

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Regular City Council meeting of July 19, 2023, was called to order by Mayor Hothi at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Absent: None

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Keys, Interim City Attorney Lucchesi, and City Clerk Nashed

B. Presentations

B-1 Presentation of Firefighter of the Year 2022 Plaque (FD)

Fire Chief Ken Johnson presented the Firefighter of the Year 2022 plaque to Fire Engineer Joseph Collins. Fire Engineer Collins said a few words in appreciation of the honor.

B-2 Presentation of Proclamation for Lodi Unified School District and Lodi Police Department Becoming the First in the State to Earn Certification through the Law and Public Safety Education Network (PD)

Mayor Hothi presented a proclamation to Police Chief Sierra Brucia and Lodi Unified School District Superintendent Neil Young acknowledging Lodi Unified School District and the Lodi Police Department becoming the first in the State of California to earn certification through the Law and Public Safety Education Network. Chief Brucia and Superintendent Neil Young said a few words in acknowledgement of the staff who work on the program and the importance of the partnership to the community.

C. Consent Calendar (Reading; Comments by the Public; Council Action) All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If a member of the public would like a consent calendar item pulled and discussed separately, refer to the Notice at the beginning of this agenda.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig made a motion, second by Council Member Bregman, to approve the following items hereinafter set forth, **except those otherwise noted**, in accordance with the report and recommendation of the City Manager.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

C-1 Receive Register of Claims for June 2, 2023 through June 29, 2023 in the Total Amount of \$12,253,792.24 (FIN)

Claims were approved in the amount of \$12,253,792.24.

C-2 Approve Minutes (CLK)

The minutes of April 11, 2023 (Strategic Planning Session); April 12, 2023 (Strategic Planning Session); April 25, 2023 (Shirtsleeve Session); May 3, 2023 (Regular Meeting); May 9, 2023 (Shirtsleeve Session); June 20, 2023 (Shirtsleeve Session); July 4, 2023 (Shirtsleeve Session); and July 5, 2023 (Regular Meeting) were approved as written.

C-3 Adopt Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 90 Glock G17 Gen5 Firearms with Holosun Sights and Compatible Holsters from LC Action, of San Jose (\$95,000) (PD)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-142 authorizing the purchase of 90 Glock G17 Gen5 firearms with Holosun sights and compatible holsters from LC Action, of San Jose, in the amount of \$95,000.

C-4 Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Waive Bid Process and Purchase One Two-Worker Bucket Truck with Material Handler Boom, One Single-Worker Bucket Truck with Material Handler Boom, and One Digger Derrick Truck from Global Rental Company, of Birmingham, Alabama (\$850,000) (EU)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-143 authorizing the City Manager to waive the bid process and purchase one two-worker bucket truck with material handler boom, one single-worker bucket truck with material handler boom, and one digger derrick truck from Global Rental Company, of Birmingham, Alabama, in the amount of \$850,000.

C-5 Report of Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year (PW)

Received a report of sale of surplus vehicles and equipment for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

C-6 Adopt Resolution to Authorize City Manager to Execute Additional Change Orders to Blakely Park Enze Pool Shallow End Adjustment (\$135,000) and Appropriate Funds (\$79,679) (PW)

This item was pulled at the request of Mayor Pro Tempore Craig.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Christina Jaromay regarding the status of heating Enze Pool.

Council Member Nakanishi made a motion, second by Council Member Bregman, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-144 to authorize the City Manager to execute additional change orders to Blakely Park Enze Pool Shallow End Adjustment, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000, and appropriating funds in the amount of \$79,679.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

NOTE: This item was voted on as a group, following discussion of Items C-6, C-9, C-11, C-18, and C-19.

C-7 Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract with Headwaters Kayak, Inc., a California Corporation, dba "The Boathouse" to Provide Kayaking and Paddle Boarding Activities for City's Outdoor Educational Activities and Excursions Program (\$117,000 for Three Years) (PRCS)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-145 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Headwaters Kayak, Inc., a California Corporation, dba "The Boathouse" to provide kayaking and paddle boarding activities for the City's Outdoor Educational Activities and Excursions Program, in the amount of \$117,000 for three years.

C-8 Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Three-Year Professional Services Agreement with Websoft Developers, Inc., of Davis, for Municipal Utilities Services Asset Management Software (\$167,800) (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-146 authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Websoft Developers, Inc., of Davis, for Municipal Utilities Services asset management software, in the amount of \$167,800.

C-9 Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Professional Services Agreement with Tree Lodi, a California Non-Profit Corporation, to Implement Two-Year Residential Shade Tree Program and Authorizing Unspent Funds to Carry Forward to Fiscal Year 2024/25 (\$143,000) (EU)

This item was pulled at the request of Council Member Yopez.

Discussion ensued with Council Member Yopez and Deputy City Manager Keys regarding the tree shade program and outreach to specific communities.

Council Member Nakanishi made a motion, second by Council Member Bregman, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-147 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Tree Lodi, a California Non-Profit Corporation, to implement a two-year residential shade tree program and authorizing unspent funds to carry forward to Fiscal Year 2024/25, in the amount of \$143,000.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

NOTE: This item was voted on as a group, following discussion of Items C-6, C-9, C-11, C-18, and C-19.

C-10 Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Five-Year Agreement for Land Management Permit Software and Software Maintenance Services with Superior, LLC, Extending Agreement for One Successive Year (Not to Exceed \$54,000, Total Amount Not to Exceed \$584,000 Over Term of Agreement).(CD)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-148 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the five-year agreement for land management permit software and software maintenance services with Superior, LLC, extending the agreement for one successive year, in an amount not to exceed \$54,000, with a total amount not to exceed \$584,000 over the term of the agreement.

C-11 Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office Establishing Law Enforcement Facility Sharing and Mutual Responsibility for Five-Year Term (\$180,000).(PD)

This item was pulled at the request of Mayor Pro Tempore Craig.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig and Police Chief Sierra Brucia regarding the need to transport prisoners due to the shortage of judges in San Joaquin County and the resulting closure of the Lodi court.

Council Member Nakanishi made a motion, second by Council Member Bregman, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-149 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office establishing law enforcement facility sharing and mutual responsibility for a five-year term, in the amount of \$180,000.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

NOTE: This item was voted on as a group, following discussion of Items C-6, C-9, C-11, C-18, and C-19.

C-12 Adopt Resolution Accepting Public Improvements of 1365 East Lockeford Street (El Gallo Commissary).(PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-150 accepting the public improvements of 1365 East Lockeford Street (El Gallo Commissary).

C-13 Appoint Magdalena Saldana, Manjit Singh, and Gary Woehl to Planning Commission and Paul Lanning to Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee (District 3).(CLK)

Made the following appointments:

Planning Commission

Magdalena Saldana - Term to expire June 30, 2027

Manjit Singh - Term to expire June 30, 2027

Gary Woehl - Term to expire June 30, 2025

Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee (District 3)
Paul Lanning - Term to expire July 1, 2025

C-14 Accept Monthly Protocol Account Report (CLK)

Accepted the Monthly Protocol Account Report.

C-15 Appoint Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate to Represent City of Lodi at 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo (CLK)

Approved staff's recommendation to appoint Mayor Pro Tempore Craig as Voting Delegate and Council Member Yepez as Alternate Voting Delegate to represent the City of Lodi at the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo.

C-16 Receive Report Regarding Communication Supporting Pacific Gas & Electric on Northern San Joaquin Power Connect Project (CLK)

Received a report regarding a communication supporting Pacific Gas & Electric on the Northern San Joaquin Power Connect Project.

C-17 Receive Report Regarding Joint Communications with San Joaquin County Cities through South San Joaquin Irrigation District Opposing Assembly Bills 460 and 1337 (CLK)

Received a report regarding joint communications with San Joaquin County Cities through the South San Joaquin Irrigation District opposing Assembly Bills 460 and 1337.

C-18 Set Public Hearing for August 2, 2023, to Consider Approval of Planning Commission's Recommendation to Introduce Ordinance Amending Title 17 – Development Code – Article 3, "Site Planning and General Development Standards," Chapter 17.34, "Signs," by Amending Section 17.34.070, "Standards for Specific Types of Signs," by Revising Development Standards of Subsection (F) "Programmable Electronic Signs" (Applicant: City of Lodi; File Number: 2023-01 Z; CEQA Status: Exempt per Section 15061(b)(3) – General Rule Exemption) (CD)

This item was pulled at the request of Mayor Pro Tempore Craig.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig expressed concern regarding a communication she received from a local church regarding a year-long delay in obtaining permits to install an electronic sign. Community Development Director John Della Monica stated he would meet with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig to discuss the issue.

Council Member Nakanishi made a motion, second by Council Member Bregman, to approve setting a public hearing for August 2, 2023, to consider approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation to introduce an ordinance amending Title 17 - Development Code - Article 3, "Site Planning and General Development Standards," Chapter 17.34, "Signs," by Amending Section 17.34.070, "Standards for Specific Types of Signs," by revising development standards of Subsection (F) "Programmable Electronic Signs."

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yepez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

NOTE: This item was voted on as a group, following discussion of Items C-6, C-9, C-11, C-18, and C-19.

C-19 Adopt Resolution Initiating Proceedings for Levy and Collection of Assessments, Resolution Approving Annual Report, and Resolution Declaring Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for Lodi Consolidated Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 2003-1 for Fiscal Year 2023/24; and Set Public Hearing for August 2, 2023 (PW)

This item was pulled at the request of Council Member Nakanishi.

Discussion ensued with Council Member Nakanishi, Public Works Director Charlie Swimley, and Deputy City Manager Keys regarding assessments within the sixteen zones of the Lodi Consolidated Landscape

Maintenance Assessment District, performance of the maintenance by a contractor, and the Community Facilities District being the other assessment district within the City.

Council Member Nakanishi made a motion, second by Council Member Bregman, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-151 initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments, Resolution No. 2023-152 approving the Annual Report, and Resolution No. 2023-153 declaring the intention to levy and collect assessments for the Lodi Consolidated Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 2003-1 for Fiscal Year 2023/24; and set a public hearing for August 2, 2023.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

NOTE: This item was voted on as a group, following discussion of Items C-6, C-9, C-11, C-18, and C-19.

C-20 Set Public Hearing for August 16, 2023 to Consider Adopting Resolution Setting Future Solid Waste Rates Pursuant to Proposition 218 for Residential Customers (PW)

Set a public hearing for August 16, 2023 to consider adopting a resolution setting future solid waste rates pursuant to Proposition 218 for residential customers.

D. Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Cesar Trevino, a member of the public, provided a handout for Council (filed) regarding relocation assistance for residents impacted by the Transitional and Supportive Housing project located on Main Street. Community Development Director John Della Monica stated that he will be contacting Mr. Trevino regarding the matter.

John Slaughterback, a member of the public, spoke regarding street repairs.

Carol Marceau, a member of the public, spoke regarding the drug and homelessness problems at Legion Park.

Deputy City Manager Keys addressed the street repairs comment, stating there is scheduled maintenance and spot-maintenance based on public comments.

Public Works Director Charlie Swimley invited Mr. Slaughterback to provide the locations of the pot holes and noted that the street crew staffing level is approximately at half the level from ten years ago, despite substantial City growth, and that in addition to pot hole repairs, the crews are responsible for sidewalk repairs, annual leaf pick up, homeless cleanup, crack seal, stormdrain pumps, and asphalt concrete patching following pipe repairs in the roadway.

Mayor Hothi noted that Century Boulevard is currently being repaired and that repairs for Lower Sacramento Road were recently approved.

Concerns regarding Legion Park were addressed by Police Chief Sierra Brucia. Chief Brucia stated that he has been in contact with Ms. Marceau, as well as the Community Liaison Officer and the Special Investigations Unit, and an active investigation is ongoing.

E. Comments by the City Council Members on Non-Agenda Items

Council Member Nakanishi asked Community Development Director John Della Monica to use his allotted time to let the public know what the City has been doing to address the homelessness issue. Community Development Director Della Monica spoke on the City's efforts to address homelessness, including the formation of the citizen group, Lodi Committee on Homelessness; development of the Access Center; development of a plan to provide mental health services; procurement of grant funding; opening of a temporary shelter; provision of active assistance to the unsheltered in the community; and development of plans for transitional housing.

Council Member Bregman spoke regarding his experience with the business licensing process for the City of Lodi.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig spoke regarding business licensing and the need for a Shirtsleeve Session to learn more about the process.

Deputy City Manager Keys noted that the September 12 Shirtsleeve Session will address business licensing, transient occupancy tax, and sales tax consulting services provided to the City.

F. Comments by the City Manager on Non-Agenda Items

None.

G. Public Hearings

G-1 Public Hearing to Consider Approval of Planning Commission's Recommendation to Introduce Ordinance Amending Zoning Map (Rezone) from Community Commercial (CC) PD(35) to General Commercial (GC) for Approximately 8.3 Acres at 515 South Lower Sacramento Road, Exempt per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183 – Project Consistent with General Plan (CD)

Notice thereof having been published according to law, an affidavit of which publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Hothi called for the public hearing to consider approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation to introduce an ordinance amending the Zoning Map (rezone) from Community Commercial (CC) PD(35) to General Commercial (GC) for approximately 8.3 acres at 515 South Lower Sacramento Road.

Community Development Director John Della Monica provided a brief introduction of the topic. City Planner Cynthia Marsh provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a Zoning Map amendment. Specific topics of discussion included background, location, rezone application, rezone exhibit, and staff recommendation.

Mayor Hothi opened the public hearing for public comment at 7:50 p.m.

Steve Pechin, of Baumbach & Piazza Engineers & Surveyors, stated that he was attending as the representative of the applicant and was available to answer any questions regarding the item.

Discussion ensued with Council Member Nakanishi and Mr. Pechin regarding ownership of the two parcels and future use of the parcel not designated as the car wash.

Discussion ensued with Council Member Nakanishi and City Planner Marsh regarding the difference between the zoning designations of Community Commercial and General Commercial.

Mark Wilcox, a member of the public, spoke about concerns regarding storm water run off, if the area is being paved. Community Development Director Della Monica addressed his concerns.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Hothi closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Interim City Attorney Lucchesi clarified that the item before Council tonight is the introduction of the ordinance for the Zoning Map amendment.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig made a motion, second by Council Member Yopez, to introduce Ordinance No. 2016 amending Zoning Map (rezone) from Community Commercial (CC) PD(35) to General Commercial (GC) for approximately 8.3 acres at 515 South Lower Sacramento Road.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

H. Regular Calendar

H-1 Adopt Resolution Approving Allocation of Fiscal Year 2021/22 General Fund Balance in Excess of Reserve Requirement to Various Projects (FIN)

Deputy City Manager Andrew Keys provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the allocation of Fiscal Year 2021/22 General Fund balance in excess of reserve requirement. Specific topics of discussion included background, FY 2021/22 available resources, revised Pension Stabilization Policy, allocation options, projects for consideration, staff recommendations, and alternate projects for consideration.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Hothi and Deputy City Manager Keys regarding the use of funds should a project come in under budget.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Hothi, Deputy City Manager Keys, and Public Works Director Charlie Swimley regarding the status of the projects that were approved by Council last year.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig Public Works Director Swimley, and Deputy City Manager Keys regarding the timing of the Salas Park lighting project and potential impacts to sports programs.

Scott Hamilton, a member of the public, spoke regarding the restoration of the historic city hall and fire house on Main Street, in conjunction with the Historical Society and the Firefighters Union.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, Mr. Hamilton, and Community Development Director John Della Monica regarding a Brownfield or abatement assessment and funding opportunities available through the Business Development Manager.

Ann Hughes, a member of the public, spoke regarding potential funding for improvements to housing on the Eastside.

Amy Elson, a member of the public, spoke regarding the fire hazard at Lodi Lake Nature Area.

Josh Elson, Chairman of the Hutchins Street Square Foundation, spoke regarding funding for Hutchins Street Square and fire hazards at the Lodi Lake Nature Area.

Michael Watson, a member of the public, spoke regarding the creation of community gardens throughout the City.

Kierra Garret, a member of the public and local business owner, spoke about the Salas Park lighting project and safety and quality of the City's parks and sports facilities.

Augie Yrigohen, a member of the public, spoke about the pension payment being included in the surplus funds and pensions being included in the sales tax measure that was passed several years ago.

J.P. Doucette, CEO of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding the function of the Chamber; the Chamber's support for the Parks Master Plan, the Downtown Specific Plan, and the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and the Chamber's desire to partner with the City to meet economic development goals.

Pat Byron, a member of the public, spoke regarding the skate park.

In response to Mayor Hothi, Deputy City Manager Keys provided additional information addressing the concerns of the public comments.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig inquired as to how many in the audience took the online survey and thanked them for attending the meeting. She noted that the survey was her own personal survey and provided a summary of the results. Mayor Pro Tempore Craig requested a Blue Ribbon Committee on economic development be established.

Council Member Bregman thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Craig for the survey that she put together but questioned some of the analysis of responses, including pensions and the skate park. He further commented that Measure L was not intended to include pensions but Measure L is responsible for the surplus. He stated that he supports working with the Chamber so that local businesses have a voice and supports the of City cameras on streets to deter crime.

Council Member Yepez stated that he supports community safety and cameras on the Eastside.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Hothi, Deputy City Manager Keys, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Police Chief Sierra Brucia regarding the cost of installing cameras, items already included in the current budget, and issues and limitations with surveillance cameras.

Council Member Nakanishi spoke regarding the benefits of Measure L, noting that there are pension costs

associated with hiring more police officers, and that in regard to the survey, 60% of the respondents were in favor of addressing the pension deficit.

Mayor Hothi summarized the main points of debate are pension liability, the skate park, and cameras for the Eastside.

Deputy City Manager Keys noted that the \$95,000 included for the skate park is not for City staff to make repairs but rather for a professional skate park company to perform the repairs.

Deputy City Manager Keys clarified that the funds being discussed are General Fund dollars; Measure L funds have been collected and spent. Measure L funds have not been accrued and are not going toward pensions. Annual reports have been presented to Council showing where the funds were spent. The only pension contributions from Measure L funds are for the positions funded by Measure L; no funds go to the unfunded liability.

Mayor Hothi noted that the proposed project costs are estimates and asked if, as a compromise, the cost differential when the projects are completed could go to the skate park, cameras, and the EVOC course. Deputy City Manager Keys noted that the EVOC course has approval and support from the San Joaquin Delta College Board of Trustees and that the City would seek matching funds from them. He noted that the prioritization of the EVOC course is due to the current opportunity for partnering with Delta and the community need for the facility.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, Public Works Director Swimley, and Deputy City Manager Keys regarding adding the Main Street Fire House to the CIP list.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig stated that she supports safety and security on the Eastside and suggested a first step would be to identify problem areas for cameras and identify the funding need.

Discussion ensued with Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Hothi, Deputy City Manager Keys, and Council Member Bregman regarding the level of funding needed for the skate park and cameras for the Eastside.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, Council Member Bregman, and Deputy City Manager regarding the effects of lowering the funding towards the unfunded pension liability, considering the poor investment returns this year for CalPERS.

Council Member Yopez stated that his plan would be to start a pilot program with the funding of two cameras and organize a committee to work with the Police Department to find the most effective locations to place the cameras. Police Chief Sierra Brucia spoke regarding the camera system currently in use, including cameras on City-owned properties and other locations throughout the City as needed for trouble areas, license plate readers, and the Flock system for finding the location of gunfire.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Hothi, Chief Brucia, and Mayor Pro Tempore Craig regarding the current ability to monitor cameras if funds were allotted for their purchase, placement of cameras, and current budget for cameras.

Deputy City Manager Keys clarified that the estimate provided for the surveillance cameras for two intersections was approximately \$50,000, including camera installation, and then an annual cost of approximately \$10,000.

Mayor Hothi stated he would support the cameras.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Hothi and Mayor Pro Tempore Craig regarding funding the study for the skate park when funding for construction has not been secured, the need for a Parks Master Plan to prioritize the many needs for sports facilities, and repairing the current skate park as a temporary measure.

Council Member Bregman proposed earmarking the funds from the Parks Master Plan and \$500,000 from the pensions, along with the \$95,000 already marked for the skate park repairs, and waiting to see if the funding comes from the County; if it does not, then the funds could be returned to the pensions.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig stated she felt the fiscally conservative plan would be to fund the pension liability; however, as a compromise, she would be willing to commit the \$500,000 to Parks capital projects, not to the skate park specifically, until additional funding was secured.

Council Member Bregman stated the compromise would be acceptable.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, Deputy City Manager Keys, and Council Member Bregman regarding estimates for construction of a new skate park.

Mayor Hothi stated that there seems to be a compromise of taking \$500,000 from the pensions and setting it aside to see if funding becomes available from the County to build a skate park in the current location, and if funding does not come through, then those funds would be allocated to other Parks projects.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, Mayor Hothi, and Deputy City Manager Keys regarding the use of funds for repair of the current skate park, potentially closing it due to risk issues, and timelines for repairs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Craig recapped the compromise being considered: \$500,000 from pensions, \$150,000 from the Parks Master Plan, and the \$95,000 from skate park repairs will go to building a new skate park, contingent upon receiving funding from the County.

Mayor Hothi proposed evaluating the skate park funding at the next budget cycle and moving unspent funding at that time to the cost of the cameras on the Eastside.

Deputy City Manager Keys recapped the compromise proposal: From the recommendation that staff has made, reduce the pension funding amount by \$500,000; reduce the Parks Master Plan project by \$150,000; reduce the skate park repairs by \$95,000; the \$745,000 would go towards the skate park project at the existing location, contingent upon securing additional funds; any savings from any of the projects would first go into cameras up to \$50,000; and a full review at the budget process next year.

Council Member Bregman made a motion, second by Mayor Hothi, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-154 approving the allocation of Fiscal Year 2021/22 General Fund balance in excess of reserve requirement as outlined in Option 3.A with the following changes: Reduce the staff recommended Pension Liability contribution from \$1,039,672 to \$539,672 (-\$500,000); Remove the PRCS Master Plan (-\$150,000); Remove the Kofu Skate Park Repair & 1 Year Bathrooms (-\$95,000); Combine the funds taken from the three above projects (\$500,000 + \$150,000 + \$95,000 = \$745,000) into a Parks CIP Fund. Of that Parks CIP Fund total, \$175,000 is to be used for initial design for a new skate park at the existing location. If the City is able to secure additional funding for the Skate Park project, the remaining Parks CIP funds will be used for a new skate park project at the existing location. If no additional funding is secured, the remaining Parks CIP funds will be used for other Parks projects; and Lastly, after receiving bids for all projects listed on table 3.A, if any project is under budget, the remaining funds, up to \$50,000, will be utilized for security cameras at Tokay Street/Central Avenue and Tokay St/Stockton Street.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Nakanishi, Council Member Yopez, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Noes: None

Absent: None

I. Ordinances – None

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Olivia Nashed
City Clerk