



# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN

**REGULAR MEETING – February 7, 2012**

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was held at 6:30:32 PM, regarding:

- I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of  
Section 54956.9: 1 case
- II. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section  
54956.9: 1 case



A regular meeting of the Dublin City Council was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, in the City Council Chambers of the Dublin Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:02:28 PM, by Mayor Sbranti.



## **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Biddle, Hart, Hildenbrand, Swalwell, and Mayor Sbranti  
ABSENT:



## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by the City Council, Staff and those present.



## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

Mayor Sbranti stated there was no reportable action during Closed Session.



**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Certificate of Recognition for Roberta Dikeman**

7:03:03 PM 3.1 (610-50)

Mayor Sbranti stated this item would be postponed.



**Mayor's Appointments to Senior Center Advisory Committee**

7:03:22 PM 3.2 (110-30)

On motion of Mayor Sbranti, seconded by Vm. Hart and by unanimous vote, the City Council confirmed the appointment of Diana Threlkheld and Faye Guarienti to fill the Senior Center Advisory Committee vacancies.



**Dublin Unified School District Presentation**

7:03:07 PM 3.3 (510-30)

Mayor Sbranti stated this item would be postponed.



**California Park and Recreation Society Award of Excellence – Dublin Heritage Park and Museums**

7:04:08 PM 3.4 (295-20)

The City Council received the report and Cm. Hildenbrand, Mayor Sbranti and Vm. Hart stated they would try to attend the banquet to accept the award.

**Public Comments**

7:07:31 PM 3.5

Bruce Fiedler spoke regarding Proposition 29.



**CONSENT CALENDAR**

7:10:09 PM Items 4.1 through 4.10



The City Council pulled Items 4.3, 4.5 and 4.8 for further discussion.

On motion of Cm. Hildenbrand, seconded by Vm. Hart and by unanimous vote, the City Council took the following actions:

Approved (4.1) Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of January 17, 2012

Adopted (4.2 540-50)

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 - 12**

**DECLARING WEEDS AND COMBUSTIBLE REFUSE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT THEREOF**

and, scheduled a public hearing for the April 3, 2012 City Council meeting at which time the City Council will hear and consider objections to this abatement order.

Adopted (4.4 600-70)

**RESOLUTION NO. 10 – 12**

**REVISING ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE EASTERN DUBLIN TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 12**

**REVISING ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE**

Adopted (4.6 600-30)

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 – 12**

**APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DOUGHERTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - SIERRA LANE TO NORTH CITY LIMIT – CIP NO. 960025**

Received (4.7 320-30) the quarterly Investment Report.



Adopted (4.9 600-35)

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 – 12**

**ACCEPTING IMPROVEMENTS TO FALLON SPORTS PARK- FENCING  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT 11-08**

Adopted (4.10 600-35)

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 12**

**AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 11-13,  
CIVIC CENTER GENERATOR EQUIPMENT PRE-PURCHASE,  
TO WEST STAR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**



*On motion of Mayor Sbranti, seconded by Cm. Hildenbrand and by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted (4.3)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 9 – 12**

**AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR THE  
2012 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND  
SHAMROCK 5K FUN RUN AND WALK**

*On motion of Mayor Sbranti, seconded by Vm. Hart and by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted (4.5)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 – 12**

**APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BELLECCI & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE  
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DUBLIN BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
FROM SIERRA COURT/CIVIC PLAZA TO DUBLIN COURT – CIP NO. 960026**

*On motion of Vm. Hart, seconded by Cm. Biddle and by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted (4.8)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 12**

**AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 11-05, ALAMO CANAL TRAIL I-580 UNDERCROSSING  
PROJECT, TO PROVEN MANAGEMENT, INC.**

*and approved the Budget Change.*



**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None



**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Revisions to the City's Fireworks Ordinance**

7:21:10 PM 6.1 (650-60)

Mayor Sbranti opened the public hearing.

Larry Fugazi, representative of St. Raymond's Church, provided public comments on this item.

George Zika, Dublin resident, provided public comments on this item.

Mayor Sbranti closed the public hearing.

On motion of Mayor Sbranti, seconded by Vm. Hart and by unanimous vote, the City Council introduced an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.24 of the Dublin Municipal Code In Relation to the Fireworks Ordinance, which included administrative changes only; and directed Staff to facilitate a stakeholder meeting in September 2012 to: 1) Discuss questions to be answered by community groups to determine eligibility as a community-based organization; and 2) Discuss allocation of booths.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Area G Parking Report**

8:13:24 PM 7.1 (570-20)

Mayor Sbranti stated, "I own property in Area G, and the outcome of this discussion may result in the City Council making a decision that directly impacts my property. For this reason, I am recusing myself from participating in this item. I ask that the City Clerk include my statement in the minutes of this meeting." He then left the dais.

Eric Hanson, Dublin resident, provided public comments on this item.

Tim Sbranti, Dublin resident, provided public comments on this item.

The City Council received the report and directed Staff to: 1) coordinate a meeting with Massingham & Associations Managements Inc., Charter Properties, and Toll Brothers to



discuss parking issues; and 2) consider revisions to City ordinances in terms of parking regulations.

Mayor Sbranti returned to the dais.



**Sustainable Communities Strategy Alternative Land Use Scenarios**

9:36:12 PM 7.2 (430-50)

The City Council received the report and directed Staff to provide the following comment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG): The City is underestimated on number of jobs.



**Authorization to Apply for California Solar Initiative Grant Funding**

9:51:14 PM 7.3 (530-10)

On motion of Cm. Biddle, seconded by Cm. Hildenbrand and by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the application for California Solar Initiative Grant funding and approved the budget change.



**All-America City - 30th Anniversary Celebration Event**

9:53:39 PM 7.4 (150-20)

The City Council accepted the report and agreed on July 21 as the date for the All-America City - 30th Year celebratory event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Establishment of Social Services Task Force**

9:57:22 PM 8.1 (585-40)

On motion of Mayor Sbranti, seconded by Cm. Hildenbrand and by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the recommendations for establishing a Human Services Task Force, and directed Staff to solicit applications for the Human Services Task.



## **Schaefer Ranch - General Plan Amendment Study Initiation Request**

9:09:48 PM 8.2 (420-30)

Vm. Hart stated, "I had previously indicated that I would recuse myself from participating in decisions in which Discovery Builders is directly involved due to the fact that my wife and I are negotiating with Discovery Builders to potentially purchase property in Schaefer Ranch. Discovery Builders is the applicant for item 8.2, and therefore I will be recusing myself from participating in this item, and I will not be participating in future discussions of this item so long as my wife and I continue negotiations with Discovery Builders. I would ask the City Clerk to include my statement in the minutes." He then left the dais and the City Council Chambers.

Rochelle Gilmour, Dublin resident, provided public comments on this item.

Rich Phifer, Dublin resident, provided public comments on this item.

Ravi Sharma asked that the following comments be entered into the record: "We are of the opinion that these changes which have been initiated in this study are not good of the nature, environment, and the households in this neighborhood. Here are some of the reasons: 1) The five acre lot is on top of the hill. Putting houses there will destroy the entire beauty and view of the hills. The scenic view of the hills will be permanently gone; 2) The path which is being proposed to the five acre lot passed through the entire Schaefer Ranch area and will have to pass through a very narrow road between two houses in the cul-de-sac. After that it has to go through sharp turns to reach the plot. This part of the road/trail is also used by many people who come from far off places to enjoy the beauty of nature. The people on these trails will have to share the road with the cars. This defeats the purpose of having a trail. In fog, it is virtually impossible to see anything. Cars moving to reach this five acre plot will be a big danger for the people in the car and outside the car; 3) The open area currently proposed is behind the houses in 23.19 area; 4) Trying to put a house in the 0.91 acre plot which is meant for emergency vehicle access and as a fire protection buffer seems to compromise the safety and security of the people who have only one access road to get out of the area. In addition to that the delay and lack of following seems to be a cause of concern. 1) The proposed park is not being taken up. Meanwhile whole generation of kids has already spent more than 2 years playing on the streets endangering their lives. At the same time the area for the park is being used as a storage area for the construction going on in this area. We request that the park should be built at the earliest possible; and 2) There is lack of community center in this area. We suggest that a community center be proposed in this area where people can gather and build a strong society. All of you are aware of the importance of social interaction for building strong society. We are of the opinion that lack of social interaction locations is a serious concern that should be addressed immediately."

On motion of Cm. Biddle, seconded by Cm. Swalwell and by unanimous vote (Vm. Hart having recused himself), the City Council adopted



RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 12

APPROVING THE INITIATION OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT STUDY TO EVALUATE A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF 23.19 ACRES WITHIN THE SCHAEFER RANCH PROJECT AREA, (PA 06-031) (TRACT 6765)

Vm. Hart returned to the dais.



**OTHER BUSINESS** Brief *INFORMATION ONLY* reports from Council and/or Staff, including Committee Reports and Reports by Council related to meetings attended at City expense (AB 1234)

10:04:38 PM

The City Council provided comments.



**ADJOURNMENT**

10.1

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21:21 PM in memory of Staff Sgt. Sean Diamond and our fallen troops.

Minutes prepared by Caroline P. Soto, City Clerk.

Handwritten signature of Tim Branti.

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Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

