

**MINUTES  
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2022  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. PRELIMINARY**

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Mei called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Councilmember Shao led the salute to the flag.
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Kassan, Shao, and Cox
- D. Announcements by Mayor/City Manager/City Attorney**

Mayor Mei announced the Boards and Commissions vacancies.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- \* **A. Waive Reading of Ordinances – None.**
- \* **B. Approval of Minutes – None.**
- \* **C. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Approval of Plans and Specifications; Award of Contract to American Pavement Systems, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,930,232 (Including 5% Contingency) for the 2022 Cape and Slurry Seal Project (PWC 8195-U2); Make Findings of CEQA Exemption.**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Shao, the City Council approved the following actions related to the 2022 Cape and Slurry Seal Project (PWC 8195 U2):

1. Found this project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301 as the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing facilities involving no or negligible expansion of the use beyond that presently existing.
2. Approved the plans and specifications for the project.
3. Accepted the bid and award the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, American Pavement Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$2,790,232, allocate a 5% construction contingency in the amount of \$140,000 for a total construction contract amount of \$2,930,232, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract.

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

**\* D. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Authorize the City Manager to Utilize the HGACBuy Contract with Golden State Fire Apparatus to Purchase Two Type I Fire Engines and One Aerial Ladder Truck; Approve the Advance and Appropriation of Funds**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Shao, the City Council:

1. Authorized the City Manager or designee to issue a purchase order to Golden State Fire Apparatus for two Pierce Type I Fire Engines and one Aerial Ladder Truck, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,092,223, using the terms of the HGACBuy contract.
2. Authorized the advance of \$1,923,353 from the General Fund to the Fire Capital Replacement Fund (Fund 615), with the specification that the advance will be repaid at the beginning of FY 2022/23 from the General Fund allocation to the Fire Capital Replacement Fund.
3. Appropriated \$1,923,353 in the Fire Capital Replacement Fund to purchase two Type I Fire Engines.
4. Appropriated \$2,168,870 in the Fire Facilities Impact Fee Fund (Fund 544) to purchase one Aerial Ladder Truck.

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

**3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

**A. Proclamation: Arbor Day April 23, 2022**

**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.

The following persons commented: Lisa Danz, Marie Hughes (Member of Fremont for Everyone Leadership Team), Gopalakrishnan Padma, Iris Nicholson, John Hinds, Blair Beekman, Marilyn Singer (Member of Niles Discovery Church), Steve Skala, Saloni Patel (Irvington High School student), and Manjunath Shankar.

**5. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**A. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Introduce and Waive First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Chapter 8.80 Military Equipment Use and Approving a Military Equipment Use Policy**

Police Chief Sean Washington provided a presentation and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Mei opened the public hearing. The following persons commented: Chris, Blair Beekman, Kelly Abreu, Marie Hughes, John Hinds, and Katherine (FFE). There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public hearing. This was followed by comments from Councilmembers.

On a motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shao, the City Council:

1. Waived full reading and introduced an ordinance adding Chapter 8.80 (Military Equipment Use) to the Fremont Municipal Code (Title 8 - Health and Safety);
2. Found that the equipment listed in the attached the Military Equipment Use Policy and Exhibit 1, to the staff report, is necessary because there are no reasonable alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety and that the attached Military Equipment Use Policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties; and.
3. Approved the Military Equipment Use Policy.

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

**6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None.**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Approval of Direction for Street Design Elements Along Paseo Padre Parkway between Driscoll Road and Washington Boulevard as Part of the Paseo Padre Parkway Complete Streets Project**

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Public Works Director Hans Larsen gave a presentation. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. The following persons commented: Ray Storms, Gopalakrishnan Padma, Norman Hughes (former Fremont Public Works Director), Purushotham Peddireddy, balakrishna.upadyal@hp.com, Ayush Sridhar, Huifen Zhang, Nolan Hughes, Sridhar, Sharon Ventura, Sushil Shukla, John Hinds, Frank Ponciano, Dave Campbell (Advocacy Director with 33 cities for Bike East Bay, including

Fremont), AJ Iyer, Jason H., Keith, Blair Beekman, Henry Leung (sp?), Pat Wilson, Manjunath Shankar, RK/Ramesh, Dilip Modi, Steve Skala, Manjula Peddireddy, Andreas Kadavanich, Kelly Abreu, Marie Hughes, William Yragui, Flavio Poehlmann (Pedestrian Representative 2 on the Mobility Commission), Janit Sharma, Brian Culp, Satya, Anita Mehta, John Whaley, Wendy, Mohit, Sharad Ramachandran, Chung, and Amit Wasson. There were no additional speakers. Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. This was followed by another question and answer period between Councilmembers and staff. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Salwan, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council approved direction for street design elements along Paseo Padre Parkway between Driscoll Road and Washington Boulevard as part of the Paseo Padre Parkway Complete Streets Project that includes: A new traffic signal at Covington Drive; pedestrian flashing beacons at Dorne Place and at Mento Drive, and a HAWK signal at Olive Avenue (or signal); traffic signal modernization at Paseo Padre/Driscoll and Paseo Padre/Washington; and reducing the width of vehicular lanes and widen bike lanes.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, Shao, and Cox  
Noes: Councilmember Kassan (Supported Option 1, the recommendation by City staff)  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

## 8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Council Referrals

#### 1. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Councilmember Kassan Referral: Regarding Input from Commissions for Major Road Projects

Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. The following persons commented: Andreas Kadavanich, Gopalakrishnan Padma, Flavio Poehlmann (Pedestrian Representative 2 on the Mobility Commission), Purushotham Peddireddy, and Manjunath Shankar. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. This was followed by questions and comments from Councilmembers.

On a motion by Councilmember Kassan, seconded by Mayor Mei, the City Council directed staff to review and provide input regarding engaging the Mobility Commission and Senior Commission in providing input into major transportation road projects and providing the Council with straw poll results and meeting minutes of Commission inputs on such projects.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Councilmembers: Keng, Jones, and Kassan,  
Noes: Vice Mayor Salwan, Councilmembers: Shao and Cox  
(Supported including all commissions)  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**B. Oral Reports on Meetings and Events**

Councilmembers reported on their various meetings and activities – None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mayor Mei adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

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LILY MEI, Mayor