

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 10 , 2022  
City Hall Council Chambers  
Meeting Held Virtually**

**CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Middleton.

1. The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Miller.
2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Bruins, Daniels, Miller, Schaefer, Middleton  
Council Members absent: None  
Staff present: Baxter, Blomquist, Cave, Feeney, Huber, Jones, Kempenaar, Nossardi, Poole, Reid, Turcotte, Van, and Zenoni.
3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Schaefer, the City Council approved the agenda.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Miller, Schaefer, Middleton  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**PRESENTATIONS**

4. Introduction of City Manager Ashley J. Feeney

Mayor Middleton introduced the new City Manager Ashley Feeney.

City Clerk Van administered the Oath of Office to City Manager Feeney.

Council comments followed.

5. City of Citrus Heights Proclamation Recognizing the Month of February as Black History Month

Mayor Middleton read a proclamation to recognize February as Black History month.

6. Recognition of the Republic Services Annual Recycle Poster Contest Winners

Annah Rulon with Republic Services introduced the annual Citrus Heights Recycle Poster Contest. Ray Robinson with Republic Services shared a presentation naming each of the twelve poster contest winners as follows: (can you list their names here, I recalling doing that in the past). Three Citrus Heights schools participated in the poster contest that was judged by City Council and staff members.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES**

Council Member Bruins attended the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce luncheon. She also attended the Police Activities League board meeting and shared information on their upcoming corn hole tournament event. Council Member Bruins also attended a Finance Committee meeting.

Council Member Daniels recently toured Citrus Heights with the new City Manager.

Council Member Miller provided an update from the Regional Transit ad hoc committee meeting. Council Member Miller shared information for the upcoming Rotary Crab feed.

Vice Mayor Schaefer recently toured Citrus Heights with the new City Manager.

Mayor Middleton recently attended the Police Activities League board meeting. She also attended the Finance Committee meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Clerk Van read a comment from Alfred Sanchez, "Citrus Heights has a bit of Winter Olympics history right here. In January 2002, several residents participated in the Salt Lake Winter Olympic torch relay. One of the torches carried by resident Alfred Sanchez is on display at Citrus Heights City Hall."

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

7. **SUBJECT**: Approval of Minutes  
**RECOMMENDATION**: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2022
8. **SUBJECT**: Approve Resolution for Continued Remote Meetings in Accordance with AB 361  
**STAFF**: A. Van/ R. Jones  
**RECOMMENDATION**: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-013, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Making the Legally Required Findings to Continue to Authorize the Conduct of Remote "Telephonic" Meetings During the State of Emergency
9. **SUBJECT**: Quarterly Treasurer's Report  
**STAFF**: T. Nossardi  
**RECOMMENDATION**: Receive and File the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2021
10. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

**ACTION**: On a motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Bruins, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 7, 8, and 9.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Miller, Schaefer, Middleton  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

10. **SUBJECT:** Striping and Marking Maintenance Services 2022-2025 Award of Contract  
**STAFF:** R. Cave/ L. Blomquist  
**RECOMMENDATION :** Adopt Resolution No. 2022-014, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Sierra Traffic Markings, Inc. for Striping and Marking Maintenance Services 2022-2025 and Further Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to Execute any Extensions and/or non-Substantive Amendments to this Contract Consistent with the City Manager’s General Signing Authority

Council Member Daniels pulled Item 10 for discussion.

General Services Director Cave explained the striping and maintenance services agreement, which included paving and striping proposals. This routine maintenance is separate from brand new pavement projects.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Miller, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Item 10.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Miller, Schaefer, Middleton  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None

City Council recessed in place for two minutes.

**7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING**

11. **SUBJECT:** Public Hearing #1 on the Redistricting Process  
**STAFF:** A. Van  
**RECOMMENDATION :** The following is recommended;
- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public input on the composition of districts for the purpose of redrawing election district boundaries;
  - b. Receive a Presentation from the City’s Demographic Consulting Firm, National Demographics Corporation (NDC);
  - c. Set the Next Public Hearing for March 3, 2022

City Clerk Van introduced the item and the City’s demographer consultant, National Demographics Corporation (NDC). City Clerk Van informed Council that while the City established voting districts in 2019, the City must re-establish districts to reflect recent

federal census updates. This is the first of four public hearings that will engage residents and community members in the redistricting process.

Robert McEntire with NDC introduced the process of re-districting. After the publication of recent census data, each city with district-based elections must take in to account any changes to the population. McEntire requested feedback from Council regarding a proposed redistricting schedule. Council reviewed two proposed schedules, which included future public hearing dates and deadlines for maps from the public. McEntire discussed the goal of laying the foundation for the redistricting process, which includes following guidelines from federal laws, state criteria for cities, and other traditional redistricting principles. McEntire explained that given the updated census data, current district boundaries are legally compliant and could be selected if the Council wishes. The goal of the first public hearing is to establish notable areas in Citrus Heights.

City Clerk Van clarified that the proposed alternative hearing schedule would also include a public workshop on March 3, 2022.

Mayor Middleton opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Clerk Van read a public comment from Kathy Morris, "CHASEN is a Neighborhood Association of Citrus Heights Areas Seven, Eight, and Nine. Our boundaries correspond exactly with the current District 2 boundaries. Our group is very active with a good participation from all areas - therefore involving the entire District. We believe the current district structure works and encourage retaining the District 2 as currently configured."

Hearing no other public comments, Mayor Middleton closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Council Member Miller inquired about a public mapping toolkit. City Clerk Van informed him that we have blank maps available for the public but currently do not have an online mapping toolkit.

Council Member Bruins expressed support for the second proposed scheduling, holding the second Public Hearing on February 24, 2022 and keep all hearings aligned with current City Council meetings.

Mayor Middleton voiced her support with keeping the schedule of Public Hearings in line with currently scheduled City Council meetings and holding a separate workshop for the public.

Vice Mayor Schaefer supports the second schedule for the public hearings, keeping them on current City Council meetings. He also stated his support of adopting the current district boundaries. Vice Mayor Schaefer stated that as he has been out and around his Council district there were many people that didn't understand what districts were and he expressed concern with changing the existing district boundaries may further confuse residents. He felt it would be better to have residents get better acclimated with the existing districts.

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Council Member Bruins also shared her support in adopting the current district boundaries.

Council Member Daniels inquired about the mapping toolkit and associated costs. City Manager Feeney informed Council Member Daniels that staff would monitor public participation, and then decide if purchasing the mapping toolkit is necessary.

Council Member Miller asked about any possibility of returning to at-large elections.

City Attorney Jones responded there are some cities that have tried to battle this, he believes it is a difficult battle and an expensive one that other cities have incurred. Returning to back to at-large voting is probably not something you want to entertain and we would likely get challenged and it would be an expensive process that in the end would probably not be successful.

All Council Members stated their consensus and support for the second proposed redistricting schedule.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

12. **SUBJECT:** Annual Communications Update  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

Communications Officer Baxter shared a recap of the communications efforts made in 2021. The communications team focused on consistent content on existing social media channels, creating new social media channels and methods, and providing feedback and responsiveness. Baxter created a "Communications Menu" to provide staff a list of engagement tools available to support project initiatives. The Communication team stood up new channels and outreach methods such as joining Instagram, establishing Citrus Heights Connect, and Citibot. All of the City's communications outreach has earned more than 11.9 million impressions.

### **CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Feeney shared information for the upcoming reopening of the City Hall Lobby on February 14, a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Citrus Heights Community Center on February 16, and the recent launch of the ARPA Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program. City Manager Feeney also shared information on the City's Strategic Planning that has been rescheduled to May 10, 2022, updates to the Sacramento County Public Health Order, and changes to the indoor mask mandate.

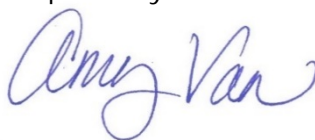
### **ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Middleton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amy Van, City Clerk