

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of October 9, 2019

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Al Nagy at Workday headquarters located at 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, California.

## 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Vice Mayor Peggy McQuaid
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Ally Medina
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Pleasanton	Mayor Jerry Thorne
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the July 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded Mayor Halliday to approve the July 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

John Bruno Vice President from Workday provided background regarding the Workday building and Jason Albert Government Affairs Officer provided background on Workday's work and focus on matters such as privacy, security, education, and housing.

Mayor Arreguin discussed SB857, which proposes regulations concerning PG&E power shutdowns. He proposed inviting PG&E to attend a future meeting.

Stephen Baiter announced upcoming events related to trade and investment and its annual Innovation Awards.

## **5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Russo Cutter provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality District.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci indicated that at its meeting this morning, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission approved the start of a study on fare integration that allows transport through various transportation medians.

Mayor Arreguin provided an update on ABAG including the start of Plan Bay Area and stated that he will be representing Alameda County on regional housing methodology and that SB 1487 was signed by the governor. This bill allows ABAG to take the lead on placing affordable housing funding on the ballot.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft attended a presentation with the Silicon County Leadership group regarding the proposed 2020 ballot measure for "Faster Bay Area," which includes an \$0.01 sales tax increase throughout the entire Bay Area.

## **6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

President Nagy informed the members of the Nominating Committee's recommendations regarding current vacancies and of the current regional board vacancies and directed members to review Item 6 of the Executive Director's Report, which provides detailed vacancy information.

It was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Mayor Robert McBain to the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority for a term of two years effective October 9, 2019. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Nagy accepted a floor nomination made by Mayor Russo Cutter and seconded by Mayor Haubert to appoint Mayor Medina to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Committee as the alternate representative for a term of two years effective October 9, 2019. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

## **7. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities provided an overview of recent state legislation including bills signed by the governor. Bills covered include SB5, SB330, SB329, AB836 and AB1483 all of which have been signed by the governor. She also indicated that AB1484 is shelved for the time being and announced future League meetings.

## **8. Other Business Matter**

a) Listing of mayors expressing an interest to participate in the Alameda County Homelessness Working Group.

Members indicated approval of the following mayors participating in the joint city and Alameda County Working Group with the understanding that all mayors are invited to attend meetings and participate:

- Barbara Halliday, Mayor, Hayward
- Ally Medina, Mayor, Emeryville
- Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley
- Libby Schaaf, Mayor, Oakland
- Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor, Alameda
- Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor, San Leandro
- Rochelle Nason, Mayor, Albany
- John Marchand, Mayor, Livermore
- Lily Mei, Mayor, Fremont

#### **9. Host City Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jerry Thorne welcomed attendees, introduced City of Pleasanton councilmembers and staff, and thanked City staff for their work on this event.

Mayor Thorne provided information regarding the Workday building and the impact it is having on the adjacent areas, including a movie theater and proposed housing, a joint police services center and other amenities.

#### **10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

There were no recommendations for future agenda items.

#### **11. Meeting Presentation**

Phong La, Alameda County Assessor, provided an overview of the Assessor office's current scope of work and focus. He stressed the need to work cooperatively with cities and offered assistance in helping cities understand the assessment process to assure properties are assessed accurately. He discussed the impact of large businesses challenging assessments. His presentation focused on new legal theories for reduced property valuations, legal challenges and new approaches such as the "dark store" theory. He also discussed distribution of taxes, business personal property issues, low value ordinances, property renovations and expansions, reassessments, the Mills Act, impact in property ownership changes, Propositions 60 and 90, affordable housing, religious institutions, and assessment appeals.

#### **12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

*Steven Bocian*

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Bocian  
Executive Director