using the Alameda Police building as an asset.

The Finance Director responded the risk is minimal due to Council ensuring the debt service is budgeted on an annual basis and payments are made.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired the years for the debt service, to which the Finance Director responded 30 years.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired the current amount of the unfunded pension liability, to which the Finance Director responded that she did not know.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired the amount of debt the City currently holds, to which the Finance Director responded that she does not have the information.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether an approximation is available, to which the Finance Director responded in the negative.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether there is another way for the project to be financed without being attached to the Alameda Police administration building.

The Finance Director responded in the affirmative; stated the City can go to the voters and ask for a General Obligation Bond; Council provided direction to use the proposed approach.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer stated the City owns many buildings; inquired why the Alameda Police administrative building is being used.

The Finance Director responded the building is being used due to needing an asset worth at least \$16 million; stated a Charter provision prohibits leasing Recreation and Parks properties; the Police building is the ideal choice.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether buildings at Alameda Point could be used.

The Finance Director responded Alameda Point is restricted under the agreement between the City and the Navy.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether the Carnegie Library could be used, to which the Finance Director responded the Carnegie building is not worth enough.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer stated that she is reluctant to use the Police building; she would prefer to use other buildings; inquired whether the City could use two other buildings.

The Finance Director responded in the negative; stated that she has looked at many options; the Police administration building was previously used; staff tried many combinations and the funding was not possible.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer stated that she would have preferred to have the numbers shown in the report.

Councilmember/Authority Member Jensen inquired about payments and whether there will be any public payment or assessment on tax bills.

The Finance Director responded in the negative; stated there will be no assessments on the residents; the funding will come from the General Fund.

Councilmember/Authority Member Vella stated the interest rates could potentially increase and likely will; the price of \$30 million is the aquatic center project cap set by Council; there are a number of important meetings coming up where Council will decide

on matters impacting the total costs; expressed support for a joint project site tour prior to the spring of 2024, at least one month, if not sixty days, before design to ensure adequate time to shift and provide feedback before the matter comes to Council; expressed concern over related meetings being scheduled too close together; stated that she would like the site tour to map out the possible options with stakes and strings indicating the differences between 30- and 50-meter pool sizes; expressed support for approving the funding.

Councilmember/Authority Member Vella moved approval of the staff recommendation [including adoption of the resolutions and ordinance].

Councilmember/Authority Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether staff anticipates having enough revenue options when the matter returns.

The Recreation and Parks Director responded in the affirmative; stated when the matter returns with design options, staff will have a full operating plan, including impacts of decisions made in relation to the program of a 30- or 50-meter pool, plus any other amenities.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer inquired whether the options will be presented during workshops with the public, to which the Recreation and Parks Director responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer further inquired whether the information presented will include information on a diving well.

The Recreation and Parks Director responded the option is preliminarily included in the program, is called the warm pool and is adjacent to the larger pool; there is a depth situation; stated staff is moving through design details and diving is currently a program element within the design concept.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer expressed support; stated that she would have preferred a different building other than the Police building; expressed support for an Olympic sized pool and diving well; stated the size provides a different kind of opportunity for swimmers of all ages; inquired how far out swimmers in the East Bay would have to travel for similar sized services, to which the Recreation and Parks Director responded Pleasanton and Dublin have similar sized pools.

Councilmember/Authority Member Herrera Spencer stated the size option compliments the athletic opportunities in the community and should be accomplished.

The Assistant City Manager stated staff will not only have options to present during public input as well as the joint meeting site tour, but will also bring Council options to

provide direction for final design.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers/Authority Members Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Jensen: Aye; Vella: Aye and Mayor/Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor/Chair Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
Secretary, CAFA

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- - SEPTEMBER 19, 2023- -7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Daysog, Herrera Spencer, Jensen, Vella, and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5. [Note: Vice Mayor Daysog was present via Zoom and left the meeting at 8:44 p.m.]

Absent: None.

AGENDA CHANGES

(23-521) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft requested both final passages [paragraph nos. 23-530 and 23-531] and the All Good Living [paragraph no. 23-522] matters be heard first.

Councilmember Vella inquired whether Council is adding extra time to public comment for the Consent Calendar items; proposed Council hear whether there are other items being pulled from Consent prior to deciding on how to proceed.

The City Clerk stated there are public comments for the Consent Calendar; Council may call the entire Consent Calendar after All Good Living.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft proposed hearing All Good Living first, followed by the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Vella moved approval of hearing All Good Living and the Consent Calendar first on the agenda.

Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Jensen: Aye; Vella: Aye and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

(23-522) Introduction of Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a 59-Month Lease with All Good Living Foundation for the Property Located at 1900 Thau Way, Alameda, CA. Introduced.

The Economic Development Manager gave a Power Point presentation.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the property is zoned Open Space.

The Interim Base Reuse and Economic Development Director responded in the affirmative; stated the use is, and has been, compatible with the zoning.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired how a trailer is considered compatible in the Open Space district.

The Economic Development Manager responded the Food Bank was located on the site and grandfathered the use.

In response to Councilmember Herrera Spencer's inquiry about the zooming definition of Open Space, the Acting Planning, Building, and Transportation Director stated the proposed use is an existing building that has been in the space for a long time; it is a legal, non-conforming use; under the Municipal Code, the use can remain with a new tenant as long as the building is not removed or demolished.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired how long the trailer will remain.

The Economic Development Manager responded the proposed lease is for four years and eleven months and cannot be renewed unless an extension is approved by Council.

In response to Councilmember Herrera Spencer's inquiry about grandfathering, the Acting Planning, Building, and Transportation Director stated a new use would have to comply with the current Zoning Code; stated in the Open Space district, the use has to go through a Use Permit process; the use must be related; if the building did not exist and the related use was proposed, it would not be allowed.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the term is for 59-months due to the State Surplus Lands Act (SLA); inquired whether the property could be used for housing and how the SLA applies to Open Space.

The Interim Base Reuse and Economic Development Director responded the SLA limits the lease to less than five years; stated if Council wishes to prolong the lease, the City would have to make the site available or solicit interest from affordable housing providers; there is a non-conforming use and a good proposal; the City is ready to support the non-profit; if Council does not approve the lease, the trailer can be removed.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer discussed an open space initiative, which prohibits open space from being sold or used.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired the process to selecting All Good Living over other non-profits; questioned whether all Alameda non-profits were given the opportunity to apply, to which the Interim Base Reuse and Economic Development Director responded in the negative.

The Economic Development Manager stated staff feels All Good Living is a very strong community collaborator; the organization has several community clothing pantries in Alameda; the Food Bank contacted staff to request the lease be extended for All Good Living; staff reviewed Village of Love using the space, but the space was not a fit; a Requests for Proposal (RFP) was not done since only certain uses similar in type are permitted in the space; the provider must be an existing social service use, similar to the Food Bank.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether a public process was held to allow all non-profits in Alameda to apply.

The City Manager responded in the negative; stated staff is recommending the lease for the reasons provided; the use conforms with the grandfathered use and provides a safety net service to homeless children in the City.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired the market rate price for the space.

The City Manager responded staff did not conduct an appraisal; stated the open space use is highly limited and the value would be very low.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether any member of staff knows the market rate value and the square footage of the trailer.

The Economic Development Manager responded that she does not have the square footage of the trailer; stated the City is only leasing the land to the provider, not the trailer; the City does not own the trailer.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired the square footage of the land, to which the Economic Development Manager responded approximately 10,000 square feet.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired what Pyka is paying for rent at Alameda Point.

The Interim Base Reuse and Economic Development Director responded the two are not comparable; stated the area is zoned Open Space.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether Chuck Corica Golf Course would be comparable, to which the Interim Base Reuse and Economic Development Director responded it depends.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired who comprises the team of All Good Living, to which the Economic Development Manager responded Chris Tam is the Executive Director.

Inquired the impact the matter will have on neighborhoods; stated Alameda does a great job of caring for the homeless; expressed support for more avenues to help; questioned how many more avenues should be provided: Augstin Garcia.

Discussed public comment and legal questions: Shelby Sheehan, Alameda.

Stated that he is thankful for Council's consideration of the lease; discussed services provided by All Good Living; stated the space will help store and distribute donations for the community closet programs; the site will allow All Good Living to distribute products directly to schools, families, and students: Chris Tam, All Good Living Foundation.

Expressed support for Councilmember Herrera Spencer's questions and comments: Tod Hickman.

Expressed support for the lease; stated that she has seen students benefit from the work of All Good Living; the non-profit has deep roots with the City and aligns closely with the Food Bank use: Jennifer Rakowski, Alameda.

Stated that she fully endorses the use of space; All Good Living supports the needs of Alamedans: Marilyn Rothman, Alameda.

Councilmember Vella stated Council receives staff reports and are able to ask staff clarifying questions ahead of meetings; members of the public can also ask questions due to the meeting packet being published well in advance of the meeting; questions have been answered; the

space will be used for storage; items will then be brought to different schools for distribution; unhoused students suffer instability and attendance issues; the amount of unhoused students across California and Alameda has grown substantially; the foundation has partnered with a number of Alameda schools and has grown significantly.

Councilmember Vella moved introduction of the ordinance.

The City Clerk explained one speaker was not called.

Expressed support for the project, supporting students, and staff; stated it is important to ensure there is strong citizenship and a more informed public; the best thing to do is care for the next generation; expressed support for the provider having a larger space: Gabriel Duncan, Alameda Native History Project.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft discussed Councilmembers attending school events relating to a United States Department of Education award; stated Council is mindful that a percentage of students at local schools are homeless and might not know where they will sleep night to night; All Good Living has been supporting these children in providing clean clothes, backpacks, and other supplies; two current Councilmembers are former School Board members and served with the late Niel Tam; expressed support for the motion.

Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she will not support the motion; expressed concern over transparency; stated there should have been an open process; all City non-profits should have had an opportunity to apply; All Good Living is doing good work; it is important to address any concerns of impropriety; expressed concern over the lease amount being low; stated there are many non-profits in the City and all should be given the opportunity to go through the process; transparency in selection is critical; she has concerns about the use being placed on open space and the term being just shy of triggering the SLA, which requires affordable housing be given the first opportunity; it is important to uphold the process and provide affordable housing; expressed support community input regarding the use; stated the location is adjacent to Jean Sweeney Park and the proposed aquatic center; stated the work being done is important, but the process should be transparent.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: No; Jensen: Aye; Vella: Aye and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Expressed support for City staff providing building updates; discussed community activities and events for Veterans and the Veterans' building; stated that he appreciates the City's efforts and urged Council not to forget about the Veterans: Greg Owens, Veterans Group of Alameda.

Urged Council pull the Pyka lease due to legal concerns; stated legal concerns relate to provisions of giving Pyka possession of the parcel enclosed with fencing that obstructs the public view of Seaplane Lagoon; expressed concern over the City permitting fencing in a historic district within Tidelands and obstruction of public access to water: Shelby Sheehan, Alameda.

Discussed the Bills for Ratification [paragraph no. 23-524] and the Alameda Historic Museum; questioned whether the City is renting property from the Museum; stated many Consent Calendar items are being exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Gabriel Duncan, Alameda Native History Project.

Discussed concerns related to the Pyka lease and view corridor; urged Pyka be required to place shipping containers behind the building: Tod Hickman.

Stated that she submitted a letter regarding the Pyka lease; expressed support for Pyka's work; stated it is important to maintain the view corridor; urged the City to develop a proper landscaping plan to avoid issues related to obstructed views: Carmen Reid, Alameda.

Councilmember Jensen moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Vella seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Herrera Spencer requested the bills [paragraph no. 23-524] and the Pyka lease [paragraph no. 23-532] be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

On the call for the question for the remainder of the Consent Calendar, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Jensen: Aye; Vella: Aye and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*23-523) Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings Held on July 18, 2023. Approved.

(23-524) Ratified bills in the amount of \$4,767,861.32.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated there has been public comment related to the Alameda Museum; requested clarification for the \$3,550 line item.

The Assistant City Manager responded the City has a five-year lease agreement with the Alameda Museum; the City pays roughly \$42,000 under property rental; the City is not renting property to the Alameda Museum and the items likely needs to be recategorized; the amount is a monthly payment.

In response to Councilmember Herrera Spencer's inquiry about what the payment is for, the Assistant City Manager stated archival services; the payment includes both archival services for City documents and related support for park display information; the agreement will come before Council in January.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer moved approval of the bills.

Councilmember Vella seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she is looking forward to the upcoming report; concerns have been raised about the Museum's focus on the Victorian era not being comprehensive of Alameda.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: Aye; Jensen: Aye; Vella: Aye and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 5.

(*23-525) Recommendation to Accept the Annual Report on the Settlements for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, including 1) General Liability Claims and Litigation Settlements, 2) Workers' Compensation Settlements, and 3) Personnel Settlements; and Related Closed Session Disclosure Report. Accepted.

(*23-526) Recommendation to Authorize Updates to the Existing Alameda Police Department Policy Manual to Conform to Best Practices and to Ratify Policies that Have Been Updated Pursuant to Legal Updates, Significant Liability Issues, and Imminent Safety. Accepted.

(*23-527) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Forty-Five Month Agreement with Terraphase Engineering Inc., for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$200,000, Including Contingencies, to Provide Environmental Support Services Related to the Clement Avenue/Tilden Way Project. Accepted.

(*23-528) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Second Amendment to the Service Provider Agreement with CSG Consultants, to Extend the Term of the Agreement through December 31, 2023, for Third Party Plan Check Services. Accepted.

(*23-529) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Five-Year Agreement with Dream Ride Engineering, Inc. for Full-Service Elevator Maintenance and Repairs in City Building Facilities (Various Locations) for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$183,898. Accepted.

(*23-530) Ordinance No. 3350, "Approving the Transfer by Quitclaim Deed of Approximately 0.11 Acres of City Property at the Del Monte Development Site to Alta Buena Vista Owner, LLC, in Exchange for the Clement Avenue Right-Of-Way Between Entrance Road and Sherman Street to the City per the Development Agreement for the Del Monte Warehouse Project." Finally passed.

(*23-531) Ordinance No. 3351, "Amending the Alameda Marina Master Plan and Approving Density Bonus Application No. PLN23-0179 to Increase the Alameda Marina Sitewide Housing Unit Count from 760 Units to 801 Units." Finally passed.

(23-532) Ordinance No. 3352, "Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease with Pyka Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for Building 39, Located at 950 West Tower Avenue at Alameda Point, Alameda, California, for an Eight Year Lease Term with an Additional Three-Year Extension Option for Research and Development of Autonomous Electric Aircraft." Finally passed.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she expressed concerns about the matter during introduction; expressed concern over a nearby company, Saildrone, placing trailers within the view corridor; inquired the height of the shipping containers, to which the City Manager responded that she did not know.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed concern over the reference to Saildrone during the discussion for final passage of lease with Pyka; inquired whether the discussion is permitted.

The City Attorney responded Councilmember Herrera Spencer is likely referencing Saildrone as a comparison to the containers on the Pyka premises.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired how tall the container height would be on the Pyka premises, to which the City Manager responded eight to twelve feet high.

The Interim Base Reuse and Economic Development Director stated typical shipping containers are approximately eight feet high; the lease indicates there can be no stacking of shipping containers; the height would be for one shipping container and is only allowed in a limited area of the lease premises.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she believes the container height is at least ten feet high; eight feet is above the fence line; chain link fences are see-through; inquired whether Saildrone is next to Pyka, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated there has already been some loss of view of the Seaplane Lagoon from West Tower Avenue; the view is partially obstructed due to shipping containers at Saildrone; inquired how many shipping containers Pyka will have on the premises.

The City Manager responded the lease indicates Pyka cannot stack shipping containers, which are only permitted in specific locations on premises in order not to block views and corridors on either side of the building; staff has limited how the number and location of containers.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the sides of the building show the view.

The City Manager stated there are views to San Francisco from West Tower Avenue; there is 70 feet of view corridor on both sides of the building, which will be maintained consistent with the zoning; City Council has approved the zoning map; staff can bring the zoning back to Council for further discussion if desired; view corridors are preserved in the lease.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the 60 feet is considered the street, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the term view corridor includes the street; inquired whether the rest of the lease area premises can be considered up to the street.

The City Manager responded in the affirmative; stated the fencing can go up to the street; the 70 feet of right-of-way will include the street and sidewalks; 70 feet is a significant right-of-way; Council can direct staff to bring back the Town Center Plan to review or change view corridors.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the distance between the buildings was 180 feet and was the view corridor, to which the City Manager responded that she did not know.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she will have to accept that the 180 foot distance is correct; expressed disappointment about the inquiry not being answered; stated 60 feet is significantly less than 180 feet; many people enjoy Alameda for its views; expressed support for the City Attorney providing an opinion on whether the views are protected under the Tidelands Trust or under the Historic District.

The City Attorney stated that he would defer to Planning, Building, and Transportation staff regarding Historic District regulations; his understanding is that staff has reviewed historic preservation issues and do not believe views are protected; the report received from staff regarding the Tidelands Trust is that the proposed lease is a longstanding use that has been in existence; other analysis staff shared with Council is preferred to remain confidential.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the shipping containers are not a longstanding use; there have not been shipping containers at the premises for over 20 years; inquired whether the longstanding use is related to the building or shipping containers blocking views.

The City Attorney responded the report received from staff indicates the use of shipping containers and fencing is relatively common in Alameda Point and Tideland areas; staff has prepared a short analysis for Council which is preferred to remain confidential.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she believes views are protected; expressed concern over containers encroaching on the use and enjoyment of the Island; stated that she does not believe there have been lines of shipping containers at the site; the fencing is intentionally chain-link for people to be able to see through; the use is not continued and is new; expressed concern over the quantity of shipping containers and how the containers will travel through the City; stated Pyka plans to have roughly 300 containers shipped each year, which will cause more traffic; referenced all letters and correspondence opposing the project.

Councilmember Vella moved final passage of the ordinance.

Councilmember Vella stated that she would caution against making comparisons about Alameda Point tenants; tenants have illegally erected structures that blocked the view corridor; several Spirits Alley tenants have erected temporary structures that have been utilized for events, but the structures remained long past the event; there are examples of similar obstructions occurring regularly.

Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Herrera Spencer: No; Jensen: Aye; Vella: Aye and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

(*23-533) Ordinance No. 3353, "Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Fifth Amendment to the License with Amber Kinetics, Inc., a California Corporation, to Extend the License Term for Twelve Months and to Establish a New Monthly Rent for the Unimproved Lot Located at 641 West Red Line Avenue for Electrical Systems Storage." Finally passed.

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(23-534) Proclamation Declaring October 1 through 7, 2023 as Public Power Week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(23-535) Robert Bezek, Legion Post 647, discussed planning efforts for the use of the Veterans Building.

[Note: Councilmember Vella left the meeting at 8:44 p.m. and returned at 8:46 p.m.]

(23-536) Gabriel Duncan, Alameda Native History Project, discussed the Alameda Museum; stated that he has had issues gaining access to the Alameda Museum's holdings due to mismanagement and improper indexing; discussed damages resulting from a water pipe break in the Museum.

(23-537) Tod Hickman expressed concern over the agenda order; discussed Council and view corridors; stated there has been a correction to the communication chain; expressed concern over meetings.

(23-538) Josh Altieri, Alameda Housing Authority, provided an update on Poppy Place affordable housing.

(23-539) Jake Rizzo, Alameda, discussed Council's attempts to combat increasing housing costs and homelessness in Alameda and opportunities for Council to increase its ability to have space made for more housing units by rezoning.

(23-540) Shelby Sheehan, Alameda, discussed concerns and duties related to the City Attorney.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed concern over comments being directed at staff.

(23-541) Susan Gonzales, League of Women Voters, stated it is National Voter Registration Day; encouraged residents to register to vote.

CONTINUED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

(23-542) Resolution No. 16098, "Appointing Clifford Tong as a Member of the Golf Commission." Adopted.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft made brief comments regarding Mr. Tong.

Councilmember Vella moved adoption of the resolution.

Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote – 4.
[Absent: Vice Mayor Daysog – 1.]

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft called a recess at 9:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

(23-543) Work Session on the Draft City of Alameda Three-Year Strategic Plan (Fiscal Years 2023-2026).

The City Manager and the Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer gave a Power Point presentation.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated Council has received correspondence related to the

Alameda Naval Air Museum (ANAM) library; inquired whether the library will be incorporated into the plan at a later time or whether the issue is new.

The City Manager responded that she is not aware of an ANAM project; stated that she is willing to discuss and work with ANAM to further understand needs; the topic is not currently included in the Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether the hybrid tree protections and new tree planting will be included in the Strategic Plan, to which the City Manager responded in the affirmative

The Assistant City Manager stated the Strategic Plan includes completing the Urban Forest Plan (UFP); the UFP includes strengthening the tree protection ordinance.

The City Manager stated the project name can be clarified in order to be more transparent; staff can add language about strengthening the tree ordinance language.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she received correspondence regarding using revenues from the Big Whites to restore buildings; inquired whether the project is included in the Strategic Plan.

The City Manager responded the City has funds for the work; renovations will be completed; if the project is not explicitly listed in the Strategic Plan, it can be added.

Stated a number of people participated in the survey and suggested additions to the Vision Statement and project list; expressed support for including the Carnegie Library; expressed concern over no other suggestions being included in the plan list and architecturally distinguished neighborhoods not being referenced: Dodi Kelleher, Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS).

Discussed the schedule of the Safe Routes to School and Jean Sweeney Park neighborhood connectors; questioned the status of specific and prioritized programs from the Active Transportation Plan; expressed concern over projects slipping through the cracks: Cyndy Johnsen, BikeWalk Alameda.

Urged Council to include specific protection for urban trees on public land; expressed concern over large desirable trees being removed on private land; urged the City to add language to strengthen the tree protection ordinance by expanding desirable tree species over a certain age and size and strengthening penalties: Chase Martin.

Expressed support for the strategic plan focus on Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging (DEIB) and housing; stated that she would like mini grant programs for community organizations similar to the City of Santa Rosa; urged the City pursue a similar program; discussed the Community Assessment Response and Engagement (CARE) and rent protection programs: Jennifer Rakowski, Alameda.

Discussed adding language to the vision statement and expanded vision statement and listed of specific projects and priorities APPS supports: Christopher Buckley, AAPS.

Expressed support for comments provided by AAPS members; expressed concern over the

matter returning on the Consent Calendar; questioned ethics of the process; urged Council to listen to the comments provided: Shelby Sheehan, Alameda.

Expressed support for the Strategic Plan and for more resources for infrastructure projects; expressed concern over slipping project timelines; stated delays have been caused by staff shortages; additional help is needed: Denyse Trepanier, BikeWalk Alameda.

Expressed support for comments provided by Speaker Martin and for expanding support for trees; discussed neighbors tearing down trees and paying penalty fines; expressed support for adding Redwood Trees and attention being paid to Alameda Point's Historic District: Carmen Reid, Alameda.

Stated the Strategic Plan is not ready for finalization and should not return on the Consent Calendar; all issues mentioned by commenters are clear public concerns; urged the matter be brought back on the Regular Agenda: Tod Hickman.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft requested clarification about projects being delayed and pushed to a later date.

The Senior Transportation Coordinator stated a number of projects the plan have been delayed; there are significant staffing shortages for transportation engineers; construction project often face delays; Jean Sweeney Park connectors are under the Recreation and Parks Department.

The Recreation and Parks Director stated the design has been completed for Jean Sweeney Park trail connectors; the City has received a grant for \$450,000 to perform construction, however, when project quotes came back, the cost had increased to roughly \$850,000; staff is seeking additional funding causing a subsequent project delay.

The Acting Planning, Building, and Transportation Director stated the Central Avenue improvement project is a State route; much of the planning work based on Council approval earlier in the year has been moved to coordination with partner agencies, like Caltrans; the process of working with additional agencies takes time; staff anticipates construction will start in 2024.

The City Manager stated the current work session allows staff to carefully go over dates and project schedules; staff will try to push matters along; she can discuss timelines with BikeWalk if needed.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether there are plans to increase staff.

The Public Works Director announced a new City Engineer has been hired and will start September 25; stated the Cross Alameda Trail Signal Improvement Project construction contract was awarded by Council; the Clement Avenue project is currently out to bid and staff plans to bring the construction contract to Council in November; Central Avenue should be put out to bid in the spring of 2024; construction on Clement Avenue will likely be finished prior to starting construction on Central Avenue.

Councilmember Jensen discussed survey responses; stated the Strategic Plan is needed for her as a new Councilmember; expressed support for being able to look at strategies necessary to continue making Alameda a great place to live; the Strategic Plan is comprehensive;

proposed and displayed changes to the vision statement and a priority section title; stated that she added language about architecturally distinguished neighborhoods and transparent decision making; the additions have been brought forth by Councilmembers and members of the public and should be included in the vision statement; the City is tremendous and unique with assets that should be prioritized; changing the title broadens the scope to include everyone in Alameda and to add historic resources; Alameda is a historic city and should be recognized as such; expressed support for the future finalized plan.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated anything being prioritized should be tied into the budgeting process; the focus on historic resources would need to consider associated costs; questioned the best way to approach the proposed changes.

The City Manager stated a number of projects in the Strategic Plan address historic resources; the Veteran's building, Carnegie library, and Big Whites are historic; the City already has some money budgeted to address historic resources; Alameda Point is a nationally registered historic district; when altering or rehabilitating buildings within the Historic District, staff ensures the Historic Advisory Board (HAB) is involved; if Council wishes to direct staff to add the term historic resources, the projects can be grouped under a bullet point to indicate work is being done to protect historic, City-owned resources; the list would include sub-bullets with the projects; the change would likely not have a large impact on the budget and staff would be able to call greater attention to historic resources and what is being done to address the topic.

Councilmember Jensen expressed support for the extensive project list; stated the list provides everyone the opportunity to see where projects fall under the priority list; she would like to include historic resources; expressed support for an audit of the Alameda Museum to identify historic resources available and ensure the resources are properly cared for.

The City Manager stated staff is working on the Alameda Museum matter and can add the project to the Strategic Plan if desired.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed support for the forthcoming report on the Alameda Museum; stated the Alameda Museum has long been focusing on a narrow slice of history.

Councilmember Vella stated the presentation included process steps; stated the current matter is not the first step of the Strategic Plan; there have been considerable amounts of opportunity for public input; expressed concern over changing or altering course based off the most recent actions and not the whole process; stated that she would like to consider deliberation and discussion as an entire Council and not just being reactive to comments pitched in that have already been deliberated on with determinations made; the approach would be counterintuitive to the transparent process; expressed concern over the term "architecturally distinguished" due to a number of characteristics which ultimately distinguish architecture; stated the distinction depends on the purpose of the structure; the importance of the building varies drastically based on different factors; there are new neighborhoods that are not considered historic and consist of a large portion of the City, such as Bay Farm Island; expressed concern over having language misconstrued; expressed support for ways to recognize the process for historic buildings and designated historic resources going through different processes; stated that she would support a slight change to the language to address the provision and distinguish that the City is not limiting itself; expressed support for the change in adding language related to a transparent process; stated concerns have been raised about existing projects; the Strategic Plan is about forward looking and is not to undermine or diminish other projects that are underway; existing

projects are still important and are priorities; expressed support for the City keeping at the tasks at hand in figuring out how to build projects already underway.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer expressed support for the recommended changes proposed by Councilmember Jensen; stated the language could be modified to address the concern of misinterpretation by stating: “architecturally distinguished;” there are different styles of architecture throughout the community; expressed concern over the matter returning to Council on the Consent Calendar; discussed Council and public speaking time on agenda matters; stated there is not enough participation allowed if the matter comes back on Consent; inquired the reason why the matter would return on the Consent Calendar.

The City Manager responded the work session is being held to receive comments; stated two Strategic Plan retreats were held, as well as community outreach events; staff will weigh how many comments and changes are received and make edits to quickly to Council; staff would make a judgement call on how many edits are being presented; if the edits are relatively contained, changes would be made and the final version would be placed on Consent in order to focus the regular agenda on other matters.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that she does not support the approach; expressed support for transparent decision making; stated the approach does not honor transparent decision making; correspondence for the matter has been received; she supports the comments provided by Alameda Citizens Taskforce’s and AAPS; expressed concern over trees being removed when not permitted; questioned the enforcement mechanism for unpermitted removal of trees; discussed her prior Council Referral regarding a tree protection ordinance; stated trees are critical and important for the climate action; she would like more precision in the Plan regarding planting of trees; expressed support for the work done on the Veterans’ building; stated ANAM and Alameda Museum are assets of the community and need help; expressed concern over the quantity of stickers indicating interest for vacancy tax in year one; requested clarification about the priorities listed in year one.

The City Manager stated the priorities are based on the work plan for staff; the vacancy tax function is held in the Finance Department; the Finance Director worked on a vacancy tax in Oakland; the Finance Department has the capacity to address the matter in year one; if there is desire to do so, staff can postpone it.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the Council stickers should indicate project prioritization; the City unfortunately does not address all needed work due to the lack of time; she was unable to go back and count stickers, however, when Council is asked to prioritize matters, those with more stickers should be considered higher priorities; discussed short-term rentals being included in years two and three; stated that she would like projects included in year one based on the number of stickers; it is important to honor Council’s direction.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated part of the Strategic Plan process was the public and Council retreat session workshops; another element had been taking the Plan to staff’s Executive Management Team; there has been robust public outreach; Council plays a role, however, nothing is completed without staff; the City Manager works to delegate projects; recommendations made are taken to heart.

The City Manager stated staff needs to balance Council priorities with staff workload and community input; staff made judgement calls based on how much different departments were

working on and what capacity is available to move projects along; in addition to the strategic priorities, operations need to be balanced; staff considered Council priorities when setting the Plan.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the information should be shared for ease; matters which only received one sticker should be checked; she would like disclosure when a priority does not occur; expressed concern over raising new issues; stated that she understands the City does not have a view ordinance; inquired what happens to new issues that arise and how the issues would be incorporated.

The City Manager responded the Strategic Plan is generally a workplan of the City and is typically done around the budget cycle in order to make trade-offs; stated staff does acknowledge matters arise that are not anticipated or included in the Strategic Plan; staff is happy to make changes and would present analysis in the staff report; new matters will indicate changes to the Plan and any related delays; the report will be used as a way to make trade-offs about capacity.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated that there is a problem with crime in the City; expressed concern over not keeping up with crime as much as possible; noted Berkeley has surveillance cameras and related items as crime increases; discussed a recent community beat meeting; expressed support for the beat meetings and urged public participation; stated that she would like to be able to address crime related matters when they arise; questioned whether she will need to bring a Council Referral or whether staff can bring new matters to Council.

The City Manager stated the Strategic Plan is meant to be a working document to help staff manage and aligned workload with Council expectations; changes to the Plan are anticipated; staff might have a new idea on fighting crime and recommendations that might fall outside the Strategic Plan would be brought to Council, however, staff will also present resulting trade-offs; the final decision on how to proceed will remain with Council.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether Council will still have a referral process to bring matters forth for consideration.

The City Manager responded in the affirmative; stated staff's response to the Council Referral will be to reference the Strategic Plan as a tool showcasing any resulting changes.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer expressed concern over the title: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging; stated there are different variations of the title and she would like to substitute accessibility versus belonging.

Councilmember Vella expressed support for a walkthrough of Alameda Point being scheduled and agendized in a way to include the Planning and Historic Advisory Boards and the community; stated there have been changes to buildings over time; expressed concern over controlling the timing of projects; stated Council responded to staff priorities at the second retreat; she is concerned about pushing back priorities listed in year one; grant funding deadlines could be missed; Council understands staff's capacity and the process of adding positions takes time; expressed support for the general timing of the Plan and keeping an eye on transportation projects; stated delays will need often require budget adjustments; budget adjustments would be the proper place to address changes, not the Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Jensen stated the vision statement was more extensive at the first retreat and Council responded; she did not anticipate the proposed vision statement would be final after her recommendations; her inclusion of the architecturally distinguished term was not meant to exclude neighborhoods or indicate that resources should be only focused on historic, Victorian era structures, but meant to recognize all the great varieties of Alameda's built environment.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft proposed the term "safe, architecturally varied neighborhoods;" stated the term distinguished is a buzz word which has different connotations; Alameda has a wide variety of neighborhoods, which is part of the charm; the City does need to eventually finalize the Strategic Plan; Council has made enough changes and comments; staff can bring the matter back on the Consent Calendar; Council can pull the matter from Consent if there are any question or concerns over a topic not being properly captured; expressed support for moving the Plan forward; stated there has been a lot of public input; she supports the idea of the tree ordinance being strengthened to protect existing trees and planting of new trees; discussed the City of Palo Alto's treescape; stated that she supports the vacancy tax being included in year one; proposed language changes to page 5 of the Plan under the expanded vision statement; stated the change should read: "Alameda is a low crime community thanks to our ability to meet the needs of our most vulnerable community members while maintaining well-resourced public safety departments. We also pride ourselves on providing ample mental health services..." proposed a change to page 9 under house all Alamedans to include the three P's of addressing homelessness and housing insecurity: "Production, Preservation, and Prevention;" proposed a change to page 14 related to access to pickleball courts; discussed an article related to converting large retail spaces to pickleball courts; stated page 21 outlines funding for a bicycle-pedestrian bridge; announced a tour of the project site for stakeholders; stated a public tour will occur at some point to introduce Alamedans to the project; expressed support for the Plan; inquired when the matter will return to Council.

The City Manager responded given the proposed changes, staff can bring the Plan back relatively quickly, likely at the first or second meeting in November; she has taken copious notes on Council comments.

(23-544) Public Hearing to Consider Introduction of Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map for the Approximately 2,280-Square-Foot Property at 1715 Lincoln Avenue (APN 72-299-11) from C-1, Neighborhood Business District, to R-5, Residential District, in Conformance with the Property's General Plan Land Use Designation of Medium-Density Residential, as Recommended by the Planning Board.

The Planner II gave a Power Point presentation.

In response to Councilmember Herrera Spencer's inquiry related to building height, the Planner II stated the R-5 zoning district allows up to 40-feet in height; the building is subject to historic preservation rules and would require a certificate of approval from the HAB in order to be demolished; if demolition occurs, there would be a 40-foot height limit, as well as lot setback requirements.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether there is a way for the space to have increased density by providing more affordable units.

The Planner II responded in the affirmative; stated the zoning allows one unit for every 171 square feet of lot area and the space allows two units; if the space is redeveloped, the building

would be on an about 600 square foot pad in the middle.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired how many stories equates 40-feet.

The Planner II responded most newer townhomes in Alameda are three stories tall and are between 35 to 40-feet tall; stated staff would anticipate a three-story structure maximum.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated surrounding homes are single level; inquired how a three story building would work for the space.

The Planner II responded that he is unsure of the surrounding structure heights; stated similar to any other property owner, zoning codes allow the opportunity to change or develop property.

Councilmember Herrera Spencer inquired whether neighbors could end up with a three-story building in the area with nothing else similar nearby.

The Planner II responded in the affirmative; stated the zoning allows neighbors the same opportunity to build additions.

Stated he is the applicant and had planned to open a cannabis dispensary; he was not selected and is looking to wind down the investment; the space will be converted to residential and add to the City's housing stock; approximately \$80,000 worth of improvements will be made to the space to be sold as a retail space; the footprint of the property will not change; Mark Hersman, Portman Enterprises.

Councilmember Vella moved introduction of the ordinance.

Councilmember Jensen seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilmember Herrera Spencer stated the applicant is finding a better use for the space moving forward; expressed support for seeing the improvements.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote - 4. [Absent: Vice Mayor Daysog – 1.]

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(23-545) The City Manager announced the closure of applications for Rise Up Alameda, the Guaranteed Basic Income program; discussed smoke and air quality advisories resulting from wildfires in Northern California and Oregon; stated the City is soliciting thoughts from Alameda residents and businesses on winter holiday decorations and event; announced upcoming events: Nuestros Colores Art and Cultural Festival, PAL in the Parks, the annual job fair, a free family fun bike ride, and a community workshop at DePave Park.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(23-546) Carmen Reid, Alameda, discussed the Alameda Museum.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(23-547) The City Manager announced the City's received the 2023 award of excellence for opportunity and empowerment for Dignity Village.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated the award is from the American Planning Association Statewide chapter; the project won for the Northern California chapter; the project has also been submitted for a Statewide award; receiving the award from APA is a proud moment.

COUNCIL REFERRALS

None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(23-548) Councilmember Herrera Spencer gave a crime report; discussed law enforcement beat meetings and grant funding; announced that she attended the AAPS 50th Legacy Home Tour, the Blues Brews and Barbecue event, and a climbing event near Dashe Cellars at Alameda Point; stated that she will be attending an upcoming League of California Cities conference in Sacramento; discussed the Green Strides school event.

(23-549) Councilmember Vella discussed attending the Green Strides tour and awards and the focus on safe routes to school; outlined the Green Otters program and City ordinances related to compostables and banning single use straws; expressed support for student leaders and educators; announced the upcoming Walk and Roll to School event, the St. Feld Merry Fall Festival, and the Asian Health Services gala.

(23-550) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft discussed attending the Asian Health Services gala event, the St. Mary's first responders memorial mass, the Alameda Education Foundation's back-to-school barbecue event, a press conference at Oakland International Airport, the 15th anniversary celebration of Alameda's sister city Jiangyin China, the upcoming League of California Cities conference and Nuestros Colores.

(23-551) Councilmember Jensen discussed attending a Stopwaste meeting; announced fundraising opportunities for Alameda schools related to recycling and composting; discussed Alameda Police Department reports, updates, resources, citation increases and catalytic theft reductions.

(23-552) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated Council receives updates on crimes and APD is responsive with an impressive case closure rate; discussed recent APD case closures and reductions in catalytic converter thefts.

(23-553) Councilmember Herrera Spencer made an announcement about attending the Alameda Welfare Council luncheon.

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.