

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
7:00 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Mei called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Councilmember Keng 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.

City Attorney Alvarado reported that the Council conducted a conference with labor negotiators regarding the employee organizations listed on the closed session agenda. The Council took no reportable action.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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

- * **B. Approval of Minutes – None.**
- * **C. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Fremont Amending Fremont Municipal Code Section 18.47 (Downtown District) to Allow Four Curb Cuts on the Northwest Side of Capitol Avenue between State Street and Fremont Boulevard (PLN2022-00260)**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 05-2022.

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, or Designee, to Issue a Purchase Order, in an Amount of \$409,526.67 to ConvergeOne Inc. for Two Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series switches and to Execute Any Implementing Documents and Take Any Implementing Actions as Necessary. (Cisco Catalyst 9606R Switches with Smart Net Total Care)**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council authorized the City Manager, or Designee, to issue a purchase order, in an Amount of \$409,526.67 to ConvergeOne Inc. for two (2) Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series switches, and to execute any implementing documents and take any implementing actions as necessary

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

- * **E. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute the General Services Agreement with Imhof Tractor Services, Inc. for Weed and Waste Abatement Services Throughout the City**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council awarded general services agreement through June 30, 2027 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement with Imhof Tractor Services Inc., for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,128,435.02. The contract not to exceed amount for fiscal year 2022/23 is \$204,218.30

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

- * **F. Mayor Mei opened consideration of a Resolution Approving \$5 Million in Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) to Finance the Development of the 3900 Thornton Affordable Housing Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with Resource for Community Development and Making Findings of CEQA Exemption**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-21 approving \$5 Million in LHTF to Finance the Development

of the 3900 Thornton Affordable Housing Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with Resource for Community Development.

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

*** G. Mayor Mei opened consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the State of California's Local Housing Trust Fund Program (State Affordable Housing Grant)**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-22 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit an application for \$5 million in grant funds from the State's Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Program, authorizing execution of a contract for LHTF Program funds if the City is selected for funding, and making findings of CEQA exemption.

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

*** H. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Adopt Resolution to Authorize the Execution of a Loan Agreement with Resources for Community Development to Include \$1 Million in FY 2020/21 Federal HOME Funds for the Development of the Bell Street Gardens Affordable Apartments; and Appropriate \$1 Million in Federal HOME Funds and Making Findings of CEQA Exemption**

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

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-23 approving a loan of \$1,000,000 in FY 2020/21 HOME funds to Resources for Community Development for the development of the Bell Street Gardens Affordable Apartments and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary HOME-related implementing documents with Resources for Community Development and Alameda County.
2. Appropriated \$1,000,000 in HOME funds (Fund 103) to the Bell Street Gardens Project.

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

*** I. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Adopt a Resolution Summarily Vacating a portion of the Emergency Vehicle Access Easement at 5588 Cushing Parkway in Bayside Industrial Community Plan Area (PLN2022-00129) (Vacation of Easement)**

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

1. Found the action is exempt from CEQA review.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-24 to vacate a portion of the Emergency Vehicle Access Easement at 5588 Cushing Parkway.

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

*** J. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Consider Making Findings to Allow the City Council and the Legislative Bodies of the City of Fremont to Continue Holding Meetings via Videoconference pursuant to AB 361**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Jones, the City Council made the following findings in order to continue holding videoconference meetings for the City Council and the City's legislative bodies:

1. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency;
2. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and.
3. Staff is directed to schedule reconsideration of these findings at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on June 14, 2022.

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

3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- A. Proclamation: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia**
- B. Proclamation: Harvey Milk Day**
- C. Proclamation: Older American Month**

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: Dhankaran Singh Ajravat, Ray Bobbitt, Hari Iyer, Lisa Danz, Marie Hughes (member of the leadership team of Fremont for Everyone), John Hinds, Katherine, Sivaq, Shirley Miyo, and Ankit K.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022/23 Proposed Operating Budget for the City of Fremont

Finance Director Dave Persselin provided a presentation. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. The following person commented: Kelly Abreu. There were no additional speakers. Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. This was followed by questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council accepted staff's budget presentation and provided comments.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Council Referrals – None.**
- B. Oral Reports on Meetings – None.**

Mayor Mei held a moment of silence in memory of victims of recent gun violence.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Mei adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

LILY MEI, Mayor