

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of November 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Jerry Thorne, Pleasanton at Boehringer Ingelheim Fremont, located at 6701 Kaiser Drive, in the City of Fremont. The meeting was hosted by Lily Mei, Mayor, City of Fremont.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Alameda	Mayor Trish Spencer
Albany	Mayor Peggy McQuaid
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Scott Donahue
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Pleasanton	Mayor Jerry Thorne

Two special needs students sang the National Anthem.

2. Minutes of the July 12, 2017 Meeting

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Haubert to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2017. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Announcements

There were no public comments.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

There were no reports.

6. Status of Regional Board Vacancies and Call for Applications

Mayor Thorne detailed the openings, which include the:

- J Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging
- J Alameda Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- J Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC)

He encouraged members to try and find interested applicants for these important positions.

7. League of California Cities Report and Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities, indicated that the Governor vetoed SB 649 and signed SB 5, the latter of which will place a Parks and Water Bond measure on the June 2018 ballot. Ms. Caygill also indicated that SB 1 funds will be arriving shortly and that there are statewide initiatives circulating to both protect and roll back SB 1 funds. Ms Caygill also indicated that the League of California Cities will begin informing residents about SB 1 benefits and has encouraged cities to do the same. Resources are available through the league. There will be a webinar on November 16 at 1:30 pm. on recently adopted laws and the League's holiday reception will be December 14, 2017.

8. Meeting Presentation

Mayor Thorne introduced Thomas Blalock, Director, Bay Area Rapid Transit System who began his presentation playing a video regarding Measure RR, which will result in \$3.5 million in funding to improve stations and the overall BART system. A total of 90.4% of the funds will be going to items that need repairs now including escalators, seismic retrofit, 10 miles of worn track, waterproof leaking tunnels, new electrical substations, Phase 2 of Hayward Maintenance Facility, realign tracks and upgrades to the Caldecott tunnel. Director Blalock also indicated that the new train cars did not pass a California Public Utilities Commission inspection, that work on the Milpitas and Berryessa stations is in progress, that there is a new focus on fare evasion, including exploring new types of security gates., that stations will get more regular cleaning, including nightly deep cleaning resulting from the hiring of 15 new employees and that BART is focused on enhancing its security by hiring safety officers. Director Blalock also indicated that BART will be adding Clipper card vending machines at each station and that effective January 1, 2018 riders up to the age of 18 will be charged one-half the cost of a normal fare.

Director Blalock opened the meeting for questions and Scott Donahue asked when the new cars will on line. Mr. Blalock indicated that the current new cars will be retested in 21 days and that he is hoping to have 54 new cars in service by the end of the year and up to 150 new cars in service next year.

9. Host City Introductions and Report

Lily Mei, Mayor of Fremont, welcomed all members to the City of Fremont and acknowledged guests including City Council members and the staff. She thanked Boehringer Ingelheim for hosting the event and indicated that it has made a \$300M investment in the City.

Mayor Lei shared projects and initiatives that the City is working on including economic development related to the advancement of jobs in advanced manufacturing. Many of the advanced manufacturing jobs are in the Biotechnology industry. Medical equipment and Pharma is also prominent in the City. Mayor Mei discussed the 150-acre Ardenwood Technology Park and the Pacific Commons South 2.7 sq. ft., industrial space recently zoned for advanced manufacturing.

Mayor Mei also presented information regarding the City traffic management efforts including the planned I-680 express lane that will begin this fall and the City's efforts to discuss traffic related issues with the community. Mayor Mei presented information concerning the ACE train's effort to expand the number of daily trains running in the City of Fremont, the City's Mobility Task Force, and bike lane enhancements. She also discussed new residential development including the fact that there are currently 1,600 housing units currently under construction City-wide. The City has approved 4,000 new housing units adjacent to the new Warm Springs BART station and this project includes a new elementary school.

Mayor Mei indicated that the City is focused on developing an educational partnership with the school district including the Building Bridges program that involves the City of Fremont PD interacting with sixth graders. The School District and the City are looking at workforce housing and have established a joint agency committee to conduct this work.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Peggy McQuaid expressed that it would be beneficial to have a presentation concerning the proposed one-half percent sales tax initiative. After asking for a show of support, Mayor Thorne indicated, that based on the response from members, the matter should be placed on a future agenda.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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