

MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, April 16, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Diaz held via a hybrid meeting format live in-person and Zoom videoconference and broadcast from Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, California. **Councilmembers present:** Mayor Diaz Vice Mayor Trupiano, and Councilmembers: Cloven, Tillman, and Wan. **Staff present:** Interim City Manager, Adam W. Politzer; Finance Director, Prapti Aryal; City Engineer, Larry Theis; Police Chief, Richard McEachin; City Attorney, Joanna Gin; and City Clerk, Stephanie Cabrera-Brown.

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

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

Keith Hayden – Spoke regarding concerns about staff turnover and requested the City Council investigate the reason.

H. Ray Asemi – Spoke regarding concerns about the set-up of the Oakhurst Country Club Solar Panel project.

Ed Hartley – Spoke regarding a social media post that discusses the CBCA and City Council.

Lauren Kindorf – Spoke regarding concerns about staff turnover and requested the City Council investigate the reason.

Rebecca Nolen – Spoke regarding concerns about- staffing turnover.

Bill Walcott – Welcomed the Interim City Manager, asked for an update on the Olivia Project parking, and requested that the community be engaged in the selection process of the next City Manager.

Terri Denslow - Spoke regarding concerns about staff turnover and requested the City Council investigate.

Gary Hood – Spoke regarding City Managers and the community culture.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Wan, seconded by Vice Mayor Trupiano, to approve the Consent Calendar item 4(a) – 4 (b) as submitted. (Passed 5-0).

- a. Approval of April 2, 2024, Meeting Minutes
(City Clerk)

- b. Adopt a Resolution directing the preparation of an Engineer's Report for the Diablo Estates Benefit Assessment District, to initiate the process for setting the annual assessments for landscape and weed abatement services on the properties within the Diablo Estates subdivision. This assessment is collected through the property taxes collected by the County. (City Engineer)

Resolution 13-2024

5. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

(There are no Recognitions or Presentations scheduled for this meeting.)

6. REPORTS

a. City Manager / Staff

- Link to ClearGov Transparency Portal:
<https://cleargov.com/california/contra-costa/city/clayton/checkbook>

Mayor Diaz introduced the new Interim City Manager, Adam W. Politzer, who then provided his professional background and shared his goals for the time he is with the City of Clayton.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(There were no Public Hearings scheduled for this meeting.)

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consider the recommendation from the Budget & Audit Committee to appoint Frank Gavidia to seat 3 and renew the term for existing members: Hank Stratford and Howard Kaplan, to the Community Financial Sustainability Committee for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2026. (Finance Director)

Finance Director Prapti Aryal provided an overview of the Financial Sustainability Committee and selection/appointment process. Following discussion by the City Council, Mayor Diaz opened the item to public comment:

Scott Denslow – Shared concerns regarding the candidate being appointed to seat 3.

Bill Walcott – Spoke in support of the appointments.

Howard Kaplan – Spoke regarding his qualifications, requested a written brief on the Brown Act and how the committee complies with it. Mr. Kaplan also requested to hear from individual council members on their expectations/scope of work and other input on the work the committee will be focusing on.

Hank Stratford spoke regarding his qualifications and his previous experience working with the Clayton City Budget as a former city council member.

Frank Gavidia spoke regarding his qualifications and his goals for the committee.

Mayor Diaz reopened Public Comment after the candidates spoke. There were no additional members of the public wishing to speak.

It was moved by Councilmember Wan, seconded by Vice Mayor Trupiano, to appoint Frank Gavidia to seat 3 and renew the term for existing members: Hank Stratford and Howard Kaplan, to the Community Financial Sustainability Committee for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2026. (Passed 1-0-1 Councilmember Cloven Abstained).

9. **COUNCIL ITEMS** – Limited to Council requests and directives for future meetings.

Councilmember Tillman requested to hire a third-party investigator to discuss in further detail and to have a session on governance

Councilmember Wan requested a discussion regarding lane striping at the entrance of Dana Hills be agendized.

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Cloven attended meetings for: Trans Pac; Clayton Pride; attended the Skylar Bistro Ribbon cutting; and shared information on the Clayton Cleans Up event on April 20, 2024.

Councilmember Wan attended a meeting for East Bay Leadership Council; and thanked Congressman Mark DeSaulnier and his staff for their assistance with facilitating a trip to Washington D.C.

Councilmember Tillman attended meetings for: East Bay Division League of California Cities; Clayton Pride; Mayors and Councils round table; ConFire/Firewise; met with the Interim City Manager; Services FOR

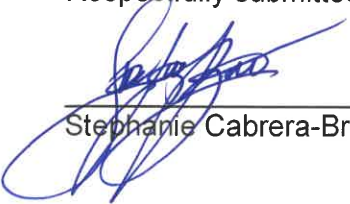
Vice Mayor Trupiano attended meetings for: Mayors Conference; Clayton Community Library Foundation; met with the Interim City Manager; attended the Skylar Bistro and will attend meetings for: East Contra Costa Conservancy; and City Sponsored Special Events Committee. The Vice Mayor also shared that she would be resigning from the CBCA.

Mayor Diaz attended meetings for: County Connection Operations Subcommittee; Mayors Conference; Clayton BBQ planning meeting; Swearing in of the Police Officer; attended the Skylar Bistro Ribbon Cutting; the Contra Costa Bar Association 90th anniversary celebration; attended the celebration of life ceremony for Michael Carney; and met with the Interim City Manager.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - on a call by Mayor Diaz, the City Council adjourned its meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Please note the Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the City Council on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Cabrera-Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



Jim Diaz, Mayor