



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes City Council

Welcome to your City of San Leandro City Council meeting.

Your City Councilmembers are:

*Mayor Stephen H. Cassidy
Michael Gregory, District 1
Ursula Reed, District 2
Diana Souza, District 3
Benny Lee, District 4
Pauline Russo Cutter, District 5
Jim Prola, District 6*

Monday, March 17, 2014

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

1.A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Cassidy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.B. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Cassidy, Cutter, Gregory, Lee, Prola, Reed, Souza

1.C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the large number of audience members present, and with the consensus of the City Council, the order of items on the agenda was changed to take Item 5 directly after Item 3.A., Item 12.A. directly after Item 5, Item 4.A. directly after Item 12.A., then resume the normal sequence.

2. RECOGNITIONS

- 2.A. [14-102](#) Proclamation Declaring April 1, 2014 as Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

3. PRESENTATIONS

- 3.A. [14-056](#) Building San Leandro's Tech and Innovation Ecosystem: Update by Chief Innovation Officer Deborah Acosta

With the consensus of the City Council, Item 5 was moved to this point on the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ronald Jones, jointed by several members of the California State and National associations of letter carriers, commented regarding proposals by the US Postal Service to end Saturday postal delivery, eliminate door-to-door service, and close post offices on Saturday. Mr. Jones provided the Council with a proposed resolution, for which he requested the Council's support.

Charles Gonzalez, a letter carrier in San Leandro since 1986, spoke regarding the importance of door-to-door, six-day delivery as a service to the elderly, and as employment to military veterans.

Richard Becker, retired San Leandro letter carrier, commented regarding the benefits of expanding, rather than reducing, postal service.

Dan Dillman commented on recent entertainment events at the BAL Theatre. Mr. Dillman mentioned his new position as president of Curtain Call Performing Arts, and his efforts to promote the arts and entertainment in San Leandro.

Margarita Lacabe commented on a Consent Calendar item related to proposed amendments to the smoking ordinance that were removed from the City Council agenda. Ms. Lacabe stated that residents should be informed, and be invited to speak, about issues that would affect their personal rights.

Don Siefkes, representing the Broadmoor Neighborhood Association, commented on a dangerous traffic condition at the intersection of Dowling Boulevard and Bancroft Avenue. Mr. Siefkes, on behalf of the BNA, requested the City install a traffic light at the intersection.

Guillermo Elenes expressed concern regarding the placement on the Consent Calendar of the agenda item related to the smoking ordinance amendments. As a medical marijuana user with glaucoma, Mr. Elenes commented that he is anxiously awaiting a dispensary in San Leandro.

With the consensus of the City Council, Item 12.A. was moved to this point on the agenda.

12.A. [14-090](#)

Update by City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Flag Raising and Staff Report for Proposed Amendments to San Leandro Administrative Code Chapter 1.7 on Flag Policy

Comments were made by the following individuals: Mike Katz-Lacabe, Margarita Lacabe, Rosemary Lake, Keith Foster, Tenzin Rangdol, Tsering Choden Lama, Dawa Yangchen, Tenzing Dolma, Giovanni Vassallo, Dana Myers, Rinchen Dorjay, Tsewang Khangsar, Tsering Lhakey, Kunchok Tashi, Nancy Sue Ardell, Kesang Dolma, Leo T. West, Dan Dillman, Qiuxian Hao—(through interpreter), Bao Yun Li —(through interpreter), Samuel Zhang, Jim Olson, David Erlich, Zhitao Li, Steven Leung, Ed Collaco, Martin Wong, Suifei Huan, Judy Qi, D.J. Evans, Guillermo Elenes, and Dawn Casasola.

[14-113](#)

MOTION Directing Staff to Amend the Existing Policy as Recommended by the City Manager, and Directing the City Manager to Develop Procedures for Reviewing and Processing Requests to Raise Special Designation Flags or Flags of Foreign Nations

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Reed, that this minute order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Lee, Prola, Reed, Souza

Nay: 3 - Cassidy, Cutter, Gregory

Enactment No: Min Order 2014-004

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.A.** [14-064](#) Staff Report for the City of San Leandro U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Draft FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan

The Hearing was opened to the public.

There being no public comments, and without objection, the Public Hearing was closed.

- [14-065](#) MOTION Directing Staff to Hold a Public Hearing, Publish the Draft FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan for a 30-Day Comment Period (March 31 - April 30, 2014), and Set a Public Hearing for May 5, 2014 to Consider Final Approval of the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Prola, seconded by Councilmember Reed, that this minute order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 7 - Cassidy, Cutter, Gregory, Lee, Prola, Reed, Souza

Enactment No: Min Order 2014-005

Item 5 was considered earlier in the agenda.

6. CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 6.A.** [14-096](#) City Manager Report on Community Investment Fund Expenditures
- 6.B.** [14-095](#) City Manager Report on Status of Heritage Tree Ordinance

7. AMENDMENT OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 8.F. was removed from the Consent Calendar to Item 9, Items Removed from Consent Calendar.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Prola, seconded by Councilmember Reed,

to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 7 - Cassidy, Cutter, Gregory, Lee, Prola, Reed, Souza

- 8.A.** [14-097](#) Minutes of the Special Meeting and Planning Session of February 1, 2014
Approved as submitted on the Consent Calendar.
- 8.B.** [14-098](#) Minutes of the Meeting of March 3, 2014
Approved as submitted on the Consent Calendar.
- 8.C.** [13-629](#) ORDINANCE Amending Section 1-6-225 of Article 2 of Chapter 1-6 of the San Leandro Municipal Code Relating to Purchasing by Competitive Bid (expands preferences given to local businesses in City purchasing and contracts)
Adopted on the Consent Calendar.
Enactment No: Ordinance 2014-001
- 8.D.** [14-099](#) MOTION Nominating Janet Plankenhorn as District 5 Representative to Senior Commission
Adopted on the Consent Calendar.
Enactment No: Min Order 2014-006
- 8.E.** [14-089](#) MOTION Accepting Report from Management Partners on City Council Priority Setting Workshop/Planning Session of February 1, 2014, and Adopting Updated City Council 2014-15 Goals
Adopted on the Consent Calendar.
Enactment No: Min Order 2014-007

Item 8.F. was removed from the Consent Calendar to Item 9, Items Removed from Consent Calendar.

- 8.G.** [14-005](#) Staff Report for a Resolution Approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the Water Pollution Control Plant Contaminated Soil Relocation Project, Project No. 2015.0300
- [14-009](#) RESOLUTION Approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the Water Pollution Control Plant Contaminated Soil Relocation Project, Project No. 2015.0300 (approves a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$130,799 for a feasibility study, geotechnical evaluation, permit documents, and detailed design for the reclamation of a portion of the former polishing ponds and reuse of excess soil at the Water Pollution Control Plant)
Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: Reso 2014-023

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.F. [14-086](#) Staff Report for Resolution Supporting Efforts to Reform Proposition 13

Comments were made by the following individuals: David Erlich, Courtney McDonald, Ian Fregosi, Tom Silva, and Mike Katz-Lacabe.

- [14-078](#) RESOLUTION Supporting Efforts to Reform Proposition 13 (supports efforts to seek voter authorization for changes to the property tax limitations imposed by Proposition 13 approved by voters in 1978)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Prola, seconded by Councilmember Cutter, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Cassidy, Cutter, Gregory, Prola, Reed

Abstain: 2 - Lee, Souza

Enactment No: Reso 2014-024

10. ACTION ITEMS

None.

11. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS TAKEN

City Attorney Rich Pio Roda reported that no action was taken in closed session. Direction was given to staff on several items.

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Councilmembers reported on attendance at intergovernmental agency meetings, conferences, and seminars since the last meeting.

Item 12.A. was considered earlier in the agenda.

The City Council recessed from 9:52 p.m. to 10:07 p.m.

13. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Councilmembers announced calendar of upcoming events and coordinated attendance; reported on local events attended since the last meeting; and made brief comments on issues of concern.

Mayor Cassidy suggested modifying the City Council's efficiency guidelines, to limit Council comments to a brief report on important upcoming events if after 10:00 p.m. By consensus, the Council agreed to this modification.

14. COUNCIL REQUESTS TO SCHEDULE AGENDA ITEMS

By consensus, the City Council agreed to schedule the following items:

- *Discussion of Senate Bill 1261, on or before the first regular meeting in July;*
- *Discussion and consideration of a resolution supporting postal reform legislation, by the first regular meeting in May; and*
- *Discussion regarding fees for ball fields adjacent to Burrell Field, referred to the Committee on City/School Relations.*

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 p.m., in memory of Roy Parker, former Transportation Administrator for the City of San Leandro.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

MARIAN HANDA
City Clerk of the City of San Leandro