

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY- -MAY 5, 2025- -6:00 P.M.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Vice Mayor Pryor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Boller, Daysog, Jensen, Pryor, and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5.
Absent: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

WORKSHOP

(25-240) Budget Workshop for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27 to Provide Direction that Will Be Incorporated into Budget Adoption Hearing Materials for City Council Consideration in June 2025.

The City Manager, Acting Finance Director and Budget Manager started the Power Point presentation.

The City Council asked questions.

Urged Council to replace the Civic Spark Fellow position with a junior staff position: Ruth Abbe, Community Action for Sustainable Alameda.

Expressed support for the Library budget addressing safety, adjusting operating hours; stated the Library should be a safe place for the public and staff: Karen Butter, Friends of the Alameda Free Library.

The Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Public Works Director, presented departmental budget slides.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft called a recess at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Recreation and Parks Director, Planning, Building and Transportation Director, Rent Program Director, Chief Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney, Library Director, Acting Finance Director, Base Reuse and Economic Development Director, Assistant City Manager, Communications and Legislative Affairs Director, Acting Human Resources Director, Information Technology Director, and City Clerk continued the presentation of departmental budget slides.

Discussed the need for pickleball courts; noted only one court has lights; expressed support for the four planned courts at Estuary Park: Charles Liuson, Alameda Pickleball.

The City Manager completed the presentation.

The City Council asked questions and discussed departmental budgets.

The City Manager summarized the Council comments; suggested the item be continued to the next budget workshop.

Councilmember Jensen moved approval of continuing the item to the 6:00 p.m. meeting on May 13, 2025.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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