

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of Thursday, March 11, 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: Alejandrez, Boyd, Huber, Jones, Prasad, Reid, Van, and department directors.
3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

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

Council Member Bruins provided an update from the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District subcommittee meeting. Council Member Bruins also provided an update from the Police Activities League Board meeting.

Council Member Daniels provided an update from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Board meeting. Council Member Daniels also acknowledged the Citrus Heights Police Department and their continued effort to effectively communicate and connect with the community and Citrus Heights businesses.

Council Member Schaefer echoed Council Member Daniels praise for the Citrus Heights Police Department. Council Member Schaefer attended a meeting in Sundance Park with City Engineer Blomquist, Senior Planner Kempenaar, and residents. He also provided an update from the Sacramento Metro Cable Board meeting. Council Member Schaefer provided an update from the Dignity Health COVID-19 vaccine clinic. He also announced Alfred Sanchez is holding a sock drive to support the homeless, going on through the end of the month at Grocery Outlet.

Vice Mayor Middleton provided an update from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board meeting. Vice Mayor Middleton also provided an update from the League of California Cities meeting.

Mayor Miller provided an update from the Regional Transit Board meeting. Mayor Miller also provided an update from the Orangevale Recreation and Park District meeting regarding the Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Clerk Van read the following written public comment from David Warren, "Some Councilmembers have demanded the reopening of businesses and churches during this pandemic at the same time residents are prohibited from in-person attendance at Council meetings. Although a year ago advocating a super-spreader event of any type was an oxymoron, the current rapid decline of infection in conjunction with significant vaccination rates demands that Council meetings return to in person access with appropriate safety measures in place with concurrent internet accessibility for the public. Seating at Council meetings should be divided into two sections, one for individuals who can provide evidence of vaccination at least 10 weekdays prior to attending the meeting, along with a separate 25% limited seating section for individuals not vaccinated, along with a mandatory mask policy. The Council chambers and adjacent spillover space is available in City Hall. Public access for in person comment to government hearings is an absolute necessity for good government. Internet viewing is not the same as attending in person to allow spontaneous comments by the public in response not only to what is said during a meeting, but also to what the public sees in the faces of other commentators, staff, as well as councilmembers. If the state legislature can permit public attendance at committee meetings and councilmembers can demand that restaurants and other public venues reopen, there is no possible excuse for refusing to hold Council-meetings open to the public with appropriate safety protocols. The public's comments should not be delivered in dispassionate tones instead by a citizen's concerned voice."

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. **SUBJECT** : Approval of Minutes  
**RECOMMENDATION** : Approve the Minutes of the Special/Regular Meeting of February 11, 2021 and Special Meeting of February 25, 2021
5. **SUBJECT** : Comprehensive Annual Financial Report  
**STAFF REPORT** : W. Zenoni/ R. Prasad  
**RECOMMENDATION** : Staff recommends the City Council accepts and files the City of Citrus Heights Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.
6. **SUBJECT** : Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Report for Transportation Development Act Funds  
**STAFF REPORT** : R. Prasad  
**RECOMMENDATION** : Staff recommends the City Council accepts and files the City of Citrus Heights Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.
7. **SUBJECT** : Resolution Adopting Amended Salary Table  
**STAFF REPORT** : M. Alejandrez / M. Bushey

**RECOMMENDATION** : Adopt Resolution No. 2021-013, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, adopting the amended Salary Table, Exhibit A, which includes changes effective since the last salary table update.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

- 8. **SUBJECT:** Construction Board of Appeals Appointments  
**STAFF REPORT:** A. Van / H. Reid  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council, by majority vote, appoint individuals for the two remaining at-large appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals

Management Analyst I Reid presented the staff report.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council, by majority vote, appointed James Cowger and Suzanne Fagundes to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term of March 11, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

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

- 9. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Economic Development Support Fund for the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce  
**STAFF REPORT:** M. Huber  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2021- 014, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, approving a \$10,000 sponsorship to the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce from the Economic Development Support Fund - Part I.

Economic Development and Communications Manager Huber presented the staff report. Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce Director Diane Ebbitt provided Council with updated Chamber programming.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clerk Van read the following written public comment from David Warren, “In light of the City Manager’s recent doomsday forecast of the City’s budget due to the failure to increase municipal sales tax rates, it is hypocritical that any payment, no matter how purportedly meritorious, of municipal funds would be made to the Chamber of Commerce. The \$150,000.00 allocated to the Economic Development Support Fund would easily pay for, by way of example, deferred street repairs, the salary of a municipal employee or all or part

of a police officer position, each of which are far more important to residents than the Chamber of Commerce. The City Council must, in light of how the City Manager has described the future budget instability, begin immediately to direct all discretionary revenue to maintain municipal activities and cease funding ancillary activities, no matter how meritorious they may be. By way of example, the Chamber of Commerce does not provide police services, road repairs, or any other of the numerous municipal services. California Chamber of Commerce does not receive an appropriation from the State of California, which begs the question, why should the Citrus Heights Chamber ask for a government subsidy? As advocates of private enterprise, the Chamber members should follow their own philosophy and be self-supporting. Until the City's budget recovers, all funds in the Economic Development Support Fund, as well as similar discretionary funds, must be redirected to maintaining our current level of municipal services. If the City has to tighten its belt, it should not be on the backs of our employees."

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Middleton, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021- 014, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, approving a \$10,000 sponsorship to the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce from the Economic Development Support Fund - Part I.

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

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

10. **SUBJECT:** Police Department 2020 Annual Report  
**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

Police Chief Lawrence provided an annual report concerning crime and traffic collision trends within the City. Chief Lawrence stated that from 2019 to 2020 the Police Department experienced a decrease of crimes against persons by 9% and a decrease in property crimes by 6%. He provided statistics from the patrol services, support services, and investigative services divisions.

### **CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Boyd mentioned the upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting on March 16. City Manager Boyd also mentioned an announcement from Sacramento County that Citrus Heights could move to the Red Tier/Tier 2 in the coming weeks.

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

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Miller adjourned the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Van, City Clerk