

**MINUTES  
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2020  
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 7:01 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Councilmember Shao led the salute to the flag.
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Kassan, Councilmembers: Bacon, Salwan, Keng, Jones and Shao
- D. Announcements by Mayor/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 Salwan, the City Council waived further readings of proposed ordinances.

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

- \* **B. Approval of Minutes – None.**
- \* **C. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Approval of Cooperative Agreements with Caltrans to Support Planning Work for Three Projects Including: Interchange Modernizations at I-680 at North Mission Boulevard, Washington Boulevard and Auto Mall Parkway (PWC 9021); Decoto Road Interchange at I-880 (PWC 9022); and Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail (PWC 9026)**

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. Andreas Kadavanich commended staff for working with Caltrans for almost five years to gain approval for the projects. There were no additional speakers. Mayor Mei closed the public comment period.

On a motion by Councilmember Salwan, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to execute cooperative agreements with Caltrans to support planning work for the following three projects:

1. Interchange Modernizations at I-680/North Mission Boulevard, I-680/Washington Boulevard and I-680/Auto Mall Parkway (PWC 9021),
2. I-880//Decoto Road Interchange Modernization (PWC 9022), and
3. Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail (PWC 9026), and
4. Requested the Mobility Commission review this project when it enters the design phase so that the commission can fulfill some of the duties in assisting the City with implementing the Mobility Action Plan, and also to advocate for Fremont's transportation interests.

Ayes: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Kassan, Councilmembers: Bacon, Salwan, Keng, Jones and Shao

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- \* **D. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Approval of Plans and Specifications for the California Nursery Historical Park Backbone Infrastructure Project; Award a Contract to Goodland Landscape Construction, Inc. for the bid amount of \$8,997,316, allocate a 10% Construction Contingency Amount of \$899,732, for a Total Construction Potential Contract Amount of \$9,897,048 for the California Nursery Historical Park Backbone Infrastructure Project, for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH#2015062024) was previously prepared and certified in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (PWC8837B)**

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

1. Approved the Plans and Specifications for the California Nursery Historical Park Backbone Infrastructure and Site Work (PWC8837B). Plans and Specifications are included in the attachments above.
2. Found the project was consistent with the adopted California Nursery Historical Park Master Plan, for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was previously prepared and certified in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Rejected the bid protest submitted by Teichert Construction, Inc. submitted on September 18, 2020.
4. Accepted the base bid, award a construction contract and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all construction related agreements with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Goodland Landscape Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$8,997,316, plus a 10% construction contingency in the amount of \$899,732 for a total construction contract amount of \$9,897,048.

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

- \* **E. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Library Service Agreement with the County of Alameda to extend the agreement for an additional one-year term through June 30, 2021 and to specify changes in service delivery and cost during the parameters of the shelter-in-place order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

On a motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Salwan, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee or designee to execute an amendment to the Library Services Agreement with the County of Alameda that allows for the extension of the agreement for an additional one-year term through June 30, 2021 and for the specification of changes or additions in service delivery during the shelter-in-place order and the ability to negotiate compensation amounts for these services within the limits identified under the initial service agreement.

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

### **3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

- A. Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2020**

### **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Oral and Written Communications**

B. Beekman and Marie Hughes shared concerns with the boulders being placed/moved on Kato Road and the unhoused in the area. Andrew Chao and Veronica Pang shared concerns regarding a potentially unlawful Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in their neighborhood. 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 Response to Receive Presentation on Community Engagement Initiative; Dialogues on Policing and Race and its Findings

City Manager Mark Danaj provided an introduction. Management Analyst II Candice Rankin, Police Chief Kimberly Petersen and Human Services Director Suzanne Shenfil gave the presentation. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. The following persons commented on the presentation and shared concerns with Police Department policies: B. Beekman, Chris, Marie Hughes, Lisa Danz, and Vanessa Sadsad. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

The City Council received presentation and provided comment.

## 8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Council Referrals

#### 1. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Councilmember Bacon's Referral requesting that the City Council consider formally endorsing California Proposition 15, which appears on the ballot in the upcoming California General Election.

Councilmember Bacon provided an overview of his request. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. Matt Senekeremian, Cindy Bonior (representing the Fremont Chamber of Commerce), John Hinds, and Dan Smith spoke out against City Council endorsing the proposition. Vanessa Sadsad, B. Beekman, Lisa Danz, Marie Hughes, and Chris spoke in favor of the City Council endorsing the proposition. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Bacon, seconded by Councilmember Kassan. The item failed, as it required a super majority to pass per City of Fremont's Council Handbook of Rules and Procedures

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

### B. Oral Reports on Meetings and Events – None.

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

Attest:

Approved:

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Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

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LILY MEI, Mayor