

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023
FREMONT CITY HALL AND
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
7:00 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Mei called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Vice Mayor Keng led the salute to the flag.
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Mei, Vice Mayor Keng, Councilmembers: Campbell, Kassan, Shao, Salwan, and Cox
- D. Announcements by Mayor/City Manager/City Attorney**

Mayor Mei announced the Boards and Commissions vacancies.

City Manager Shackelford did not have announcements.
- E. Report Out of Closed Session – None.**

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 Salwan, the City Council waived further readings of proposed ordinances.

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

- * **B. Approval of Minutes – None.**
- * **C. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Approve the Closeout of Completed Capital Projects and Partial Defunding of Selected Projects; and Approval of Fund Transfers and Appropriations.**

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.

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

1. Found the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it constitutes administrative fiscal activity, which is not a project under CEQA Guidelines section 15378.
2. Approved the closeout of the capital projects identified on Exhibit A - Project Closeout List and return the remaining project appropriations to available fund balance in their respective funds.
3. Approved the defunding of the capital projects identified on Exhibit B - Project Defund List and return the remaining project appropriations to available fund balance in their respective funds.
4. Approved appropriation actions identified on Exhibit C - Project Appropriation List.
5. Approved the transfer of existing appropriations in Measure B Funds 518 and 519 to the Measure BB Funds 515 and 520 respectively.

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

*** D. Mayor Mei opened consideration to Adopt Resolutions Ordering the Preparation and Filing of the Annual Engineer's Report and Declaring the Intent to Levy and Collect Assessment for Fremont Landscaping Assessment District 88 for Fiscal Year 2023/24 (Proposed Annual Assessment)**

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-13 ordering the preparation and filing of the annual Engineer's Report for Landscaping Assessment District 88 for Fiscal Year 2023/24.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-14 stating the intent of the City Council of the City of Fremont to levy and collect assessments for Fremont Landscaping Assessment District 88 for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Keng, Councilmembers: Campbell, Kassan, Shao, and Cox
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Mayor Mei and Councilmember Salwan (business/property interests)

*** E. Mayor Mei opened consideration of the Acceptance and Spending Plan of the 2022/23 State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Salwan, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-15 accepting the 2022/23 California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant in the amount of \$593,068 as allocated in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) for the Fremont Police Department and approving the spending plan set forth in the resolution to purchase items supporting front line law enforcement services.

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

*** F. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Approval to Adopt a Resolution Designating and Authorizing Agents to Act on Behalf of the City of Fremont for All Matters Pertaining to State and Federal Disaster Assistance Funding (Emergency Assistance Funding)**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Salwan, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-16 designating the Assistant City Managers, Deputy City Manager, and Finance Director as the City of Fremont’s agents to provide required assurances and certifications, and execute agreements for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance from the State of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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

*** G. Mayor Mei opened consideration of Approval for Authorization to Execute Task Orders to the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Newark for FY 2022/23 Paratransit Services (Newark Joint Powers Agreement (JPA))**

On a motion by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Salwan, the City Council authorized the City Manager or her designee to execute Task Order No. 27 to the existing Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Newark for the provision of FY 2022/23 paratransit services, in the amount not to exceed \$293,052.

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

3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- A. **Proclamation: American Red Cross Month – March 2023**

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Oral and Written Communications** - None.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Mayor Mei opened consideration of Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District 2023 Update by the District General Manager Ryan Clausnitzer**

Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District General Manager, Ryan Clausnitzer provided a presentation. Mr. Clausnitzer responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. There being no speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. Councilmembers provided comment. City Council received the report and presentation from Mr. Clausnitzer.

- B. **Mayor Mei opened consideration to Receive Presentation and Provide Input to Staff on the Preparation of the City’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2027/28.**

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Public Works Director, Hans Larsen and Community Services Director, Suzanne Wolf provided a presentation. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Mei opened the public comment period. The following person(s) commented: Sharon Ventura, Bob Czerwinski (provided hand-outs), Barry Jennings, Sushil Shukla, Monika Aeschbacher, Sunil Tomar, and Kishor Desai. There being no additional speakers, Mayor Mei closed the public comment period. Councilmembers provided comment.

City Council received the presentation and provided input to staff on the preparation of the City’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2027/28.

7. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCILMEMBERS

A. Council Referrals

1. COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL REFERRAL: Request to Update the Fremont City Council Handbook to Include Rosenberg’s Rules of Order

Councilmember Campbell provided an overview of her referral. Mayor Mei asked if there were public speakers. There were no public speakers. The was followed by a question and answer period between Councilmembers and staff.

On a motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Salwan, the City Council directed staff to update the Fremont City Council Handbook, in red-line to show the changes, to incorporate Rosenberg’s Rules of Order as standard rules of order and bring back to City Council for review at a future date for potential adoption.

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

B. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees – None.

C. Legislative Actions – None.

D. Report on Committee Assignments

Councilmembers reported on their various meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Mei adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Susan Gauthier, City Clerk

LILY MEI, Mayor