

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY CONCURRENT MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 2, 2020

LOCATION: Council Chamber, City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565

CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBERS

Jelani Killings, Mayor/Chair
Marilyn Craft, Vice-Mayor/Chair
Holland Barrett White, Council/Agency Member
Shanelle Scales-Preston, Council/Agency Member
Juan Antonio Banales, Council/Agency Member
S.L. Floyd, Agency Member
Annie Hill Herring, Agency Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Garrett Evans, City Manager/Executive Director
Donna Mooney, City Attorney/Legal Counsel
Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk/Agency Secretary (elected)
Nancy Parent, City Treasurer (elected)

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the regular meeting of the City Council for November 2, 2020 was conducted electronically for Closed Session and through Zoom with broadcasting live through Granicus on the City's website. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chamber was not open for the meeting. Council Members participated electronically or through Zoom and were not physically present in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Killings called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA after convening in Closed Session at 5:00 P.M. for the following items:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Section 54957:

City Attorney

ROLL CALL

Member White was absent and excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION

2. Update on DeAnza Park Improvements

Community Development Director Jill Hecht presented an update on DeAnza Park improvements which include a parcourse among other modifications.

3. 2nd Quarter Overview of Use of Force by Law Enforcement Personnel and Overview of Internal Affairs Investigations

Captain Albanese presented the 2nd quarter 2020 statistics.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REMARKS

City Manager Evans gave an update on the COVID-19 health order for the City of Pittsburg. He also noted construction work on Leland Road through the next few months. He advised that City Hall would be open on Election Day as a polling location only, and that City Hall was still closed to the public otherwise.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were received from:

Nicole Terrell
Pittsburg Youth Action
Mark Linde

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Scales-Preston attended the League of California Cities East Bay Division meeting.

Vice-Mayor Craft noted that Tri Delta Transit has 1000 free clipper cards. She attended the 2x2 subcommittee meeting.

Member Banales, along with Member Scales-Preston, attended the Infrastructure subcommittee meeting.

Mayor Killings attended the CDBG subcommittee meeting regarding additional CARES Act funding for rental assistance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

There were no conflict of interest statements.

COMBINED CITY COUNCIL, PITTSBURG ARTS AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, PITTSBURG POWER COMPANY AND SOUTHWEST PITTSBURG GHAD II AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Member Scales-Preston to adopt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Banales, Craft, Scales-Preston, Killings
ABSENT: White

3. Minutes of October 19, 2020
4. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Employees in the Teamsters Union, Local 856 for the Period July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND REMARKS

There were no Council Member reports or remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M. to November 16, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk

From: Pittsburgh Youth Action <pittsburgyouthaction@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 12:15 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - NON AGENDA

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Dear Mayor Killings:

For four years, you have served on the Pittsburgh City Council as both a Council Member and now as our Mayor. When you were running for your position in 2016, we saw you as a champion for youth voices and a leader committed to a just and equitable future for all Pittsburgh residents. Over the past four years, however, you have made decisions that run counter to the values we stand for and you have not been welcoming of people from all backgrounds.

The City of Pittsburgh's mission statement is "to provide responsive and high quality public services in partnership with our citizens celebrating our community's rich history, cultural diversity, and pride in its prosperous future." In addition, the City emphasizes values of integrity, trust, commitment, respect, pride, continuous learning, and partnership. Your role is to uplift the community, but, as you seek re-election, we want to emphasize that some of your past decisions are not representative of the inclusive and just future we are striving toward.

In 2017, you strongly came out against Pittsburgh becoming a sanctuary city and voted against considering any potential policy to support our undocumented community members. At that time, ICE agents were separating parents from their children without warning. You made this decision despite knowing that our community is home to various immigrant communities and mixed-status families who were living in fear.

In 2018, you openly decried the City Council's decision to fly the Pride flag. The LGBTQ+ community has repeatedly been targeted and belittled. A lot of young people struggle to share their identities with their loved ones and friends for fear of retaliation. By proudly showcasing the Rainbow Flag in our community, you had an opportunity to let our LGBTQ+ community members know that they are not alone and that they are seen. This was the easiest and first step in making a commitment toward supporting our LGBTQ+ community members.

In 2019, you made comments about a transgender man that suggested he was confused and came from a generation that didn't know God's word. Transgender people are not confused and making assumptions about their spiritual or religious beliefs is unacceptable. The transgender community faces significant violence and, as a community, we must do better to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our neighbors.

The future we imagine for Pittsburgh is one that is safe and welcoming for all people, regardless of their immigration status, gender and sexual orientation, religious or spiritual background, or cultural and ethnic heritage. While we do not expect our leaders to always do or say the right thing, we do expect them to learn from their mistakes, continue to grow, and to always strive toward being welcoming of, kind towards, and caring for everyone.

Although you have been a charismatic leader, your past decisions reveal that your inclusivity does not include everyone. **Are you willing to take the first step to publicly acknowledge the impact that your decisions have had and move forward with the community's best interests at hand?**

Being accepting of others' identities is a lifelong process and we are willing to sit down and talk about why your decisions have caused harm to some of our community members. Please feel free to reach out to Pittsburgh Youth Action to discuss this matter further. We expect you to address this during the council meeting as you have failed to respond to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
Pittsburg Youth Action

Amanda McVey

From: Nicole Terrell <nicoleterrell90@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 5:45 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT-NON AGENDA

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I would like to add an issue to the agenda of the upcoming Pittsburg City Council meeting , scheduled for November 2, 2020. My issue is regarding a hate crime/attack that occurred on October 23, 2020 at Highland Park. I am looking forward to receiving the Zoom meeting information. Thank you.