

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY- -MAY 15, 2019- -6:30 P.M.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Councilmember Vella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Daysog, Knox White, Oddie, Vella, and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5.

Absent: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

(19-288) Ruth Abbe, Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA), stated the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan is not in the budget because it has not been adopted; Council should ask staff to fund the Plan and not wait for next fiscal year, including creation of a Sustainability Coordinator position; things need to be done in the budget now.

(19-289) Pat Potter, Alameda, expressed concern over reducing the urban forest budget since the climate action emergency declaration calls for an increase to the urban forest; urged funding converting street lights to LEDs.

(19-290) Kayoung Lee, Alameda High Student, discussed environmental proposals in the Climate Action Plan, such as urban forest, LED street lights, and electric vehicles.

(19-291) Christy Cannon, Alameda, stated the climate emergency declaration needs to be part of everything.

(19-292) Kevin Jensen, Fernside Homeowners Association, urged street lights be converted to LED and service conduit be replaced.

(19-293) Debi Ryan, CASA, stated the Climate Plan needs to be considered and incorporated into budget decisions; expressed support for having a sustainability position.

AGENDA ITEM

(19-294) Budget Workshop for Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 to Provide Direction on Funding Requests.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an overview of how the meeting would run.

The City Manager and Finance Director started the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The Public Information Officer began tracking Council follow-up requests and continued to do so throughout the workshop.

Expressed support for the park maintenance improvement fund, including the improvements to Jackson Park: Jose Navarro, Alameda.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft called a recess at 7:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

The Alameda Municipal Power General Manager continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The Human Resources Director also responded to questions.

The Police Chief continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The City Manager made brief comments and also responded to questions.

The Fire Chief continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The City Manager made brief comments and also responded to questions.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft called a recess at 8:33 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

The Library Director continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The Information Technology Director continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The City Manager and Human Resources Director responded to questions.

The Human Resources Director continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The City Manager and Interim Assistant City Manager continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

Councilmember Vella left the dais at 9:35 p.m. and returned at 9:37 p.m.

The Public Works Director continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The Community Development Director continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The City Manager responded to Council questions and made brief comments.

The Public Works Director continued the Power Point presentation and responded to Council questions.

The City Engineer continued the Power Point presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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