



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, April 18, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING – STUDY SESSION 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Gary and McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

Absent: Council Member Nason

A summary of public comment is as follows: none

2. STUDY SESSION

2-1. Collection Services Agreement Negotiations Between Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) and the City of Albany

Staff recommendation: that the Council review cost impact to rate payers and provide direction to staff on services and programs to be incorporated into the collection agreement

Elizabeth Carrade, Sustainability Coordinator, presented the staff report. Staff is seeking feedback to guide the remaining negotiations process regarding solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic waste collection service and programs. The current collection services agreement, approved by Council in 2011, is set to expire on March 31, 2023. The City has one more opportunity to extend the current agreement for a period of five years, should an agreement between City staff and WMAC not be made before 2023. The agreement is critical to the City's core services, environment, and the community's health, safety, and well-being.

Rob Hilton, HF&H Consultant, advised that Senate Bill (SB) 1383 regulations require cities and/or contracted waste haulers to meet specific requirements for contamination monitoring, education and outreach, recordkeeping, reporting, compliance monitoring, inspections, and enforcement. State laws require that jurisdictions implement mandatory collection of solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic materials. General changes in services include removal of 10-gallon solid waste cart option, addition of low-income discount, expansion of multi-family bulky item and holiday tree collection and updates to used oil services. WMAC proposes the use of a Smart Truck system, OMCF (Organic Material Recovery Facility) and OMRF (Organic Material Composting Facility), and decreasing public education budget and number of diversion coordinators from RFP (Request for Proposals). Labor wages and pension have increased more dramatically than the RRI (Refuse Rate Index) per year. Waste Management's proposal equates to an increase of approximately 35% in revenue to the company from the current system, and approximately 50% with alternative costs. Comparisons indicate that Albany's current rates before adjustments are the highest in the county, excluding Oakland and Piedmont. Alternative rate structures include a multi-family per dwelling unit charge, recyclables collection charges, and potential rate structure changes.



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Virginia Harrington, WMAC, highlighted the importance of recycling and not overfilling containers to help the City stay clean and green. WMAC Smart Trucks are linked to a WMAC customer data base and all cart lifts, including contents, are captured on camera. A notification and educational data are provided to customers after the images are audited for overage and contamination. The purpose of a launch campaign is to help Albany recycle and reduce litter.

Brad Cea, WMAC, provided an overview of the franchise agreement and unique servicing needs in the City. The goal in every jurisdiction is to automate services to limit the amount of out-of-truck activity by drivers, to ensure safety. Lower interaction results in lower costs. Drivers exit for side yard service, which can lead to time expansion, increased interaction, and higher costs. Additional time is needed for narrow and one-way streets, and for the 880 corridor.

A summary of public comment is as follows: green and recycling should be free; a preference for a 5-year extension.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: a step proposal with different increases at different times may be helpful; support for continuing negotiations; opposition to decreasing costs for single-family homes, while increasing small business and multifamily costs; a smaller bin may help encourage the community to dispose of less waste; support for a recycling charge for commercial businesses; a preference for a low-income discount deeper than 20%; electric vehicles may not be better for the environment than internal combustion engines using re-captured natural gas, considering the life cycle emissions from constructing batteries.

3. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING – OPEN SESSION

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member McQuaid read the Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Gary and McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

Absent: Council Member Nason

3. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

Mayor Jordan reported no reportable action from the closed session.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4-1. Proclamation – Earth Day and Albany Green Businesses



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Council Member Gary presented the proclamation to the Green Businesses representatives, Suzanne Arca from ARCA Design Group and Julie Scheeres from Sustainabar.

4-2. Proclamation – National Victims' Rights Week

Mayor Jordan presented the proclamation to Maria Suniga, Advocate Supervisor from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

A summary of public comment is as follows: an inquiry regarding assistance for victims of police brutality.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Almaguer reported the City of Albany is developing a comprehensive Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP), and traffic safety concerns may be submitted at albany safestreets.com. Albany Fire Department has launched a new website, readyalban.org. Earth Day will be observed on April 22, 2022 with virtual and in-person activities. Phase II of the Washington Avenue Rehabilitation Project and street repairs at the Jackson and Buchanan intersection are complete. Terrace Park and Memorial Park have been renovated. AT&T has removed the overhead lines and poles along Marin Avenue, and the City has completed tree planting. Scheduling is underway for the replacement of three streetlights as part of the Marin Undergrounding Project. Albany has launched a COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Grant Program, and more information can be found at albanyca.org/businessgrant. An article featuring Albany Hill was published in the Bay Area Monitor. Albany Community Expo and Compost Giveaway are scheduled for April 30, 2022, at Albany Community Center. Albany's Summer Recreation Catalogues are available at Albany Community Center, City Hall, and online.

A summary of public comment is as follows: inquiries regarding the cost to power wash the tennis courts.

6. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Jordan opened the Good of the City.

A summary of public comment is as follows: interest in updating guidelines for creekside property owners to reflect climate change; Friends of Five Creeks will host a nature event at Cerrito Creek on May 1, 2022; claims that Kains Street and Adams Street were converted to one-way traffic in the early 1990s are inaccurate; a request for Albany to establish a food bank; Berkeley Food Pantry provides emergency groceries to Berkeley and Albany families and individuals in need every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7-1. Minutes – April 4, 2022



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Staff recommendation: Approve

- 7-2.** Ratification of Payroll – Date Paid 04/08/2022: Net Amount \$344,734.83, Taxes/Benefits/Deductions \$357,847.45, Total Payroll \$702,582.28; Date Paid 04/01/2022: Net Amount \$11,469.66, Taxes/Benefits/Deductions \$11,592.13, Total Payroll \$23,061.79 (Retro Pay)

Staff recommendation: Ratify

- 7-3.** Ratification of Bills, Claims and Demands - Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the City of Albany in the amount of \$176,207.29 (04/01/2022), \$222,145.23 (04/08/2022)

Staff recommendation: Ratify

- 7-4.** Advisory Body Appointments/Resignation:
- Haadiyah Mohammed appointed by Council Member Gary to the Climate Action Committee
 - Praveena Shrestha appointed by Mayor Jordan to the Economic Development Committee
 - Zhuojian (Nelson) Peng appointed by Council Member Gary to the Transportation Commission
 - Allen Kuo appointed by Vice Mayor Tiedemann resigned from the Financial Advisory Committee

Staff recommendation: Information Item

- 7-5.** Resolution of the Albany City Council Allowing for Video and Teleconference Meetings during the COVID-19 State of Emergency under California Assembly Bill (AB 361)

Staff recommendation: that Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-33, allowing for video and teleconference meetings during the COVID-19 state of emergency under AB 361

- 7-6.** CivicSpark Program 2022-2023

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-34, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with CivicWell for the 2022-2023 CivicSpark Program

- 7-7.** FY 2022-2023 Paratransit Program Plan Application

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-35, accepting the FY 2022-23 Paratransit Program Plan Application in the



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amount of \$77,670.82 to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)

7-8. Updated Benefits Booklet for Management/Confidential Employees

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-36, approving the updated Benefits Booklet for Management/Confidential Employees

7-9. Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 21000) Washington Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Phase 2 Approval of Contract Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. C21-49

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-37, authorizing the City Manager to execute CCO No. 2 and CCO No. 3 to Contract No. C21-49 in the amount of \$105,305.98 using funds previously appropriated as part of the City's Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 21000)

7-10. Letter of Support – League of California Cities Budget Request for Local Assistance for Organic Waste Recycling Program Development and Implementation

Mayor Jordan recommendation: that the Council authorize submittal of the Letter of Support

Mayor Jordan asked if anyone wishes to remove items from the consent calendar. A member of the public removed Items 7-3, 7-4, and 7-6 through 7-10.

City Manager Almaguer advised that claims are handled by the City's third-party administrator.

City Manager Almaguer noted that the CivicSpark Program contract amount is \$29,000 as expressed in the Financial Consideration section of the staff report. The ongoing program helps further the City's sustainability and climate action initiatives.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member McQuaid, seconded by Council Member Gary, to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Nason

Motion carried and so ordered.



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8. PRESENTATION

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9-1. Assembly Bill (AB) 481 Compliance – First Reading

Recommendation: that the Council introduce Ordinance No. 2022-02, adopting a Military Use Equipment Policy pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 481, and waive first reading of the Ordinance

City Attorney Mala Subramanian presented the staff report. The Ordinance authorizes a military equipment use policy required pursuant to AB 481. AB 481 was enacted to increase transparency, accountability, and oversight surrounding the use and acquisition of military equipment by state and local law enforcement. The Police Department must obtain approval from the Council before purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment. Additionally, the Police Department must obtain Council approval before collaborating with another law enforcement agency or using military equipment that has not been approved by the policy. Council is required to consider a proposed military policy in an open session and approve only if various specific findings are made regarding military equipment necessity and lack of reasonable alternatives. An annual report must be submitted to Council regarding any complaints, internal audits, or violations of the policy, the cost of use, and other similar information. The ordinance and policy provide for safeguards to public safety, welfare, and civil rights, and measures ensuring transparency, oversight, and accountability.

John Geissberger, Chief of Police, advised that staff coordinated with the City Attorney's Office regarding the policy. The Police Department anticipates additional engagement with the community on an ongoing basis, particularly as COVID-19 declines. The policy provides contact information for members of the public to register complaints, concerns, or ask questions. The annual audit provides public documentation regarding the use of equipment and a summary of any complaints or concerns received.

A summary of public comment is as follows: an inquiry concerning the type of equipment.

Detective Sergeant Kurland clarified that the Albany Police Department Policy Manual provides a detailed list of devices owned by the Department. Funding for equipment is subject to Council approval.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: this law will increase accountability and provide insight into the Police Department's activities.

MOTION:



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Moved by Council Member McQuaid, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-02, authorizing a Military Use Equipment Policy pursuant to AB 481, and waive first reading of the Ordinance.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Nason

Motion carried and so ordered.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10-1. Potential 2022 Tax Measure to Fund EMS/ALS (Emergency Medical Services/Advanced Life Support) and Raise Staffing to Standard

EMS/ALS Tax Ad Hoc Committee recommendation: that the Council direct staff to prepare a tax measure based on land area to fund:

1. Emergency medical services and transport (EMS) with advanced life support capability (ALS)
2. A seventh position on each of the three Fire Department shifts, and
3. Emergency medical response and advanced life equipment replacement

This measure to replace both the existing property tax supporting EMS and the tax supporting ALS and to include exemption for households that own their residence and rebate for households that rent their residence and have very low incomes

Mayor Jordan presented the memo and recommended the Council direct staff to prepare a tax measure to fund emergency medical services with advanced life support, raise staffing to standard levels, and fund equipment for emergency medical response.

A summary of public comment is as follows: a suggestion to fund emergency medical services through the introduction of a sugar food tax; the turn-around time on a call is not a significant concern; suggestions to consider contracted services, and monitor City expenses and revenues; the cost for the additional fire engineer appears to be low.

Sara Mares, NBS, noted that properties owned by UC, but leased to other entities, are taxed based on the leased value as a possessory interest.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: appreciation for the Ad Hoc Tax Committee's efforts in preparing a tax measure with a land-based calculation.

City Manager Almaguer advised that next steps include coordinating with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance, confirming with NBS the funding amount, and present to the Financial Advisory Committee and Council for further consideration.



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10-2. Policy Direction on Potential Ballot Measure to Update the Business License Tax

Staff recommendation: that the Council provide policy direction and request ballot measure be prepared for further City Council consideration, so that the tax measure may be submitted to voters at the November 8, 2022, election

Heather Rowden, Finance & Administrative Services Director, presented the staff report. The current rate structure was adopted by Council in the late 1980's, and the City is working with NBS regarding a potential update. The City Attorney's office is also reviewing technical collection and administration provisions of the business license tax. Albany's Economic Development Strategic Plan suggests switching to a gross receipts tax, which would spread the tax burden based on ability to pay instead of employee count or type of business. The transition would also ease administration and modernize the Albany Municipal Code. Cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Richmond, and Hercules use gross receipts. Staff contracted with NBS to provide a model for switching to a gross receipts tax. The tax may be applied in the form of a flat rate or graduated tax rate.

A summary of public comment is as follows: an inquiry regarding a tax rate above \$1 million; an excessive tax burden could lead businesses to bankruptcy; a preference for a graduated tax rate; a question about the process for determining gross receipts.

Finance & Administrative Services Director Rowden explained that gross receipts relate to the first line of the income tax return.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: appreciation for the detailed presentation; support for the higher rate of the graduated tax rate; the City must ensure that raising the tax does not result in the need to spend additional funds to manage it; delaying the tax measure as businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and inflation may be appropriate; a preference for 0.1%, 0.2%, 0.3% graduated tax rate.

10-3. Policy Direction on Potential New Commercial Vacancy Tax

Staff recommendation: that the Council provide policy direction and request a ballot measure be prepared for further City Council consideration, so that the tax measure may be submitted to voters at the November 8, 2022, election

City Attorney Mala Subramanian presented the staff report. Vacancy taxes are imposed on underutilized property to motivate owners to develop, sell, or rent unoccupied units. San Francisco's Commercial Vacancy Tax was approved by



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voters and became effective on January 1, 2022 to be applied to ground floor commercial space in certain named commercial districts that remains vacant for more than 182 days. San Francisco created a Small Business Assistance Fund to assist small businesses affected by blight, crime, and other negative impacts. Oakland's Vacant Property Tax is a flat tax of \$3,000 to \$6,000 on residential, nonresidential, and undeveloped properties. Additional cities considering similar measures include Los Angeles and San Diego. A commercial vacancy tax is a special tax with funds to be used for a specific purpose and must receive two-thirds voter approval to pass. The deadline to call a special tax election is 88 days prior to the November 8, 2022 election.

A summary of public comment is as follows: the tax should apply to commercial, residential, and industrial properties; vacant businesses should not be taxed during the pandemic; support for a commercial vacancy tax; a residential tax could ensure that no proposed housing developments along the San Pablo Corridor remain vacant; Council should consider the inclusion of residential vacancy rate, in addition to commercial vacancy rate.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: support for a vacancy tax to commercial, residential, and industrial properties within the City; a suggestion for an allowable vacancy period of nine months; a preference for an allowable vacancy period of six months; support for defining vacancy period on a rolling basis; support for Oakland's more lenient approach to applicable exemptions; support for a vacancy tax calculated on a frontage basis; suggestions for use of tax revenues to fund code enforcement, homelessness programs, and infrastructure assistance; opposition to inclusion of a sunset provision.

10-4. Second Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Council Member Gary recommendation: that the Council approves the following recommendations:

1. Direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing the Juneteenth Flag be flown for a period of 7 days from June 12th through June 19th
2. City financial support up to \$7,500
3. Direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing a street event encroachment permit and associated street closure
4. Authorize allocation of City resources for the event including audio/visual support, port-a-potty and waste receptacles
5. City sponsorship that will include name recognition and assistance with marketing

Council Member Gary presented the memo. "Yes to Juneteenth in Albany" requested that Council authorize staff to approve an encroachment permit and waive application fees allowing street closure from 8:00am to 6:00pm on Sunday, June 19, 2022. Council Member Gary suggested that Council create a space representing all cultures. The Juneteenth Flag will be flown at Abrams Claghorn



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Gallery. Albany Police Department, Fire Department, and staff are encouraged to attend the event.

A summary of public comment is as follows: suggestions for Albany TV to record the event, including participation from high school students.

Council Member Gary noted that staff is coordinating with the school district to include students. The event is intended to be family friendly.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: a balance of \$5,000 remains in the Council Discretionary Fund

City Manager Almaguer advised that the remaining financial support requested for the event can be realized in overall budget savings if Council decides to proceed with the full amount.

MOTION:

Moved by Mayor Jordan, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, that the City contribute up to \$7,500 to the financial sponsor for the Juneteenth event in Albany on June 19th, 2022; direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing a street event encroachment permit, with no cost to the event, and associated street closure; and that the City will market the event through its usual channels.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Nason

Motion carried and so ordered.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11-1. Request to Fly Progress Pride Flag

Council Member McQuaid recommendation: that the Council direct staff to draft a resolution authorizing the Progress Pride Flag be flown permanently at Albany City Hall to be effective June 1, 2022

Council Member McQuaid presented the memo to request the Progress Pride Flag be permanently displayed at City Hall in perpetuity similar to the Flag of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. The action demonstrates Albany's commitment to the visibility, dignity, and equity of all members of the community. Additional commemorative flags temporarily flown shall be flown on the secondary flagpole at City Hall under the Confederated Village of the Lisjan Flag and Progressive Pride Flag. Additionally, all flags on the secondary pole shall be removed when the United States Flag is ordered to be flown at half-staff.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: Concern about the Progress Pride Flag being conflated into LGBT Pride Month; a member of the public previously



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stated the Progress Pride Flag was more inclusive and requested it be flown; a preference for the Progress Pride Flag to be flown during Pride Month rather than indefinitely.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member McQuaid, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, to draft a resolution authorizing the Progress Pride Flag be flown permanently at Albany City Hall, effective June 1, 2022.

AYES: Council Member McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann

NOES: Council Member Gary, Mayor Jordan

ABSENT: Council Member Nason

Motion failed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Moved by Mayor Jordan, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, to draft a resolution authorizing the Progress Pride Flag be flown during the month of June.

AYES: Council Member McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: Council Member Gary

ABSENT: Council Member Nason

Motion carried and so ordered.

11-2. Waiving Bike Parking Installation Fee

Mayor Jordan recommendation: that the Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Master Fee Schedule waiving the fee for installation of bicycle parking in the public right of way when required as a condition of approval. Pay the cost of such installation from the Measure DD greenhouse pollution and climate change adaptation reserve. Encourage the City to explore co-funding more iconic, and consequently expensive, bike parking racks with Albany Strollers & Rollers

Mayor Jordan presented the memo to recommend that Council waive the fee for businesses required to install a bike parking rack, and instead pay the annual cost with Measure DD greenhouse pollution and climate adaptation reserve funds.

A summary of public comment is as follows: City bike racks on Solano Avenue are great; an inquiry about the current fee.

Mayor Jordan advised that the fee on the current Master Fee Schedule is approximately \$600. Waiving the fee will be cheaper if the City connects businesses required to install bike parking in the right-of-way to Strollers & Rollers. Data from the American Community Survey indicated that the percentage of individuals choosing to drive to work declined from 55% to below 40%.

A summary of Council comment is as follows: support for the proposal.



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MOTION:

Moved by Mayor Jordan, seconded by Vice Mayor Tiedemann, that Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Master Fee Schedule waiving the fee for installation of bicycle parking in the public right of way when required as a condition of approval; pay the cost of such installation from the Measure DD greenhouse pollution and climate change adaptation reserve; and encourage the City to explore co-funding more iconic, and consequently expensive, bike parking racks with Albany Strollers & Rollers.

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid, Vice Mayor Tiedemann, Mayor Jordan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Nason

Motion carried and so ordered.

12. COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS, COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ON APPOINTED REPRESENTATION OF ALBANY, AND OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

City	Council	Appointed	Appointee	Alternate
Representation Bodies				
Alameda County	Mayors' Conference		Jordan	Tiedemann
Alameda County	Transportation Commission		Nason	Jordan
Alameda County	Waste Management Authority		Jordan	Nason
Association of Bay Area	Government		Gary	Tiedemann
East Bay Community Energy	JPA Board		Tiedemann	Jordan
East Bay Sports Field	Recreational Authority JPA		Nason	Gary
Housing Authority of Alameda County			McQuaid	N/A
League of California Cities (East Bay)			McQuaid	Tiedemann
Alameda County	Mosquito Abatement District		Jordan	N/A
Alameda County	Library Advisory Commission		Gary	(vacant)
Alta Bates Hospital	Task Force		McQuaid/Nason	N/A
Rausser College of Natural Resources	Dean's Advisory Committee on the Gill Tract (DAC)		Gary	N/A
City/AUSD/UC – 2X2X2			Jordan/Tiedemann	N/A
Police & Fire Pension Fund	Board		Jordan	McQuaid
Alameda County	Paratransit Advisory & Planning Committee (PAPCO)		(vacant)	N/A

Council Member Gary reported she attended the ABC NorCal Chapter graduation, where there are no student loans associated with the program. She attended a



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meeting of the Alameda County Library Board and the library's grand opening in the City of Newark. On the Library Board, there were discussions regarding obtaining City funds for the library. She suggested that Council consider meeting with the Library Manager potentially on a quarterly basis.

Vice Mayor Tiedemann reported he attended an East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Closed Session meeting.

Council Member McQuaid reported she attended the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Awards, where Zion and Julia Lee, devoted Senior Center volunteers, were selected. She attended the Albany Youth of the Year Awards, which honored Elizabeth Davidson of Albany High School. In addition, she attended meetings of the Housing Authority of Alameda County, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) water briefing, Albany Cub Scouts presentation, United Against Hate Week planning, an in-person League of California Cities (East Bay) meeting, and an Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) retreat.

Mayor Jordan reported he met with Supervisor Carson and staff to discuss the provision of mental health response to the City by Alameda County Behavioral Health, and potential action items to explore the possibility for funding to be transitioned from the county to Berkeley. Behavioral Health informed that funding for a second team had been acquired, but staffing conflicts need to be examined. ACTC discussed improvements to the second route on the west side of San Pablo Avenue, and the proposed Graduate Student Housing Project. He attended an Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting, during which there was a presentation on the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) regarding coordination and extension of all government programs to support health in its entirety. Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District is a founding member of a new JPA (Joint Power Authority) being established by a company that exclusively manages funds for a government agency. He attended a meeting of the StopWaste Programs & Administration Committee, where an increase to staff expenditure authorization limit was recommended. Invited to Albany Rotary, Mayor Jordan presented under the rubric of policy based on data for Albany.

A summary of public comment is as follows: a question concerning the lack of an appointed Council Member to the Alameda County Paratransit Advisory & Planning Committee (PAPCO).

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jordan announced future items on residential vacancy tax, potentially combined with the business vacancy tax.

Council Member Gary suggested revisiting the Community Task Force on Policing item, updates for the Albany Hill, and business outdoor dining items. She



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announced that Curative provided 2,168 COVID-19 tests, with most of the testing coming from residents of Albany, Kensington, El Cerrito, Richmond, and Berkeley.

A summary of public comment is as follows: a request for future items concerning school zones, and a social justice flagpole.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Upcoming City Events – please check on City website www.albanyca.org under City Calendar web page for up-to-date information

Upcoming City Meetings

1. Climate Action Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing
2. Community Media Access Committee Meeting, Monday, April 25, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing
3. Police and Fire Pension Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 3:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing
4. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing
5. Transportation Commission Meeting, Thursday, April 28, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via phone/video conferencing
6. City Council Meeting, Monday, May 2, 7:00 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT

10:32 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Anne Hsu, City Clerk.

Preston Jordan
Mayor

Attest:

Anne Hsu, City Clerk