

**MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, June 30, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pierce on a virtual web meeting and telephonically (877) 853-5257. Councilmembers present: Mayor Pierce, Vice Mayor Wan and Councilmembers Catalano, Diaz and Wolfe. Councilmembers absent: None. Staff present: Assistant to the City Manager Laura Hoffmeister, City Attorney Martin de los Angeles, Finance Director Paul Rodrigues, Police Chief Elise Warren and City Clerk/HR Manager Janet Calderon.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Councilmember Diaz.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – None.

Mayor Pierce requested Agenda Item 6(a) be heard prior to Agenda Item 5(a).

Assistant to the City Manager Laura Hoffmeister provided a brief report of events that occurred earlier today, nothing this morning there was a vegetation fire that occurred near Mt. Diablo Elementary School off Pine Hollow Court. She further noted this afternoon the intention was to replace some of the American Flags downtown through a donation of private citizens of the community. Unfortunately, the City was deceived as the donated flags were Blue Lives Matter Flags, not American Flags as the City was led to believe. To fly an alternative flag would require City Council approval.

Councilmember Catalano would like to ask the residents who donated the incorrect flags to voluntarily reimburse the City for the Maintenance Department time.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON - AGENDA ITEMS**

Matt Foley felt the City should have had due diligence to ensure the correct flags were installed. He also felt the alternate flag was a great gesture.

Bassam Altwal expressed his concern on the street closures that occurred during the protest.

Laura Seaholm requested the City Council to stand up to and fight racism in the community. In the future she would like to see Clayton apply for and win the National League of Cities cultural diversity award.

Melinda Merrion advised the blue live matter flag during times like these shows opposition to Black Lives Matter. She also requested City Council to address the community by stating Clayton does not tolerate racism.

Amy Hines-Shaikh expressed her concern on flying a flag other than the American Flag on Independence Day. She also requested the City Council to make a statement supporting Black Lives Matter.

Meredith Happy supported voluntarily reimbursement to the City Maintenance Department. She also is seeking a formal public apology from the City Council and Police Chief regarding the use of tear gas.

Samantha Sexton expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of leadership displayed by the City Council. She also disagrees with the use of City Barricades blocking off neighborhoods not monitored by City Staff.

Scott Denslow thanked Chief Warren and Sergeant Shaw for their time in meeting with him earlier today.

Cecil Collins thanked Chief Warren for meeting with him and expressed his gratitude of the support in the community to change the narrative of what has happened in Clayton.

6. ACTION ITEMS

(a) Establish a Public Safety Committee. (Police Chief)

Police Chief Elise Warren presented the report. After reviewing the differences between a Standing Committee and an Ad-Hoc Committee, Chief Warren felt the Ad-Hoc Committee would be more beneficial.

Following questions by City Council, Mayor Pierce opened the item to public comment.

Bassam Altwal expressed his opposition to Vice Mayor Wan and Councilmember Diaz to serve on this committee.

Amy Hines-Shaikh felt any councilmember who had made statements in support of the use of tear gas, foam bullets and overuse of force should be disqualifying for the City Councilmember to serve on this committee.

Melinda Merrion expressed her support of Councilmember Catalano and Councilmember Wolfe to serve on this committee.

Matt Foley expressed his support of Councilmember Diaz to serve on this committee.

Irina Liskovich expressed her concerns regarding COVID-19 and inquired if this would be a topic of the Public Safety Committee.

Scott Denslow expressed his support of Councilmember Catalano and Councilmember Wolfe to serve on this committee.

Dee Vieira suggested the community decide on the committee members.

Holly Tillman expressed her support of Mayor Pierce, Councilmember Catalano, and Councilmember Wolfe to serve on this committee.

Mayor Pierce closed public comment.

It was moved by Mayor Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Wolfe to delegate Councilmember Catalano and Councilmember Wolfe to the Public Safety Ad-Hoc Committee. (Passed 3-1-1; Wan, No; Diaz, Abstain)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Proposed City of Clayton Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and a 5-Year Capital Improvement Program Budget (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2020-2025.
(Assistant to the City Manager and Finance Director)

Assistant to the City Manager Laura Hoffmeister and Finance Director Paul Rodrigues presented the report.

Mayor Pierce opened the item to public comment; no comments were offered.

It was moved by Mayor Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Wolfe to Adopt Resolution No. 37-2020 Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Clayton for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021, and Adopting the 2020-2021 Appropriations Limit. (Passed 5-0)

7. COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Wolfe requested a future agenda item to discuss Juneteenth as a Holiday in Clayton.

Councilmember Catalano requested a future agenda item to bring forward a Resolution Condemning Racism in Clayton.

Councilmember Diaz requested a future agenda item recognizing September 15 – October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Clayton.

Councilmember Wolfe announced there will be a virtual 4th of July Parade at 10 am on Youtube, the City's website, and Clayton Business and Community Association website. He also reminded the community that Fireworks are illegal.

8. CLOSED SESSION – None.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT– on call by Mayor Pierce, the City Council adjourned its meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be July 7, 2020.


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Respectfully submitted,



Janet Calderon, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



Julie Pierce, Mayor

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