

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- -JANUARY 21, 2020- -5:15 P.M.

Acting Mayor Knox White convened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Councilmembers Daysog, Knox White, Oddie, Vella and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – 5.

[Note: Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft was present via teleconference from The Capital Hilton, 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.]

Absent: None.

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Oddie moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Vella seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Oddie: Aye; Vella: Aye; Knox White: Aye and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*20-029) Recommendation to Approve Eric Levitt, City Manager, Lisa Maxwell, Assistant City Attorney, Debbie Potter, Community Development Director, and Nanette Mocanu, Assistant Community Development Director, as Real Property Negotiators for the Potential Lease of Building 169 at 1680 Viking. Accepted.

Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to consider:

(20-030) Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8); Property: Building 169, approximately 43,355 rentable square feet, located at 1680 Viking Street on Alameda Point; City Negotiators: Eric Levitt, City Manager, Lisa Maxwell, Assistant City Attorney, Debbie Potter, Community Development Director, and Nanette Mocanu, Assistant Community Development Director; Negotiating Parties: City of Alameda and Pacific Pinball Museum; Under Negotiations: Price and terms

(20-031) Conference with Legal Counsel – Workers' Compensation Claim (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95); Claimant: Brian Clark; Agency Claimed Against: City of Alameda

(20-032) Conference with Legal Counsel – Workers' Compensation Claim (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95); Claimant: Joseph Couch; Agency Claimed Against: City of Alameda

(20-033) Conference with Legal Counsel – Workers’ Compensation Claim (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95); Claimant: Robin Haines; Agency Claimed Against: City of Alameda

(20-034) Conference with Legal Counsel – Workers’ Compensation Claim (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95); Claimant: Jill Ottaviano; Agency Claimed Against: City of Alameda

(20-035) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9); Case Name: Boatworks v City of Alameda, et al.; Court: Superior Court of the State of California, County of Alameda; Case Numbers: RG16823346, RG16841240 RG19041531. Not heard.

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened and the City Clerk announced that regarding Real Property, staff provided information and Council provided direction with no vote taken; regarding Clark, the case involves a workers’ compensation claim by Applicant Brian Clark, a former Police Officer who joined the City on August 14, 2012; the Applicant sustained injuries during a Police response on September 25, 2017; the Applicant had total temporary psychiatric disability from the date of the incident, September 25, 2017, and retired via industrial disability retirement on July 20, 2019; the Council voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to authorize the City Attorney to settle the pending workers’ compensation claim in an amount not to exceed \$73,344.17; regarding Couch, the case involves a workers’ compensation claim by Applicant Joseph Couch, a former Police Officer who joined the City on September 23, 2014; the Applicant’s injury occurred on April 18, 2015 at the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital, where the Officer was involved with a combative subject; the Applicant was unable to ever return to full duty and retired via industrial disability retirement on September 17, 2017; the Council voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to authorize the City Attorney to settle the pending workers’ compensation claim in an amount not to exceed \$32,249.50; regarding Haines, the case involves a workers’ compensation claim by Applicant Robin Haines, a former Firefighter who joined the City on August 3, 1998; the Applicant’s injury occurred on May 24, 2016 while responding to a significant house fire and was in full personal protective equipment while coming down from the first story roof; the Applicant was unable to return to full duty and retired on December 16, 2016 via industrial disability retirement; the Council voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to authorize the City Attorney to settle the pending workers’ compensation claim in an amount not to exceed \$62,770.78; and regarding Ottaviano, the case involves a workers’ compensation claim by Applicant Jill Ottaviano, a former Police Officer who joined the City on May 23, 1997; the Applicant’s injury occurred on October 8, 2014 when she sustained a cumulative injury after 17 years of service performing customary Police duties and wearing a duty belt/vest; the Applicant was unable to return to full duty and retired via industrial disability retirement on March 31, 2019; the Council voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to authorize the City Attorney to settle the pending workers’ compensation claim in an amount not to exceed \$63,177.75.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft adjourned the meeting at 5:57 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 MEETING OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (SACIC)
TUESDAY- -JANUARY 21, 2020- -6:59 P.M.

Acting Chair Knox White convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Vella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

[Note: Chair Ezzy Ashcraft was present via teleconference from The Capital Hilton, 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.]

Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft requested the parcel sale [paragraph no. 20-004] be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Oddie seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Commissioner Daysog: Aye; Oddie: Aye; Vella: Aye; Knox White: Aye and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*20-001 SACIC) Minutes of the Special Joint City Council and Successor Agency to the Community Improvement Commission Meeting Held on November 19, 2019. Approved.

(*20-002 SACIC) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Submit the Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule (ROPS) and Administrative Budget for the Period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to the Countywide Oversight Board. Accepted.

(*20-003 SACIC) Recommendation to Consent to an Assignment and Assumption of Affordable Housing Agreement at Independence Plaza (703 Atlantic Avenue) to Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation and Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute all Necessary Documents. Accepted.

(20-004 SACIC) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Branagh Land, Inc., a California Corporation, for a Net Sales Price of \$1,000,000 for the 0.82 Acre Vacant Parcel at 2350 Fifth Street.

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Chair Ezzy Ashcraft expressed concern about the housing crisis; stated there should be more focus on affordable housing; the League of California Cities has identified housing and homelessness as among its top five priorities; expressed support for more creative solutions to add more affordable housing within the project footprint or elsewhere in Alameda.

The Community Development Director gave a brief presentation.

Commissioner Daysog inquired whether the 2012 housing overlay is included.

The Community Development Director responded in the negative; stated the project does not have a Multi-family (MF) overlay; the property is a remnant parcel from the Bayport/Alameda Landing project and does not have any underlying zoning; the prospective purchaser will have to work through the entitlement process; a zoning amendment will occur, with final approve by Council; the Successor Agency is acting in a proprietary capacity as the property owner.

Commissioner Daysog questioned whether there is exception to the MF overlay.

The Community Development Director responded there is a density bonus provision; stated a concession waiver will obligate the purchaser to provide more affordable housing.

Commissioner Oddie inquired whether there could be a future decision to not build housing on the proposed project property.

The Community Development Director responded the purchase and sale agreement specifies a residential use.

Commissioner Oddie inquired the percentage of affordable housing for the proposed project.

The Community Development Director responded a 20-unit project at 15% affordable housing would have 3% inclusionary; stated a 22-unit project would have 3.3% inclusionary, which is rounded down when less than 0.5%, and rounded up when more than 0.5%; 25% inclusionary yields 5 affordable units on a 20-unit project and 6 affordable units on a 22-unit project; the project is very small.

Commissioner Oddie stated the guiding policy should be to provide as much affordable housing when possible.

Acting Chair Knox White stated office use was previously proposed; inquired whether the sale proceeds can be used for a mid-cycle budget adjustment to provide more homes in an alternate location.

The City Attorney responded brief direction may be given that the proceeds should be considered for affordable housing; stated the details should be left for a future, agendaized meeting.

Acting Chair Knox White inquired whether the Housing Authority has received communication related to guidance in achieving the highest sale price possible.

The Community Development Director responded the Housing Authority had the opportunity to purchase the property when it was listed; stated the Housing Authority did not indicate interest in the property; the Housing Authority may indicate future interest related to the affordable housing component of the project.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether Branagh would be willing to consider a higher percentage of affordable housing units.

Commissioner Vella inquired whether the desire is to have the proceeds of the project be spent on affordable housing in some way or, as an alternative, have staff negotiate a higher percentage of affordable housing within the proposed project.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft responded a higher affordable housing percentage would not be in lieu of the proceeds; inquired whether more affordable housing units could be planned; expressed support for entertaining creative solutions to have more affordable housing units.

Commissioner Daysog stated few parcels are available for affordable housing; inquired whether the City owns the property.

The Community Development Director responded the property is owned by the Successor Agency; stated the Successor Agency cannot donate the land.

Commissioner Daysog expressed support for the creation of a subcommittee to work with staff and Branagh; stated time should be spent evaluating options for the parcel; inquired whether the density bonus is effective within the context of the housing overlay; expressed concern for not being consistent with Measure A.

Commissioner Oddie noted escrow can take up to 15 months to complete; stated a hearing will be held in order to address spending the sale proceeds; 3 units of affordable housing is not enough.

The Community Development Director stated the challenge is the small size of the property.

Commissioner Oddie stated that he would prefer 5 or 8 affordable housing units.

The Community Development Director stated that is possible; there are trade-offs which include funding organizations such as Rebuilding the Existing Supportive Housing at Alameda Point (RESHAP) or adding 3 to 4 more units to the proposed project.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft stated the property would have a size exception; questioned whether the City is well-positioned to form a subcommittee; stated staff can return to Council for decisions; there are a range of possible options.

Commissioner Vella inquired the about the impacts of a delay; stated there is a housing shortage; expressed support for as much affordable housing as possible.

The Community Development Director responded a the purchase and sale agreement includes a 90-day due diligence process; stated the City will know within 3 months whether Branagh will move forward with the entitlement process; Branagh is interested in evaluating a range of proposals.

The City Attorney stated the developer has a 90-day due diligence period; the City does not; should the Successor Agency approve the agreement, the developer has discretion to proceed.

The Community Development Director stated the Successor Agency could provide direction to revise the purchase and sale agreement.

The City Attorney stated the purchase and sale agreement may be modified to allow for a 90-day cancellation period for both sides.

Acting Chair Knox White expressed support for the modification.

Lisa Vilhauer, Branagh Land Inc., stated the modification provision will need to be authorized by the owners prior to acceptance; the 90-day due diligence period is thorough and in-depth; level of affordability is considered; expressed support for meeting with Successor Agency Members and staff.

Acting Chair Knox White stated affordable housing has been planned for over a year; expressed support for moving the project forward; stated the Housing Authority is finding funding for the North Housing project; market based affordable housing units need funding; expressed concern about delays.

The Community Development Director stated the project can happen quicker than an affordable housing project due to many different funds and competitive rounds; the scale of the project, as well as constraints, are important factors; there is a narrow path forward; the project will not yield many affordable housing units.

Commissioner Oddie inquired whether Branagh could complete due diligence in 60 days and not start or pay a deposit for 30 days; stated the City could use the 30 days for a subcommittee and staff to look into possibilities, causing little to no delay.

The City Manager stated the decision should either be delayed for 30 to 60 days to explore the different ideas proposed or the project agreement should be approved with the intent to set aside the revenue for affordable housing.

Commissioner Daysog expressed support for delaying the project and allowing a subcommittee of Chair Ezzy Ashcraft and Commissioner Oddie to work with staff on vetting different responses; stated the subcommittee can report back to Council on findings; the options allows the process to be Council-driven; the delay does not allow for a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process; Chair Ezzy Ashcraft and Commissioner Vella have been involved in housing issues; this is an opportunity to continue involvement.

Commissioner Daysog moved approval of delaying approval for 30-days with a report back from the subcommittee, working with staff and Branagh, to return for consideration.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Commissioner Vella stated many people are currently unhoused; expressed concern for a delay in the project causing a delay in the availability of 3 affordable housing units; stated there is a bigger picture in looking at surplus lands that could be used for affordable housing; expressed concern for over politicizing a small parcel with the capacity for a finite number of units; stated \$300,000 will not provide for the construction of one affordable housing unit; the cost of affordable housing is high; expressed support for the subcommittee investigating the broader topic of the impact of surplus housing land and returning with an inventory of parcels which have the ability to add to the affordable housing stock; stated that she supports approving the project agreement with the intent to set aside revenue for affordable housing, with the addition of a robust conversation related to looking at other parcels; stated recent developments have allowed for affordable housing projects; expressed concern for undermining the current project.

Acting Chair Knox White inquired whether the Successor Agency could move forward with the decision and also appoint a subcommittee to work with the developer during the 90-day due diligence period to outline the broader topic of affordable housing stock.

The City Attorney responded that he is unclear what the subcommittee would be attempting in the 90-day period; stated should the project be approved, the project will move forward with the developer performing due diligence; the City has no further diligence to perform.

Acting Chair Knox White stated the developer will return for zoning; part of the developer's due diligence could be to understand what the City is looking for in relation to the use of the project.

The City Attorney stated the zoning decision is quasi-judicial; noted the regular process of having the full Council hear the quasi-judicial action should be followed.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft expressed support for Commissioner Daysog's proposal; stated a 30-day delay is not significant to the greater scheme of the project; the delay allows the ability to look at options which could include looking at the process to get more affordable housing; the delay is reasonable; expressed support for a 30-day hiatus for a subcommittee to return.

Commissioner Oddie inquired whether the item requires 3 or 4 votes, to which the Community Development Director responded 3 votes.

Commissioner Oddie inquired the duration of the proposed delay, to which the City Manager responded 60-days.

The Community Development Director stated the delay would be a minimum of 60 days.

Commissioner Oddie stated that he would like more than 3 affordable housing units.

The Community Development Director noted the request; stated a representative from Branagh is present as well.

Acting Chair Knox White stated the path to more affordable housing is unclear; noted the City can ask the Housing Authority to assist in finding funding affordable housing; expressed concern for delaying an additional 60 days when the outcome is unclear.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft stated the Housing Authority is not the only developer of affordable housing.

Commissioner Oddie stated that he would like more information about how many units the project will be and how many of those units will be affordable; questioned whether the project would lack approval with 20 units total and 3 affordable units.

Commissioner Daysog stated a 60-day delay is not required; expressed support for a 30-day delay to work out details and negotiate trade-offs.

The Community Development Director stated staff can work out details, but a staff report would be due at the end of the 30-day delay causing another 30-day delay.

Commissioner Oddie outlined a hypothetical scenario with Branagh only committing to 15% affordable housing; questioned the effectiveness of delaying; expressed support for 3-units of affordable housing; stated that he would prefer more affordable units.

Commissioner Vella stated the delay could add additional costs; all Councilmembers need to review the impact of the surplus land act to see what lands are available for affordable housing; more affordable housing is a Council goal; the project is not going to benefit from a 60-day delay; another opportunity might exist to allow for additional affordable housing units; expressed support for using resources to allow for more solutions.

Acting Chair Knox White inquired whether substitute motions are allowed.

The City Attorney responded there are currently no substitute motions on the table; stated the Successor Agency may call the question on the current motion.

Commissioner Daysog revised his motion to alter the 30-day delay to 60-days.

On the call for the question, the motion failed by the following voice vote: Commissioners Daysog: Aye; Oddie: No; Vella: No; Knox White: No and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 2. Noes – 3.

Commissioner Oddie moved approval of the item, with creating a subcommittee of Chair Ezzy Ashcraft and Commissioner Vella to talk about the overall affordable housing plan.

Acting Chair Knox White inquired whether the motion includes direction for the use of proceeds.

Commissioner Oddie responded the distribution of proceeds should return to Council when received.

Commissioner Vella questioned whether staff would identify proceeds and return to Council.

Acting Chair Knox White inquired whether the motion could be amended to add ideas for more affordable housing.

Commissioner Oddie responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Vella seconded the motion.

(20-005) Commissioner Oddie moved approval of giving Chair Ezzy Ashcraft an additional three minutes.

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Commissioner Vella seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Commissioners Daysog: Aye; Oddie: Aye; Vella: Aye; Knox White: Aye and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 5.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft stated that she would like to indicate the intention to use the proceeds toward achieving a well-articulated desire to add more affordable units.

Acting Chair Knox White noted the intention is indicated in the motion.

Commissioner Oddie concurred.

Commissioner Daysog inquired whether there will still be a subcommittee that will focus on the global issue.

Commissioner Vella responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Daysog expressed support for the motion; expressed concern for Measure A.

Acting Chair Knox White stated the topic is related to a State density bonus, which Council does not control.

Commissioner Oddie inquired whether the Successor Agency would defer to Chair Ezzy Ashcraft for subcommittee appointment, to which Acting Chair Knox White responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Vella stated that she would be happy to serve on the subcommittee with Chair Ezzy Ashcraft.

Chair Ezzy Ashcraft inquired whether the decision must be made.

The City Attorney responded since the item is not agendized, the decision can be announced upon Chair Ezzy Ashcraft's return.

On the call for the question, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: Commissioners Daysog: Aye; Oddie: Aye; Vella: Aye; Knox White: Aye and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 5.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Chair Knox White adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lara Weisiger
Secretary, SACIC

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY- - JANUARY 21, 2020- -7:00 P.M.

Acting Mayor Knox White convened the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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

[Note: Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft was present via teleconference from
The Capital Hilton, 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.]

Absent: None.

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(20-036) Proclamation Declaring January 21, 2020 as Janet Magleby Day in the City of Alameda.

Acting Mayor Knox White read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Magleby.

Ms. Magleby made brief comments.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(20-037) Maria Gallo, Alameda, discussed traffic calming in the Fernside neighborhood.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Oddie moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Oddie: Aye; Vella: Aye; Knox White: Aye and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 5. [Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*20-038) Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings Held on December 17, 2019 and the Special City Council Meeting Held on December 18, 2019. Approved.

(*20-039) Ratified bills in the amount of \$3,626,023.47.

(*20-040) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement

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with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Post Construction Project Closeout and Second Amendments to Agreements with BKF Engineers and Park Engineering, for the Cross Alameda Trail (Main Street to Constitution Way) Project, in a Cumulative Amount Not to Exceed \$145,633. Accepted.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

(20-041) Recommendation to Accept the Alameda Free Library Strategic Plan, 2020-2025.

The Library Director made brief comments.

Ruth Metz, Ruth Metz Associates, gave a Power Point presentation.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether there will be expansion of the West End branch library.

The Library Director responded the property is land-locked and the surrounding properties are privately owned; stated the walls cannot be pushed outward; the West End branch library was renovated in 2010; a larger library presence is needed as Alameda Point develops; the goal is to establish a library branch at Alameda Point; noted the West End branch could be repurposed into something else or become the new seed and tool library; the building can always be found useful by the library program; physical expansion of the building is not possible.

Councilmember Daysog inquired whether expansion of operation hours and activities would be possible.

The Library Director responded in the affirmative; stated there is no way to install sound barriers within the building; many programs are hosted after-hours as to not disturb patrons wishing to participate in quiet activities; a goal is to increase operating hours at all three library branches; increasing hours will return during the budget process due to expansion of staffing needs.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated library use continues to grow and expand; the library has remained relevant during changing times.

Acting Mayor Knox White inquired whether the tracking of visits only includes web visits or visits to the reference desk, to which the Library Director responded all web visits.

Acting Mayor Knox White stated moving the library catalog to Alameda Point at a larger building could yield a different structure for the West End branch.

The Library Director stated there is the possibility to move the West End branch to Alameda Point; there is the possibility to build a brand new branch; in order to establish

a presence, outreach is possible in the form of something similar to Amazon lockers for book rentals.

Acting Mayor Knox White noted Alameda Point Collaborative (APC) has a similar vending machine; expressed concern for the Bay Farm Island branch library which has not grown or expanded in thirty years and does not have plans to grow.

The Library Director stated the branch is very small; expansion possibilities were reviewed in 2008; residents desired expansion of the branch; the branch expansion would be negotiated with Recreation and Parks Department; it is possible to expand the property footprint.

Discussed the Friends of the Alameda Free Library working with the City, community and Alameda Library to realize the vision and mission to raise funding and support programs: Karen Butter, Friends of the Alameda Free Library.

Councilmember Oddie inquired how the strategic plan document will be used going forward; stated the budget is coming in the near future; expressed concern for the strategic plan not being utilized.

The Library Director responded development would not occur overnight; stated a current needs assessment should be completed; as the plan moves forward, the needs assessment will be completed; a potential savings account would be created for capital projects specific to the library; as the budget approaches, expansion of hours will be discussed; a short form of the strategic plan exists that will be used for talking points; the short form will be available on the library website to showcase current updates.

Councilmember Oddie stated the strategic plan needs to be placed on the list of potential community impacts for development; noted the library budget asks have been minimal; urged the library program to ask for needed funding; expressed support for the seed lending library; stated that he receives many compliments when he wears an Alameda library shirt.

Councilmember Daysog stated the West End library is a jewel with potential; the main branch is also a beautiful building.

The Library Director stated the West End building is very nice, but many people do not go inside; the library program would like to expand services, but needs the operating hours to do so.

Councilmember Vella stated libraries enable parents and caregivers to give children the ability to grow and develop; many families are unable to have a robust library at home; public libraries allow access for all families; expressed support for an increase in hours to be included in the budget proposal especially for satellite branches like the West End; stated the West End branch is very accessible; libraries are places where many kids

make friends; people go to libraries for a sense of community and a shared love of reading; there is something magical about seeing kids get excited about reading; many community members use access to computers and other amenities at the library; expressed support for the savings account and the tool share option.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft expressed support for the plan; stated the library is similar to a book club for young ones; the library is a place to connect and build community; expressed support for the library program and for extending hours.

Acting Mayor Knox White stated the library is a fantastic place; libraries help children as well as the unhoused; noted the library does experience challenges; questioned the next steps for the strategic plan; expressed support for upcoming planning documents; expressed support for communicating updates to the library program.

Councilmember Daysog moved approval of accepting the Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Vella seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Oddie: Aye; Vella: Aye; Knox White: Aye and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 5.

(20-042) Recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a 60-Year Lease Agreement with the Alameda Unified School District for a City Aquatic Center at the Existing Swim Center Site at Alameda High School; and

(20-042 A) Resolution No. 15630, “Approving a Real Property Lease Agreement with the Alameda Unified School District.” Adopted.

The Recreation and Parks Director gave a brief presentation, including outlining terms in the final lease.

Councilmember Daysog expressed appreciation for the subcommittee; stated the community will be excited for the aquatic center; expressed support for the item.

Councilmember Oddie stated although there are two separate entities, the goal of working together to find funding for operations and maintenance should remain.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft stated communication is key; the aquatic center is an exciting project; work should begin as soon as possible; expressed support for moving forward.

Acting Mayor Knox White stated agreement language has been left flexible to anticipate working together; expressed support for the item.

Councilmember Daysog moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Vella seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilmembers Daysog: Aye; Oddie: Aye; Vella: Aye; Knox White: Aye and Chair Ezzy Ashcraft: Aye. Ayes – 5.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

(20-043) The City Manager announced January 26th is the last day to input data on the City's interactive walking and biking map and Centro Legal is providing regular drop-in hours at Mastick Senior Center.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

COUNCIL REFERRALS

None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(20-044) Councilmember Daysog made an announcement about a Noise Forum meeting and an update from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

(20-045) Councilmember Oddie made an announcement regarding an upcoming Stopwaste meeting and Alameda's Restaurant Week.

(20-046) Councilmember Vella announced that she would be attending a Lead Abatement and a League of California Cities Housing Policy meeting.

(20-047) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft announced that she is in Washington DC to attend the Mayors Conference; in addition, she would also be meeting with Veterans Association, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and Senator Feinstein's and Assemblymember Lee's offices.

(20-048) Acting Mayor Knox White made an announcement regarding the Inter Agency Liaison Committee meeting with AC Transit, a Martin Luther King event held at City Hall and a Planning Board meeting to discuss Measure A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Mayor Knox White adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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