

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

TUESDAY, December 20, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Geller in Hoyer Hall of the Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Geller, Vice Mayor Medrano, Councilmembers Pierce, Shuey and Stratford. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, City Attorney Mala Subramanian, and City Clerk Laci Jackson.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Mayor Geller.

3. **CLOSED SESSION** – The City Attorney stated the City received a letter threatening litigation yesterday after the Agenda was posted, and recommended the Council add a closed session item at the end of the meeting pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(b), Threatened Litigation.

It was moved by Councilmember Shuey, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to add the Closed Session item to the Agenda at the end of the meeting (Passed; 5-0 vote).

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR-** It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Stratford, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted (Passed; 5-0 vote).

- (a) Approved the minutes of the special and regular meetings of December 6, 2011.
- (b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.
- (c) Adopted Resolution 44-2011 supporting and urging the Contra Costa County Board of Education's approval of the Clayton Valley Charter High School's petition appeal to establish the Clayton Valley Charter High School commencing School Year 2012-13.
- (d) Adopted Resolution 45-2011 authorizing and confirming the pre-existing City of Clayton employer payment of the employee portion of the CalPERS rate as tax-deferred employer pension system contributions (required for IRS purposes only).
- (e) Authorized the cancellation of the January 3, 2012 City Council regular public meeting.

5. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** – None.

6. **REPORTS**

- (a) Planning Commission – Commissioner Sandra Johnson reported on the Planning Commission meeting of December 13th. The Commission reviewed the Housing Element implementation plan for zoning changes regarding certain properties for multi-family high density, emergency and transitional housing, and single room occupancy units designations.
- (b) Trails and Landscaping Committee – No meeting held.

- (c) The City Manager reported Clayton Counts Down (New Year's Eve event) will be held December 31st from 5-8pm at the Clayton Community Gym on the Diablo View Middle School campus. He noted City Hall would be closed December 26, 2011 through January 2, 2012.

- (d) City Council

Councilmember Shuey attended the meeting on the Clayton Valley Charter High School and stated the County Board of Education will make their decision on January 11th. He thanked Councilmembers for their continued presence at these meetings.

Councilmember Pierce attended an ABAG meeting, a TRANSPAC meeting, a joint meeting with the ABAG Administration Committee and the MTC planning committee, and attended the Clayton Historical Society's Home Tour fundraiser.

Councilmember Stratford reminded citizens to post their 1,000 acts of kindness at www.claytondtrt.com.

Mayor Geller attended the Clayton Valley Charter High School hearing at the County Board of Education. He invited all citizens to the Clayton Counts Down, and noted he just became a grandfather.

- (e) Other – None.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Consideration of recommended appointments of citizens to vacancies on the Clayton Trails and Landscaping Committee for a two-year term of public office expiring on December 31, 2013.

(Vice Mayor Medrano and Councilmember Stratford)

Councilmember Stratford stated there are four applicants for the Trails and Landscaping Committee. He spoke with Larry Casagrande (the only applicant he did not know) and was impressed with his willingness to serve. He stated the other three candidates all had a willingness to be more involved in the community and the Council sub-committee recommends appointing all four applicants.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Medrano, seconded by Councilmember Stratford, to appoint Larry Casagrande, Anthony Chippero, Robert Erich, and Harun Simbirdi to the Trails and Landscaping committee for terms of office from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 (Passed; 5-0 vote).

- (b) Review and determination of City Council ad-hoc, committee, inter-governmental and regional board assignments for 2012.
(Mayor Geller)

Mayor Geller announced and outlined the proposed Council committee assignments for 2012. The Council discussed the recommendations and made several adjustments.

It was moved by Councilmember Shuey, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to approve the proposed Council Member assignments for calendar year 2012 (Passed; 5-0 vote).

10. **COUNCIL ITEMS**- None.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**- On call by Mayor Geller the Council adjourned into Closed session at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (b) Threatened Litigation.

8:27 p.m. Report out of Closed Session: Mayor Geller reported the City Council received and gave instructions to its City Attorney.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**- On call by Mayor Geller the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laci J. Jackson, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



Howard Geller, Mayor