



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: JUNE 5, 2020
TO: CITY COUNCIL AND PINOLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
FROM: ANDREW MURRAY, CITY MANAGER

UPCOMING EVENTS

CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings	Date and Time	Location
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6:00 pm	Videoconference*
Planning Commission	Monday, June 22, 2020 7:00 pm	Videoconference*
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:00 pm	Videoconference*

* Due to the State of California's declaration of emergency, City Council meetings are currently being conducted through videoconference pursuant to authorization from Governor Newsom's executive orders. Please submit public comments for City Council meetings to the City Clerk before or during the meeting via email to hiopu@ci.pinole.ca.us. City Council meetings can be viewed live on Channel 26 or video-streamed live on the City's website, www.ci.pinole.ca.us. If none of these options are available to you, or you need assistance with public comment, please contact the City Clerk, Heather Iopu, at (510) 724-8928 or hiopu@ci.pinole.ca.us. Agendas, minutes, and other information regarding City Council meetings can be found on the City website, https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_clerk/agendas_and_minutes

OTHER CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS

Events	Date and Time	Location
None*	N/A	N/A

* The City has cancelled or postponed all City-sponsored events for the time being to comply with the County Health Officer's health orders.

RECENT POLITICAL PROTESTS AND RELATED EVENTS

As you have all witnessed, we have moved from one critical national issue, COVID-19, which is beginning to show some signs of improvement (more information below), directly into a new critical national issue, the tragic death of George Floyd, the underlying social issues, and related civil unrest. This is a time of hardship, unrest, and calls for change. Change, of any sort, can create fear and anxiety, and the recent protests and unrest are creating anxiety for some. The City is supporting community members that are exercising their right to seek change while at the same time taking steps to minimize the threat to human safety and property. Fortunately, the protests that have taken place in the County over the past few days have been passionate and safe. Community organizers, local leaders, police officers, and others are coming together to stand for the common causes of equity and justice. Note that there is much inaccurate information about protests and crime, including malicious misinformation campaigns being conducted by fake social media accounts. Please refer to trusted sources of information for news.

JUNE 4, 2020 PEACEFUL SOLIDARITY PROTEST IN MEMORY OF GEORGE FLOYD

The City of Pinole experienced a very significant event yesterday, the Peaceful Solidarity Protest in Memory of George Floyd. This was a youth-led event demanding change in America after a black man, George Floyd, died while in police custody on Memorial Day in Minneapolis. Approximately 1,000 participants gathered in Fernandez Park for speeches, then marched to City Hall, where speeches continued. It was a passionate, moving show of energy for social change. Many downtown businesses had supportive signs in their windows. The youth organizers and participants were very impressive. The City appreciates the organizers' call for peaceful activism.

THE CITY OF PINOLE OPPOSES ALL FORMS OF PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION

The City of Pinole opposes all forms of prejudice and discrimination. The City values diversity and inclusion and is committed to providing all City programs and services in an inclusive and equitable manner. Due to recent events, the City will be re-examining its programs and procedures to ensure that they are inclusive and equitable.

Police conduct has been one of the focuses of many of the protests. The City of Pinole is very fortunate to have an excellent Police Department, which is at the forefront of community engagement, training, and accountability. The City is similarly fortunate to have excellent staff in all other departments, conscientious people that conduct their work with honor, integrity, professionalism, and respect.

Note that prior to recent events, in February 2020, the City Council identified the need for greater community engagement in civic affairs when it adopted the City of Pinole Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025. One of the strategies contained within the plan is that staff will develop a

new Public Engagement Plan. The Public Engagement Plan will provide a framework for diverse community members to connect, interact, and participate; provide opportunities for meaningful youth participation in civic and community life; and provide robust volunteer and internship opportunities. More information on the Strategic Plan can be found here: https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/2020-2025_strategic_plan

Although cities provide a number of services that directly impact quality of life, such as streets, parks and recreation, fire protection, police protection, and land use management, cities in California generally do not provide nor create policy around other critical public services, such as public education, housing, employment development, or healthcare. Therefore, cities must partner with other levels of government to effect change in these services.

DEATH OF DAVID PATRICK UNDERWOOD

The City of Pinole is saddened by and regrets the loss of Homeland Security Officer David Patrick Underwood, who was tragically killed in a drive by shooting in Oakland. He was performing security duty and protecting the federal court building. He was a well-respected peace officer, Pinole Valley High School graduate, and lived in and was a member of our Pinole community.

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF GANG, PINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Below are excerpts from a statement to the community provided by Chief Gang earlier this week.

“The events in Minnesota are both appalling and contrary to the values of the Pinole Police Department. The treatment of Mr. Floyd was in direct contrast to what we expect of our officers and failed to meet the #1 goal of the law enforcement profession, which is the preservation of life. Individuals we contact will be treated with dignity, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, and ability.

We are honored to serve such a great community and have built great relationships with our citizens and those who visit Pinole. Our officers are held to some of the most comprehensive standards of officers across the United States and receive annual training in use of force, including de-escalation tactics. In fact, our agency was the first in the United States to partner with ThinBlueOnline, a national company that provides every officer with ongoing de-escalation training, as de-escalation is a skill built through practice. We have also recently upgraded to the latest body worn camera technology and operate under a policy that mandates the activation of body worn cameras on every contact.

The actions by the officers in Minneapolis threaten not only the relationships we have built with our citizens, but the relationships between police and citizen across our great nation and further undermines the law enforcement profession.

We look forward to continuing to develop and improve relationships with our citizens, as we ensure a safe community by providing exemplary law enforcement service while engaging our citizens with Honor, Integrity, Professionalism, and Respect. United, the Pinole Community will endure; we will grow, and we will become stronger. We stand with you. #PinoleUnited.”

Throughout this turbulent week, the Police Department has strongly supported the rights of community members to express themselves while also working to minimize the threat to human safety and property. Over the course of the past week, the City did not have any reports of injuries, vandalism, arrest, or looting related to the civil unrest, except for one broken window.

TEMPORARY COUNTY CURFEW LIFTED

Contra Costa County temporarily instituted a countywide curfew that was intended to help prevent looting and violence. The curfew was not intended to interfere with political protests. The curfew covered the nights of Tuesday June 2, 2020 and Wednesday June 3, 2020. The County curfew is no longer in effect. Some cities in Contra Costa County have curfews that are still in effect for a few more days. The City of Pinole did not enact its own curfew.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

In response to the COVID-19 epidemic and the County health orders, the City of Pinole has modified its operations and services, effective March 17, 2020 through at least June 15, 2020. Some highlights are listed below. You can find more complete information on the City's COVID-19 website:

https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/coronavirus_covid-19

The Contra Costa County Health Officer issued a new health order effective June 5, 2020. In light of progress achieved in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the County, the order allows a limited number of additional businesses and activities to resume, subject to specific safety precautions to reduce the possible transmission of COVID-19. Additional businesses and activities that are now allowed include indoor retail; indoor and outdoor religious services; all office workplaces; onsite, sit-down, outdoor dining at restaurants; outdoor swimming pools; small outdoor social gatherings; dog parks; picnic areas; and others. More detailed information can be found on the Contra Costa Health Services coronavirus website: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org>. The City will be supporting the reopening of these activities as expeditiously as possible.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CITY DECLARES JUNE PRIDE MONTH AND DIRECTS FLYING THE PRIDE FLAG

LGBTQ+ History Month is a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of gay rights and related civil rights, currently celebrated in the month of June. Celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, and concerts. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. The City Council reaffirmed its recognition of this important annual event by directing City staff at its May 19, 2020 meeting to fly the Pride Flag at City Hall during the month of June.

PINOLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2020 GRADUATION

Pinole Valley High School is conducting its 2020 graduation ceremony on Friday June 5, 2020. Congratulations graduates. We are proud of you for achieving this important milestone.

FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET

City Council conducted a Budget Workshop on May 26, 2020 during which it reviewed the revised proposed FY 2020-21 Operating Budget. The final proposed budget will be presented to the City Council for consideration and adoption at the Council meeting on June 16, 2020.

PINOLE SHORES II UPDATE

The City is continuing the negotiations process for the sale of the Pinole Shores II Business Park property. The City is working on obtaining an easement agreement with Pinole Shores I for egress and ingress access as well as access to the storm drain outlets. The developer is finalizing its application for the development of the site and will be submitting a development application to the City in the near future.

APPIAN WAY FIRE

At approximately 10:45 PM on June 2, 2020, the Pinole Fire Department responded to a slope-driven vegetation fire on Appian Way that was threatening homes on McDonald Drive. Crews made an aggressive fire attack to contain the fire, which grew to about two acres, but did not damage any property.



2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The next General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and will include the election of two Pinole City Council seats and Pinole City Treasurer. The nomination period for candidates opens on July 13, 2020 and closes on August 7, 2020. This is the period when individuals officially receive, circulate and file nomination papers for candidacy. Candidates must wait until the nomination period begins to obtain a nomination packet from the City Clerk, by appointment.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to receive nomination papers, please contact:

City Clerk Heather Iopu
hiopu@ci.pinole.ca.us
(510) 724-8928

Additional information about the General Municipal Election, including candidate and voter assistance information will be posted to the website as it becomes available throughout the election season.

CENSUS 2020! IT'S TIME TO RESPOND!

There's no denying we are living in unnerving and uncertain times as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. That's why it's more important than ever that everyone respond to Census 2020. In fact, how we respond to this Census will impact our ability to respond to future public health crises like the one we are living through right now. Thankfully, the Census is a social distancing approved activity and it has never been easier to respond in the comfort and safety of your own home.

By now, all households should have received a notification in the mail inviting them to respond to the census. You can fill out the census online at my2020census.gov, by phone ([numbers available in 13 languages at this link](#)), or by mail. Starting Mid-May, the Census Bureau will begin sending out Enumerators to follow up with households who haven't responded.

Make sure to count **everyone** living in your household as of April 1, 2020. Remember, your responses are confidential and will shape how much federal funding and civic representation our Pinole gets **for the next decade**. When you've completed your census post a picture on your social media with your receipt and tag #CountMeIn and #CoCoCounts.

Still have questions about how to respond to Census 2020? [Click here to check out answers to frequently asked questions.](#)

For more information about Census 2020 and Contra Costa County's efforts visit cococensus.org.

GET INVOLVED! JOIN A CITY BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION!

The City is continuously looking for volunteers to serve on City boards, committees, and commissions. More information, including current vacancies, can be found on the City's website: https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_clerk/boards_and_commission. Candidates must be appointed by action of the City Council.

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