

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

TUESDAY, November 15, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Vice Mayor Geller in Hoyer Hall of the Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Vice Mayor Geller, Councilmembers Medrano, Pierce and Stratford. Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Shuey. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, City Attorney Mala Subramanian, Maintenance Supervisor John Johnston, and City Clerk Laci Jackson.
2. **CLOSED SESSION** – None.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Vice Mayor Geller.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**- It was moved by Councilmember Medrano, seconded by Councilmember Stratford, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted (Passed; 4-0 vote).
 - (a) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 2011.
 - (b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.
5. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
 - (a) Vice Mayor Geller presented Certificates of Recognition to “Do The Right Thing” students of the month for exemplifying “Respect” in October. The following students were recognized: Mt. Diablo Elementary School- Diego DeTrinidad and Lily Wilcox; Clayton Valley High School- Alex Jennings and Noel Creamer.
6. **REPORTS**
 - (a) Planning Commission – No meeting held.
 - (b) Trails and Landscaping Committee – Committee Member Kelly Marshall presented the report from the November 7th Trails and Landscaping Committee meeting. She stated the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the Oak Tree Plan option for the Clayton Road medians. The Committee also voted to use the funds accumulated through the Adopt-a-Trail program to re-light oak trees near the Library. Lastly she noted their Committee is looking for new members.
 - (c) The City Manager had no report.
 - (d) City Council

Councilmember Stratford stated the Do the Right Thing program is moving forward and is focusing on “Kindness” for the months of November and December. He stated there is a program blog site created where community members can post acts of kindness they witness in the community. He stated the goal is to try to accumulate 1,000 acts of kindness during the two months the trait is emphasized. He also noted this Saturday is

the Scouting for Food Drive and the Boy Scouts will be collecting food throughout the City.

Councilmember Medrano attended the East Bay Division of California Cities meeting and stated they are emphasizing the Strong Cities, Strong State campaign.

Councilmember Pierce stated she won the regional election to be the next ABAG Vice President. She attended a CCTA meeting, the Mayors' Conference in Antioch, the Mt. Diablo School Board meeting on the charter high school, and a Self Help counties annual Focus on the Future Conference.

Vice Mayor Geller attended the CERT Corps Council meeting, the Trails and Landscaping Committee meeting, and the Mayors' Conference.

(e) Other – None.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Consideration of the Trails and Landscaping Committee and staff recommended Design Plans with funds authorized for the Clayton Road Landscaping Median Re-Landscaping Project (from the Clayton Fountain intersection to the Mitchell Canyon Road intersection); and, review of proposed design plans for the planting of new landscape in the public terraced walls west of the CVS/Pharmacy parking lot.

Maintenance Supervisor Johnston recommended the City Council approve the landscape plan and approve the plant species as outlined in the staff report. He stated the Terraced Walls landscape design plan was approved in March 2010 but the plans have been slightly modified to tie new plants in with the recent Clayton Fountain upgrades. He stated the median project is a large scale project. He stated the median itself needs to be redone completely due to poor soil conditions, antiquated irrigation system and dead plants. He stated the Trails and Landscape Committee reviewed the plans twice and approved them after a field visit. He stated the concept of the plan is to create a canopy ceiling of trees but have the canopy lift as you approach the Clayton Town Center area to inform motorists a shopping center is there. He stated the design incorporates five large oak trees lit by LED lights spaced along these segments.

Maintenance Supervisor Johnston stated the median is broken into four different segments. Median #1- creates a canopy of Columbia sycamore trees with coprosma ground cover. He stated the coprosma can be cut twice a year and is extremely drought tolerant. Median #2- incorporates colorful flowering plants with Live Oak trees. Median #3- incorporates planter boxes in the medians with oak trees. Median #4- incorporates oak trees spaced out in the median area.

Councilmember Stratford noted he prefers and likes the oak tree option.

When asked by vice Mayor Geller, the City Manager stated Maintenance Supervisor Johnston is passionate about this median project design and stated he thinks this plan complements the setting and rural transition of Clayton.

Kelly Marshall, Trails and Landscaping Committee member, (and landscape designer) stated this is a well thought out plan. She stated at the Trails and Landscaping Committee meeting there was some concern from Vice Mayor Geller about the Live Oaks but she agrees with the plan being presented by staff.

No other public comments were received.

Councilmember Medrano stated he trusted staff's expertise and experience with the medians and what will grow well.

Vice Mayor Geller asked if Scarlet Oaks could go in other roadway places throughout the City? Johnston stated they could look at that idea when the time comes to replace trees in other parts of the City.

The City Manager stated one of the major advantages of the project is that it will require the removal of the old soil and an upgrade in the irrigation systems. He stated all of the funds for this project will be allocated from the Landscape Maintenance District and the median plan as presented satisfies a goal identified in the District when voters approved Measure B in 2007.

Councilmember Pierce stated Maintenance Supervisor Johnston did a great job with the project. She stated when the public voted for the Landscape District they knew it was a pay as you go system and after a few years of savings they will finally see another major landscape project.

Vice Mayor Geller added that the plan incorporates a one foot setback in the medians for maintenance access. He also thanked Maintenance Supervisor Johnston for his diligent research.

It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, to approve the two (2) landscape design plans as submitted and instruct staff to prepare both landscape improvement projects for competitive bid and installation in the spring of 2012 using Landscape Maintenance District funds (Passed; 4-0 vote).

10. **COUNCIL ITEMS**- None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**- On call by Vice Mayor Geller the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Laci J. Jackson, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL


David T. Shuey, Mayor