

**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2014**

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Bette Keehley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilors present were Sandi Simmons, Jan Weir, Linda West, and Thomas Hasvold. Also present were Public Works Director Jim Hart, Sutherlin Chief of Police Kirk Sanfilippo, and City Recorder Bill Lee. There were two citizens in the Audience at the beginning of the meeting with two others arriving after the meeting started.

CONSENT AGENDA

The discussion began with Councilor Simmons asked Mayor Keehley that if she had a question about the minutes, referring to the content but not necessarily anything that was right or wrong, would it have to be at the end of the agenda. Mayor Keehley responded by informing the Council that when the minutes are approved, then they are approved as is. However, Councilor Simmons said she was mistaken and was referring to Item 5 on the agenda, which were the Commission/Committee minutes. Councilor Simmons went ahead and made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Councilor Tom Hasvold second the motion. Mayor Keehley restated the motion, which included the minutes for 01/29/2014 Special Open Meeting, 02/04/2014 Special Open Meeting, 02/04/2014 Regular Meeting, and 02/19/2014 Special Open Meeting. A vote was taken and all Councilors and Mayor Keehley voted in the affirmative to accept the Consent Agenda except that Councilor Weir did not vote on the 02/19/2014 Special Meeting because she was not present for that meeting. Motion passed.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MINUTES (Information Only)

Councilor Simmons addressed the issue in the Planning Commission minutes for 01/21/14 was convoluted concerning Ordinance 499, which was confusing. She asked for clarification of whether it was an issue for the City Council to address or whether it's something the Planning Commission is working on. Mayor Keehley explained that the Planning Commission needed to work on the ordinance and make whatever recommendations the Planning Commission would like to see happen and bring the recommendations to the City Council for amending. The motion in the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting was confusing with the amendments to the original motion and Councilor West asked for clarification. Mayor Keehley explained that the original ordinance 499 was amended by 524 which did not have all the information from 499. As she further explained, amendments do not include all the information from the ordinance being amended. It only has the information that the amendment is amending. However, the City Recorder added that the perhaps the Council not be too concerned about the motion in the minutes, since the Planning Commission repealed their approved motion at the next meeting, which was on February 25, 2014, and making the motion null and void. Councilor Weir also asked for clarification about the City not having an original signed copy of Ordinance 499. The City Recorder explained that there was not an original copy of Ordinance 499 in the file, but only a copy and it comes into question by the Chairman of the Planning Commission whether the original was changed and later destroyed. The City Recorder informed the City Council that he had contacted the City Attorney to acquire a copy of the City Attorney's Ordinance 499 which would include the transmittal letter. The transmittal letter would be an indicator that the copy the City Attorney received was a copy of the original version of the ordinance.

The Council agreed with the City Recorder and the City Attorney with the proposal to the Planning Commission that if Planning Commission felt that the ordinances were in error, and then perhaps they could rewrite the zoning ordinance, to include amendments, and have all previous editions repealed.

Councilor Simmons asked about the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission minutes which were not included on the agenda. The City Recorder was uncertain about the status of the minutes and would follow-up with the City Clerk. However, the City Recorder believed they were not finalized yet.

Discussion ensued about minutes from the Commission not being submitted to the Council. Councilor West informed the City Recorder that there were changes to the Historic Preservation Commission by reducing the number of members from seven to five and they were in the process of rewriting the Ordinance. Mayor Keehley asked the City Recorder to get a hold of Barbara Peoples and ask her if she could come to the next regular City Council Meeting and give an update of where they are with the rewrite of the ordinance. Councilor West suggested it be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

From the approved Parks Commission minutes, Councilor West had questions about signs and was informed by the Public Works Director that the signs are security signs rather than park rules signs.

POLICE REPORT

Sutherland Police Chief Kirk Sanfilippo said that the February police report that was submitted to the Council had 37 activities in Oakland which were culture services as well as activities generated by the police. There were eight cases that were incident/crime reports which were cleared, which means that the officers either made an arrest or located the person responsible for the incident. The Chief said there is about an 80% clearance rate which is still pretty good, but would like to see it at about 90%. He indicated response times are about 3 ½ minutes to 4 minutes, which is still pretty good.

Chief Sanfilippo wanted to thank the employees who took the time to stop and look at the Geo Cash box that had become a suspect bomb and subsequently reported it. He said that often times, there may actually be a bomb in this era that we live in. He informed the Council the potential targets are government buildings and schools where there are children.

The Chief informed the Council that after six months of observing the Court system that he would be doing an analysis in the next month or two to generate a report that would provide the costs and revenue. Otherwise, the system is running fairly smooth at this point.

CITY RECORDER REPORT

Councilor West commented on item two on the report which was about the City Recorder's comments about the organization's mission statement and goals. She indicated that they had worked on them before but was uncertain as to where the unfinished work may have gone. Councilor West asked the City Recorder to get with the retired City Recorder and find out where she may have filed everything.

Chief Sanfilippo wanted to comment on a good job the City Recorder did during the incident with the suspicious package. He said Bill, the City Recorder, was the one that was out front and met the team when they responded and also ensured all employees evacuated from the building, which displayed good leadership.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mayor Keehley said the Council probably needs to probably need to have a workshop to discuss repairs to the Water Treatment Plant since the Public Works Director had recently done some repairs that need immediate attention. Funding also needs to be discussed as well. The Public Works Director explained damages that were caused by a recent storm. It was decided and agreed by the Council that a workshop be scheduled for March 11th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and all will meet at the Water Treatment Plan and then afterwards return to City Hall Council Chambers for further discussion.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Mayor Keehley said there was an item not on the agenda but was extremely important to discuss. An event application was received from the Oakland Community Theater on this date for Council approval. Dana Basque, Treasurer of the Oakland Community Theater was present in the audience a presented the request for an event to the Council. The request was for their 11th Annual Car Show on May 11, 2014 and asking that the Co-sponsor be the City of Oakland so that the City's insurance would be used. It is intended to raise funds for the Community Theater as well as economic stimulation for the City. Commissioner Weir made a motion that the City of Oakland co-sponsors the car show. The motion was second by Councilor West. A vote on the motion was made and all Councilors and Mayor Keehley voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

CITY HALL PARKING

Chris Glover, from the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department presented the City Council with an aerial photo of the area near the fire hydrant which he had drawn a propose plan for parking that would allow additional parking around City Hall and also allow plenty of room to pull in the fire engine if needed. It was suggested to put up a fire lane sign. Mayor Keehley said we do not have the money for painting this year but can put on next year; however, we would look into getting a sign. At least the red painting in front of the hydrant could be done this year and Chris said the fire department could do the job. Mayor Keehley also indicated the Council would look at whether there is money available for the sign.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Public Works Director James Hart opened the discussion by announcing he has four vehicles that should be declared as surplus property for disposal. He said he had given the Vehicle Identification Numbers to the City Recorder. The vehicles to be declared as surplus consist of the two old police cars, the red Ford Ranger pickup, and the Nissan pickup that has a broken transmission. Mayor Keehley said she would like to have further discussion on the surplus vehicles at the mid-month meeting and also would like a list of the vehicles.

Mayor Keehley ask Councilor Hasvold if he had thought more about the proposal to have the youth that is assigned community service to inventory and identify surplus property in the basement. Councilor Hasvold said he could do that if the youth has time. Public Works Director also said that all the equipment in the basement is junk. Councilor West and Major Keehley both indicated the two desks, as well as, the desk in the hallway needs to go.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

There were no audience concerns.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Keehley announced the St. Patrick's Day Potato Bingo would be a week from Monday (March 17, 2014).

Mayor Keehley also announced that auditions for the play would be happening on March 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and March 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES

Councilor Simmons said that she had received phone calls from citizens in frustration because when they come to the park, the restrooms are closed. Jim Hart indicated that the restrooms were closed four days a week due to vandalism. He also indicated that it had been approved during winter hours to close the restrooms and reopen them from May through September. After a lengthy discussion of all possible options to the opening of the restrooms and Councilor Hasvold proposed that the restroom signs are taken down in the short term. Councilor Simmons made the motion that as a trial, to take down the restroom directional signs until the situation has been reassessed. Councilor Weir second the motion. All Councilors and Mayor Keehley voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The discussion continued to determine if the Council wanted to continue having the restrooms open on the weekends. Councilor Hasvold suggested that the restrooms be closed unless there is an event and also suggested continuing to look into the idea of putting a porta-potty in railroad park. Councilor Simmons then made the motion to continue to leave the restrooms open on weekends which would be Friday through Sunday as a trial, from 8:00 in the morning to 8:00 in the evening through the month of April and readdressed at the April 1st meeting. Councilor Weir second the motion. In discussion, Councilor Hasvold believed that most vandalism occurs in late after or evening because most users of the park are generally gone by 3:00 p.m. He suggested that proposed the hours be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilor Weir's suggestion was 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. because often the park restrooms are used by delivery personnel. The motion was amended by Councilor Weir 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through April and readdressed at the May 5th regular Council meeting. A vote was taken and all Councilors and Mayor Keehley voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Councilor Simmons inquired about the cost of the porta-potty and Public Works Director Jim Hart was asked to find out the cost of having one put in the park.

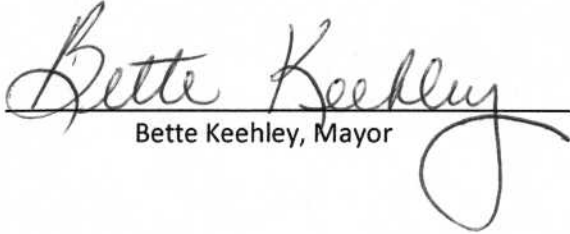
OTHER COUNCIL CONCERNS

Councilor West asked the City Recorder if he could notify Diane Smith, SOS Cats, and see if she could attend the mid-month meeting and give the Council an update of the cat situation.

Mayor Keehley wanted to get on the record to say that it was nice that Connie Riley has started up the Good News Gazette which is a good thing. The Mayor also wanted to thank Bill, the City Recorder for redoing the City's website and that it looked much nicer than before. Bill's wife wanted to inform the Council that his working on the website had consumed a lot of time at home.

ADJOURN

Mayor Keehley asked for a motion to adjourn which Councilor West made the motion. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion. With no objections, the Council agreed to adjourn. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Bette Keehley, Mayor


William Lee, City Recorder