

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of Thursday, April 22, 2021  
Virtually from the City Hall Council Chambers  
6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA**

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**CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Miller.

1. The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Miller.
2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Bruins, Daniels, Schaefer, Middleton, Miller  
Council Members absent: None  
Staff present: Blomquist, Boyd, Cotter, Jones, Kempenaar, Lawrence, McDuffee, Poole, Reid, Van, and Zenoni.
3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** On a motion by Vice Mayor Middleton, seconded by Council Member Bruins the City Council approved the agenda.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Schaefer, Middleton, Miller  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**PRESENTATIONS**

4. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming April as Donate Life Month

Mayor Miller read and presented the Donate Life Proclamation, which was received virtually by Christian Sutton with Sierra Donor Services.

5. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month

Olga Tulaydan with Sacramento Self Help Housing shared a presentation highlighting the services provided by Sacramento Self Help Housing.

Vice Mayor Middleton read and presented the Fair Housing Month Proclamation, which was received virtually by Olga Tulaydan.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES**

Council Member Bruins provided an update from the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Board virtual budget workshops, which does not foresee an increase in customer rates. Council Member Bruins also shared the Sacramento Metro Fire District will be contacting members of the public to assess the greatest risks for fire in Citrus Heights.

Council Member Daniels provided an update from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Board finalizing their proposed budget, which will have a final vote for adoption in May. Council Member Daniels also shared the opening of Green Acres Nursery on San Juan and Greenback.

Council Member Schaefer provided an update from the Sacramento County Public Library Authority Board including the addition of two electric bookmobiles coming this summer. Council Member Schaefer also shared that Jeffery Muller, a high school senior from Cornerstone Christian School, contacted him inquiring about Schaefer's role on the City Council.

Vice Mayor Middleton provided an update from the League of California Cities Sacramento Valley Chapter meeting, where they discussed Affordable Housing bills currently proposed at the state level. She also provided an update from the Citrus Heights Chamber luncheon, where Barry Broome from the Greater Sacramento Economic Council was the guest speaker. Vice Mayor Middleton attended a Police Activities League meeting and provided an update for future fundraising events. She also provided an update from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Policy meeting, where they approved funding for the Citrus Heights Auburn Boulevard Revitalization Project.

Mayor Miller attended a Regional Transit Board meeting where the board voted to annex Elk Grove into the Regional Transit District. He also attended the Capital Corridor JPA meeting where they voted to increase train service beginning June 1.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Wichert addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget and taxes, stating that the taxpayers may not be able to handle the increases imposed upon them. He asked that Council keep in mind the income of residents when addressing the proposed budget in an effort to not impose additional financial difficulties.

City Clerk Van read the following public comment submitted online from David Warren, "It is patently inappropriate for the budget proposal to be considered or approved at this meeting because: 1. The council's time limitation for individual public comment makes it absolutely necessary that the city schedule public hearings for individual portions of the budget, i.e., public safety, street maintenance/ repairs, employee wages, etc., to allow the public adequate time to address budget subparts; 2. The budget document fails to identify with specificity proposed wage and staff changes, instead addressing such items in generalities; 3. The City Manager failed to include American Rescue Plan Act funds which Congress Ami Bera assured the City would receive; and 4. The six days since the budget was posted on line has been insufficient for members of the community, such as myself, to prepare written comments for Council members to consider. The draconian department reductions, especially for the CHPD, when the immediate future portends police service increase in demand as a consequence of the inevitable increase in homeless individuals when mortgage payment and rent relief ends, is unnecessary in that money will arrive soon to back fill the impending budget deficit. When both our Mayor and Police Chief make television statements describing police staff reductions, it is an invitation to criminals to come to Citrus Heights. The Council should reject the proposed budget until the Council sitting *en banc* provides all of us adequate time to comment both orally and in writing, followed by sufficient time for the Council to take into consideration the public comments."

City Clerk Van read the following public comment submitted online from Marta Platt, "The homeowners of 7778 Perdez Ct continue to threaten the livelihood and the safety of the residents of Perdez Court and the surrounding neighborhood. It is ridiculous, that the residents have to continually call CH PD dispatch regarding

these homeowners and submit numerous reports. As of this date, CH PD has provided unacceptable excuses as to why no action has been taken and has neglected to provide appropriate resolutions to address the ongoing safety issues. The residents of the court continue to be concerned for their personal safety and their property. A few residents are elderly, and one resident lives alone. Everyone in the court deserves to feel safe in their own home and to freely leave and return to their respective homes at will. We all expect to have a safe and peaceful environment as it has been for many years.”

City Clerk Van read the following public comment submitted online from Tani Carroll, “Good evening. We have a neighbor that has been a problem to our court for a year. The Citrus Heights PD has done everything they can, as our video camera doesn’t show exact evidence of crimes. We believe there is drug selling happening. We know there is drug use. There are now dozens of very filthy and aggressive strangers hanging out at this mans house, sometimes being verbally offensive to our other neighbors. It appears to be a flop house for druggies and transients. The property is filthy with a sofa and oven in the front, bags and bags of what appears to be garbage. Sometimes a person on a bike picks up a bag, and rides off. We are frustrated. We are hoping for next level help.”

Arthur Ketterling addressed the Council regarding updates on the COVID-19 re-opening and restrictions. He also addressed Vice Mayor Middleton regarding funds for the Auburn Boulevard project. Vice Mayor Middleton responded that funds for the project will be available toward the end of the year.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting of April 8, 2021 and Special Meeting of April 12, 2021
  
7. **SUBJECT:** Police Department Vehicle Replacement  
**STAFF REPORT:** R. Lawrence/ C. Burnett  
**RECOMMENDATION:** The Following is Recommended
  - a. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-019, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving the Transfer of \$140,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Replacement Fund for the Purchase of Police Department Vehicles
  
  - b. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-020, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving the Purchase of Two Police Motorcycles utilizing Citizens’ Option for Public Safety (COPS) Funding
  
8. **SUBJECT:** Placer-Sacramento Gateway Phase 1 Project, Auburn Boulevard Phase 2 Project – Approval of Caltrans Baseline Agreement  
**STAFF REPORT:** M. Poole  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2021-021, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Program Baseline Agreement for the Placer-Sacramento Gateway – Phase 1 Project, Auburn Boulevard Complete Streets Project Phase 2

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 6, 7, and 8.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Schaefer, Middleton, Miller  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

9. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Budget for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 and Authorization for Execution of an Agreement with Greater Sacramento Economic Council  
**STAFF REPORT:** W. Zenoni/ T. Nossardi  
**RECOMMENDATION:** The Following is Recommended;
- a. Adopt Resolution 2021-022 approving the City of Citrus Heights Two Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23
  - b. Adopt Resolution 2021-023 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the Greater Sacramento Economic Council and the City of Citrus Heights in an amount not to exceed \$35,238 for Fiscal Year 2021-22

City Manager Boyd opened the final budget presentation for the Council, which provided an overview of the FY 2021-22 and 2022-23 Two-Year Budget cycle. City Manager Boyd explained that this budget is operationally balanced, but does not forecast expenses to fund large infrastructure projects. City Manager Boyd addressed the funding the City is expected to receive from the recent passing of the American Rescue Act. While the funds are expected to be dispersed to the City, staff are awaiting guidance from the Department of Treasury on how these funds can be utilized.

Interim Administrative Services Director Zenoni addressed the budget review process that City staff have undergone with Council, which included a financial update on January 28, a Finance Committee Budget Review on March 25, a City Council Budget Workshop on April 8, and the proposed City Council Budget Adoption on April 22. Zenoni reported that for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the total City budget for all funds totals approximately \$72.2 million. For Fiscal Year 2022-23, the total City budget for all funds totals approximately \$67.9 million. Funds from the City's general fund, enterprise fund, special revenue fund, and capital funds are included. Zenoni stated the City's main operating fund is the general fund, which has a projected deficit of \$77,305 for fiscal year 2021-22. In fiscal year 2022-23, staff anticipates approximately \$3.6 million will be available to replenish the City's reserves. These projections do not include funding from the American Rescue Act. Zenoni stated that once City staff have received direction on how the funds from the American Rescue Act can be utilized they would provide a recommendation for budget amendments.

Mayor Miller called for public comments.

Robert Wichert addressed the Council regarding the proposed adoption of the budget. Wichert expressed his disappointment in cutting funding from public safety stating that response times go up, crime goes up, and public safety goes down. He urged Council to reconsider proposed cuts to the public safety funds.

Albert Fox addressed the Council regarding the proposed adoption of the budget. Fox expressed his gratitude in the accurate and up to date information available on the proposed budget, which has been available on the City website. Fox addressed his dissatisfaction in outside discussions to cut executive staff salaries. Fox

instead proposed Council Members cut their own stipends and health benefits. He also expressed the need for commitment from Council Members to pass the proposed budget.

Council Member comments and questions followed.

Council Member Daniels proposed postponing the budget adoption until the funds from the American Rescue Act have been received.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2021-022, Approving the City of Citrus Heights Two Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23

AYES: Bruins, Middleton, Miller

NOES: Daniels, Schaefer

ABSENT: None

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Mayor Miller, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2021-023, Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the Greater Sacramento Economic Council and the City of Citrus Heights in an amount not to exceed \$35,238 for Fiscal Year 2021-22

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller

NOES: Schaefer

ABSENT: None

10. **SUBJECT:** Transportation Impact Study and SB743 Implementation Guidelines

**STAFF REPORT:** C. McDuffee/ C. Kempenaar/ L. Blomquist

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Following is Recommended;

- a. Review the Transportation Impact Study Guidelines and SB743 Guidelines
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-024 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, Adopting the Transportation Impact Study and SB743 Guidelines; finding that the Thresholds of Significance have been Promulgated Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15064.7; and Determining the Adoption not a "Project" Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378

Planning Manager Kempenaar introduced John Gard, the City's Consultant with Fehr & Peers who works with staff on updating transportation guidelines to be compliant with recently changed state laws.

John Gard presented the Senate Bill (SB) 743 Implementation Plan and Transportation Impact Study Guidelines created for the City of Citrus Heights. The intent of SB 743 is to encourage infill development by encouraging walking and biking in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve public health through active transportation. Gard outlined how SB 743 changes how California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) measures transportation impacts. According to Gard, the City has chosen to follow the OPR Technical Advisory recommendation to establish a VMT significant threshold that is 15 percent below that of existing

development. Projects that are exempt from this requirement include small projects, projects near high-quality transit, affordable housing, redevelopment projects, or local-serving retail.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, the City Council, Adopted Resolution No. 2021-024, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, Adopting the Transportation Impact Study and SB743 Guidelines; finding that the Thresholds of Significance have been Promulgated Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15064.7; and Determining the Adoption not a "Project" Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Schaefer, Middleton, Miller  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

11. **SUBJECT:** CARES Act Amendment No. 3 to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan for Coronavirus (CDBG-CV 1&3) Funding  
**STAFF REPORT:** C. McDuffee/ S. Cotter  
**RECOMMENDATION:** The Following is Recommended;

- a. Hold a public hearing on the proposed CARES Act Amendment No. 3 to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan for Coronavirus (CDBG-CV 1 & 3) Funding
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-025 Adopting the CARES Act Amendment No. 3 to the 2020-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan (Exhibit A) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Contracts Necessary to Carry Out the CARES Act Amendment No. 3 to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan for Coronavirus (CDBG-CV 1 & 3) Funding

Housing & Human Services Coordinator Cotter presented a report outlining the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund expenditures. The CARES Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, made \$5 billion available in CDBG funds for state and local governments. Citrus Heights received a total of \$920, 226 from two rounds of CDBG funding. Council approved CARES Act Amendments on May 28, 2020 and August 13, 2020. The current proposed CARES Act Amendment would re-allocated \$91,672 from the Great Plates Program to the Supplemental Navigator Fund. In addition, \$135,385 would be eligible to Community Services grantees and associated administrative costs in an effort to relieve the general fund.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 8:49, hearing no speakers, he closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council, Adopted Resolution No. 2021-025 a Resolution Adopting the CARES Act Amendment No. 3 to the 2020-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan (Exhibit A) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Contracts Necessary to Carry Out the CARES Act Amendment No. 3 to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan for Coronavirus (CDBG-CV 1 & 3) Funding

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Schaefer, Middleton, Miller  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Lawrence acknowledged volunteers from the Police Department Volunteer Program in honor of National Volunteer Appreciation week April 18-24. The Citrus Heights Police Department has 40 volunteers and interns who volunteer in every department at the Police Department who donated approximately 5,000 hours. The City Hall and Community Center Volunteer Program has 17 volunteers who assist in a variety of ways. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many volunteers have remained at home.

**CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

None

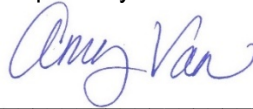
**ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Miller adjourned the regular meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amy Van, City Clerk