

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
FREMONT CITY HALL
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
7:00 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Mei called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Councilmember Salwan led the salute to the flag.
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Kassan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Shao, Salwan, and Cox
- D. Announcements by Mayor/Assistant City Manager**

Mayor Mei announced the Boards and Commissions vacancies.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- * **A. Waive Reading of Ordinances:** The City Attorney read the titles of ordinances to be considered.

On a motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cox, the City Council waived further readings of proposed ordinances.

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| Ayes: | Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Kassan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Shao, Salwan, and Cox |
| Noes: | None |
| Absent: | None |
| Abstain: | None |

- * **B. Approval of Minutes – None.**
- * **C. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Award Agreement and Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute Agreement with New Image Landscape Company (Landscape Maintenance Service for Community Facilities District No. 3 (Warm Springs Public Services))**

On a motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cox, the City Council awarded a facilities maintenance agreement through June 30, 2026 and authorized the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement with New Image Landscape Company, for a total amount not to exceed \$248,442.67. The not to exceed amount for FY 2020/21 is \$21,089.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Kassan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Shao, and Cox
Noes: None
Absent: None
Recused: Councilmember Salwan (business/property interest)

- * **D. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Adoption of a Resolution to Extend the Current Terms and Conditions of the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Fremont and City of Fremont Employee Association (CFEA), Fremont Association of Management Employees (FAME), Fremont Police Association (FPA), Fremont Police Managers' Association (FPMA), Professional Engineers and Technicians Association (PETA), Teamsters, Local 856, Fremont Professional Firefighters, Int'l Assoc of Firefighters, Local 1689 (IAFF), and Battalion Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1689 (IAFF-BCs) for an additional One Year Period (MOU Side Letter Agreements)**

On a motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cox, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-04 extending current MOUs with the eight labor unions by one year -- from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 -- and freezing all other provisions of said contracts.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Kassan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Shao, Salwan, and Cox
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- * **E. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Adoption of a Resolution to Extend the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) Emergency Paid Sick Leave Benefit's Expiration Date from December 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021. (EPSL Extension)**

On a motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cox, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-05 extending the EPSL benefit with the City's nine bargaining units through March 31, 2021.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Kassan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Shao, Salwan, and Cox
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- A. Resolution: Denouncing Xenophobia and Anti-Asian Racism Arising Due to Fears of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Affirming the City of Fremont's Commitment to the Well-Being and Safety of Asian Pacific Islander Communities**

*Consent Items

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A. Oral and Written Communications

Email submitted to the City Clerk were compiled, distributed to the City Council and staff, and published in the City's Agenda Center on fremont.gov, and were placed on file.

Chris, Kelly Abreu, Gary Low-Sabado, and Bridget shared a variety of comments and concerns. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Provide an Update on the Development of a Safe Parking Strategy Identifying Programs to Provide Additional Services to Individuals and Families Living in Vehicles (Vehicular Homelessness)

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Planner II Courtney Pal and Deputy Community Development Director Wayne Morris gave a presentation. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. The following persons commented on the presentation: Marie Hughes, John Powell, Chris, Lisa Danz, Dick Scott, Hayes Shair, Jane Lin, Marianna Rocha, Bob Bynum, Keith Parker, *387/John Hinds, and Katherine. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. This was followed by another question and answer period between Councilmembers and staff. The Councilmembers received the update on the Development of a Safe Parking Strategy Identifying Programs to Provide Additional Services to Individuals and Families Living in Vehicles and provided input to staff on the policy questions presented.

B. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Selection of Electric Utility Rate Plan for City Operations

See Green Sheet on file

Community Development Director Dan Schoenholz and Sustainability Manager Rachel DiFranco provided a presentation. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. The following persons commented on the presentation: *387/John Hinds, Lisa Danz and Vinita Verma. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cox, the City Council directed staff enroll all City electricity accounts in EBCE's Bright Choice rate plan and reflect this change in the City's proposed FY 2021/22 budget, and revisit this item again in September.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Shao, Salwan, and Cox
Noes: Vice Mayor Kassan
Absent: None
Abstain: None

C. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Informational Item Regarding Approval of an Emergency Zoning Administrator Permit (ZAP) for a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic (Kaiser COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Emergency ZAP – 43971 Boscell Road)

*This item was added to the Consent Calendar.

The Councilmember received the Informational Item Regarding Approval of an Emergency Zoning Administrator Permit for a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and provided input to staff.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Council Referrals – None.

B. Oral Reports on Meetings and Events – None.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Mei adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

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