

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, August 3, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Stratford in Hoyer Hall of the Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Stratford, Councilmembers Geller, Medrano and Pierce. Councilmembers absent: Vice Mayor Shuey. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, City Attorney Dan Adams, and City Clerk Laci Jackson.
2. **CLOSED SESSION** – None.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Mayor Stratford.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR-** It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Geller to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted (Passed; 4-0 vote).
 - (a) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2010.
 - (b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.
 - (c) Adopted Resolution 34-2010 approving Addendum No. 2 to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Clayton Police Officers Association (CPOA) concerning terms and conditions of employment in Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
 - (d) Accepted the City Financial Investment Report for the 4th Quarter of FY 2009-2010, ending June 30, 2010.
 - (e) Adopted Resolution 35-2010 approving a revised City Investment Policy including the annual delegation of investment authority to the City Treasurer.
5. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS-** None.
6. **REPORTS**
 - (c) The City Manger reported the City's Housing Element was certified on July 15th by the State Housing and Community Development Department. He stated the coversheet commended Clayton for facilitating mixed use development in the Town Center (Creekside Terrace project). He reminded citizens there are two Affordable Housing units available for purchase to qualified applicants and applications are available online. He also stated AOSL is accepting registration for a fall youth basketball league and has many other class offerings available at the Clayton Community Gym.
 - (d) City Council

Councilmember Geller attended the AOSL Open House at the Clayton Community Gym. He stated the last Concert in The Grove was a huge success. He reminded citizens affordable car insurance is available through the State of California at www.insurance.cal.gov/lowcost .

Councilmember Pierce attended a Joint Meeting of the ABAG Administration Committee and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. She noted the Caldecott Tunnel groundbreaking will be August 9th at 10 a.m. and she will be attending the event.

Mayor Stratford attended the CERT Corp Council meeting and stated the next CERT class begins on September 15th. He also stated the labor agreements with the Police Officers Unit and the Miscellaneous employees adopted a Tier II retirement pension plan for new hires which will help contain costs moving forward.

- (e) Other – Mayor Stratford stated he, Vice Mayor Shuey and Ted Meriam had qualified to run for the two City Council seats in the November 2010 election. In accordance with Council policy, he invited Mr. Meriam forward to speak.

Ted Meriam stated as a Planning Commissioner he already works with the City Council and is running for the City Council in 2010.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John Trammell, stated he is concerned with the banners that might be placed around the City indicating character traits. He stated he does not believe Clayton is lacking character and does not believe character trait banners are a good idea.

Jim Hudak, agreed with Mr. Trammell and believes banners are preachy and inappropriate. He stated he does not believe it is the role of the City to be involved in character building.

Linda Hudak stated she had a chance to talk with Mayor Stratford about the "Do the Right Thing" program and understands the Mayor's concerns. She stated she agrees with the Mayor and believes it is important to have an open discussion about ethics and demonstrate good character traits. She stated she does not agree that banners should be placed around town and does not believe this should be a City led endeavor.

The City Manager stated he spoke to the City Manager of Pleasanton and when their program started the City initiated the process and then a non-profit was formed that took over the effort and program.

Mayor Stratford stated the City did not develop a committee but that the group of people working on this project were the three area schools, the business community, and few City representatives.

The City Manager stated the direction from the City Council regarding this program was to have the Mayor meet with the committee, have them formalize the program and bring it back to the Council for adoption.

Ed Hartley stated first as the CBCA President he wanted to announce that on August 21st the CBCA is hosting its inaugural rib cook-off at the Clayton Club. This event will also serve as a membership drive and the competition is open to the public. He stated it will be a fun event, filled with rib tasting. He stated as a member of the "Do the Right Thing" committee the program was not intended to solve a problem but to emphasize important traits. He stated the program is not mandatory and would be school driven but the CBCA could be part of the recognition program for people going above and beyond in exemplifying these traits.

Councilmember Medrano stated when the Council discussed this issue a few weeks ago they agreed the City should not be leading the charge, but the idea was to get the schools and parents involved. He stated he, Mayor Stratford and Councilmember Pierce were part of the Challenge Day at the middle school last year and kids are dealing with more issues today than they were years ago. He stated the City should be supportive of the program and figure out a way to make the program work for the schools.

Councilmember Pierce agreed with Councilmember Medrano and stated as a participant in Challenge Day she was moved and struck by the large number of youth who appear from the outside to be doing just fine but who are really struggling, being bullied, or have self-esteem issues. She stated this program would allow for the community and schools to support and re-enforce what was being taught at home.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Designation of the City's Voting Delegate and Alternate to the League of California Cities 2010 Annual Conference to be held September 15 thru September 17, 2010 in San Diego, CA.

The City Clerk presented the staff report indicating that the Council needed to determine if an elected official will attend the Annual Conference due to City budget considerations, and if so select its Voting Delegate.

The Council discussion included: conference value at this time, topics being presented, important relationships forged at conferences, lack of attendance in past years, who would be available to attend, cost, and what items would be voted on.

It was moved by Councilmember Medrano, seconded by Mayor Stratford to approve the expenses of Councilmember Pierce to attend the Annual Conference, up to \$1,000 (Passed; 3-0-1 vote, Geller-abstained).

It was moved by Councilmember Medrano, seconded by Councilmember Geller to designate Councilmember Pierce as the City's Voting Delegate for the Annual Conference (Passed; 4-0 vote)

- (b) Council Member request to discuss certain landscape design and replanting improvements in the courtyard of Clayton City Hall.

Councilmember Geller stated when he comes into City Hall he notices there are two plots of land out front that are not landscaped well. He stated the area needs to be a little dressier and does not think adding a few plants would cost a lot of money. He would like to see the area cleaned up and dressed up.

Mayor Stratford stated he liked that fact that not everything was completely manicured and thought the area looked fine.

Councilmember Pierce stated she likes the minimalist landscaping in town, does not like when things are overdone. She stated this area was not on her priority list for improvements.

Councilmember Medrano suggested maybe the area could be improved by a Scout project or the Garden Club.

The City Manager stated that when one public area is planted or dressed up, citizens often want to know why other areas are not improved as well.

The Council suggested Councilmember Geller approach the Garden Club and see if they want to plant the area and maintain it. They also asked for Maintenance to comment on water/irrigation issues.

Mayor Stratford asked if any member of the public would like to comment.

Ted Meriam, stated the area could use some attention. He would also like to see a bike rack installed at City Hall so that members of the community have a place to lock their bikes up when they ride to City Hall.

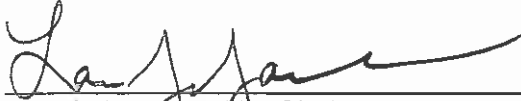
Councilmember Pierce stated she would work with the Transportation Authority to get bike racks.

The City Manager stated the employees take great pride in their work as an organization but the City Budget is small and there are only 5 full-time employees in the Maintenance Department to care for the entire City owned landscaping and Landscape District needs. The City does not have funds to employ a full-time public facilities' landscaper or gardener to take care of such plantings.

10. **COUNCIL ITEMS**- None.

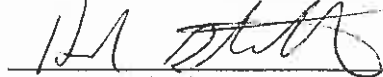
11. **ADJOURNMENT**- On call by Mayor Stratford the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laci J. Jackson, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



Hank Stratford, Mayor