MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
November 19, 2018

MAYOR FLAHERTY called a Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA, complete proceedings of which were electronically recorded. The meeting agenda was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the above address on November 13, 2018 by Deputy City Clerk Juanita Davalos.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

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3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Award of Appreciation to Marion Gizzi for Service on the Traffic Safety Commission from 2016 - 2018

MAYOR FLAHERTY presented an Award of Appreciation to Marion Gizzi. Ms. Gizzi made brief remarks and expressed her appreciation for the award.

3.2 Contra Costa County's Last Plastic Straw Campaign by Darby Witherspoon and Chloe De Lancie of Crestwood Healing Center

DARBY WITHERSPOON, Crestwood Healing Center, introduced her colleague Chloe De Lancie. They made a joint presentation describing the detriment to the environment of plastic straw usage, explained plastic straw legislation regarding sit down restaurants to be effective January 1, 2019, and recommended alternatives to plastic straws.

MAYOR FLAHERTY opened public comment.

STELLA O'NEILL and SIMONE MARTEL, Pleasant Hill, voiced their support of banning the use of plastic straws in Pleasant Hill and using compostable items. Ms. O'Neill and Ms. Martel remarked on the harm caused by plastic straw usage to animals and the environment.

JAMISHA MULDER, Crestwood Healing Center, spoke about the detriment to oceans and the emission of greenhouse gasses caused by plastic usage. She explained that the degradation of plastic takes approximately 200 years.

IZZY TRIANA, Earth Club President at College Park High School, urged the City to make an effort to stay ahead of climate change.

MARY GRAY, Pleasant Hill, remarked that she viewed a documentary film in Martinez about the impact of plastic waste items on marine life. Ms. Gray said that the film was very powerful and
voiced her support to ban single use plastic items in the City. She noted that Heritage Eats in Walnut Creek uses compostable containers, utensils and straws.

SHEILA HILL, Pleasant Hill, commented that single use plastic items are destroying the planet. She noted that many cities have banned Styrofoam usage whereas Pleasant Hill still allows it. Ms. Hill supported using compostable items and wanted to add the banning of Styrofoam and plastics to the agenda of a future City Council meeting.

MS. WITHERSPOON and MS. DE LANCIE said that the documentary referenced by Mary Gray may have a viewing in Lafayette.

SHIRLEY SHELANGASKI, Parents for a Safer Environment, asked for City Council support in banning plastic straws.

GABRIEL FLORES, Pleasant Hill, commented that he had spoken with Ms. Witherspoon and Ms. De Lancie and was convinced of the importance of banning plastic straws. He voiced his support of the Last Plastic Straw campaign.

MONIKA OLSEN, Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden, offered her support in banning the usage of plastic straws. She commented that most plastic items do not get recycled and end up in landfills. Ms. Olsen noted that the ban on single use plastic bags was effective.

WENDY GOLLOP, Pleasant Hill, voiced her support of the previous speakers regarding plastic straws. She noted that disposable trash is dumped in Grayson Creek, near the parking lot of the future CarMax site.

DESHAWN JOHNSON, Pleasant Hill, offered his support of banning single use plastic items. Mr. Johnson noted that he works on a cleanup crew and says that his crew picks up a large amount of trash.

MAYOR FLAHERTY closed public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS inquired about the next steps in continuing the discussion regarding plastic straw usage in the City.

JUNE CATALANO, City Manager, responded that the City Council could direct staff to bring back the issue as an agenda item.

MAYOR FLAHERTY directed staff to gather additional data.

4. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

JUNE CATALANO, City Manager, reported on:

- The 11th Annual Light Up the Night in Downtown Pleasant Hill to be held on November 28, 2018.
5. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

5.1. Reports from Councilmembers on Meetings or Conferences Attended at City Expense

None

5.2. Announcements from Councilmembers

VICE MAYOR CARLSON reported his attendance at the John Muir Community Health annual meeting; Veterans Day Celebration at Pleasant Hill Park; and the Veterans Day memorial commemoration at the Contra Costa County Veterans Monument. He also reported his participation in hosting a forum on homelessness at Hillcrest Community Church.

MAYOR FLAHERTY congratulated Councilmembers Harris and Noack on their re-election. He also reported his attendance at the Library Town Hall meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER NOACK reported her attendance at the Library Town Hall meeting and the swearing in of new officers at the Pleasant Hill Police Department.

COUNCILMEMBER RINN reported his attendance at the forum on homelessness at Hillcrest Community Church and at a Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce mixer. He also reported his participation at a mock city council meeting with local students.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS reported hosting third graders from Valhalla Elementary School at City Hall and participating in a mock city council meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

MAYOR FLAHERTY opened public comment.

DANA MATTHEWS, President of the Pleasant Hill Historical Society, provided the history and current status of the Society. Ms. Matthews expressed concern about the challenges facing the Society which include lack of funding and support to maintain the Society and the storing of archival materials. She cited that various local cities support their own historical societies. Ms. Matthews requested recognition and support from the City in order to continue operating the Pleasant Hill Historical Society.

MAYOR FLAHERTY and MS. MATTHEWS discussed the costs in order to maintain the Society.

MAYOR FLAHERTY requested that a presentation on the Pleasant Hill Historical Society be brought back to the City Council as a scheduled agenda item for a future City Council meeting.

DAVID EKLOVE, Pleasant Hill, congratulated Councilmembers Harris and Noack on their re-election. Mr. Eklove stated the need for improved pedestrian access to the Target Store from Chilpancingo Parkway.
DARCY MATHEWS, Pleasant Hill, asked for City Council support for the Pleasant Hill Historical Society. Ms. Mathews commented that most cities support their historical societies.

MAYOR FLAHERTY closed public comment.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Ken Carlson, Vice Mayor |
| SECONDER: | Michael Harris, Councilmember |
| AYES: | Flaherty, Carlson, Harris, Noack, Rinn |

7.1 Approve Checks Dated: November 02, 2018; November 09, 2018  
7.2 Approve Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of November 5, 2018  
7.3 Adopt Resolution No. 69-18 Authorizing the Creation of and Appropriating the Funding for a New Permanent Part-Time Position in the Office Assistant Classification  
7.4 Adopt Resolution No. 70-18 Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Side Letter of Agreement with the Management Pay Plan Group Changing the Salary Range for the City Planner

8. **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

None

9. **PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**


TROY FUJIMOTO, Senior Planner, presented the background and overview of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment which would provide three existing fitness related businesses within the proposed overlay district area the opportunity to seek conditional use permit approval. Mr. Fujimoto also explained the alternatives to the proposed amendment that were rejected by the Planning Commission.

MAYOR FLAHERTY and COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS discussed parking concerns and consistency with the General Plan with Mr. Fujimoto.

MAYOR FLAHERTY opened public comment.

CRAIG HOWARD, Owner of Diablo CrossFit, explained that the decline of the fitness equipment business and the growth of the CrossFit gym caused the company to exceed its limited use area. Mr.
Howard cited the success of Diablo CrossFit in building a healthy local community. He noted that parking is utilized more during the early morning and evening hours when the other businesses are still closed. Mr. Howard expressed his motivation in maintaining the building to attract members and to discourage homeless encampments and abandoned vehicles in the area.

MAYOR FLAHERTY closed public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER NOACK commented that she was pleased with how this light industrial area is being used and expressed her wish in revitalizing other such areas.

VICE MAYOR CARLSON noted that it is not uncommon for CrossFit gyms to be situated in light industrial areas. He expressed his wish that the businesses in the area continue to be good community partners. Vice Mayor Carlson inquired about attracting visitors to Pleasant Hill for CrossFit competitions.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ken Carlson, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Timothy M. Flaherty, Mayor
AYES: Flaherty, Carlson, Harris, Noack, Rinn

10. OTHER

10.1 Accept Report on Study of Commercial Cannabis Uses and Adopt Urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance No. 924 to Extend for One Year the Temporary Moratorium on Medical and Adult-Use Commercial Cannabis Uses

GREG FUZ, City Planner, provided the background on the moratorium on all commercial cannabis uses except for deliveries originating from outside the City. Mr. Fuz explained the rationale for extending the moratorium for an additional year to December 4, 2019.

JANET COLESON, City Attorney, responded to questions from Mayor Flaherty and Councilmember Harris by recommending that the moratorium be extended for one more year in order for the City to continue to study the potential effects of commercial cannabis uses in the City as well as the newly adopted state regulations. Ms. Coleson stated that the City has received no guidance from other cities.

MAYOR FLAHERTY opened public comment.

JASON BURNS, Shoot the Moon, said that he operates an unlicensed cannabis delivery service. He expressed his opposition to extending the moratorium for another year as it would pose difficulties on cannabis related businesses. Mr. Burns suggested a three month moratorium and the possibility of allowing cannabis delivery within the City.

MAYOR FLAHERTY closed public comment.
COUNCILMEMBERS continued their discussion with Ms. Coleson and Mr. Fuz regarding the effect of the moratorium, possible financial benefits from commercial cannabis sales, possible clarification from the State of California and potential increase in criminal activity.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sue Noack, Councilmember
SECONDER: Ken Carlson, Vice Mayor
AYES: Flaherty, Carlson, Harris, Noack, Rinn

11. ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR FLAHERTY adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018 beginning at 7:00 PM