

**FEBRUARY 19, 2015
CITY OF ORINDA
CITY OF LAFAYETTE AND TOWN OF MORAGA**

**ORINDA LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, California**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Orinda Mayor Glazer called the joint meeting of the City/Town Councils of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Glazer welcomed all to the meeting and announced that the following Councilmembers were present and absent.

LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers Present: Mike Anderson, Mark Mitchell,
Vice Mayor Traci Reilly, Mayor Brandt Andersson

Councilmembers Absent: Don Tatzin

MORAGA TOWN COUNCIL

Councilmembers Present: Phil Arth, Teresa Onoda, Dave Trotter
Vice Mayor Mike Metcalf, Mayor Roger Wykle

Councilmembers Absent: None

ORINDA CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers Present: Dean Orr, Vice Mayor Victoria Smith,
Mayor Steve Glazer

Councilmembers Absent: Eve Phillips, Amy Worth

CITY/TOWN MANAGERS Present: Steven Falk, Lafayette
Ellen Clark, Moraga Planning Director
(for Jill Keimach, Town Manager)
Janet Keeter, Orinda

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Orinda Mayor Glazer

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM: No Speakers

V. NEW BUSINESS

V-1 Presentation from Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen on the City of Lafayette's Experience with Security Cameras and Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

Lafayette Police Chief Christensen reviewed the steps taken by the City of Lafayette and its Crime Prevention Commission to evaluate and implement camera technology. He explained the three layers of security used in the camera program including use of cameras by residents/businesses in their own homes/businesses, use of cameras purchased by and installed in neighborhoods, and use of cameras by the City.

Chief Christensen continued his presentation by summarizing how and where Lafayette uses its cameras. He then highlighted several auto, residential and business thefts and burglaries that had been solved through the use of photographs obtained with use of the three layers of camera systems in the City.

Chief Christensen concluded by summarizing the statistics that reflected a reduction in crime in Lafayette during 2014.

Council questions followed with Chief Christensen reviewing the number and types of cameras used by the City and the capital costs for the cameras. He attributed part of the reduction in crime to the fact that word of the cameras was getting out through arrestees who were made aware of the pictures taken of their crimes and they shared this information with others; details of how the camera program worked was shared by officers testifying in courtrooms; and the criminal element talked with each other. Chief Christensen reviewed the community forums being held to provide residents with information about camera options and he reviewed how access to the camera data is restricted.

Jack Paulus, Orinda resident, addressed the Councils discussing that the ALPR camera data would be shared with the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) which then shared the data with other county and municipal agencies and federal agencies; in Minnesota the camera data could be accessed with a public records request; there is concern that the information can be abused; the camera data is prone to error and innocent people have been arrested resulting in lawsuits; there was only one study done (in Vermont) on the effectiveness of ALPRs and the system was questioned; everyone should dispense with the notion that the information would be anonymous; and the ALPR system can harm people who need to hide such as battered women or whistle blowers who may want to meet with reporters. Mr. Paulus concluded by stating concern that the only presentation on the technology had been by those in favor of the systems and no one who was concerned with privacy issues had been invited to do a presentation.

Carl Rickenburg, Orinda resident, questioned how many innocent people had been pulled out of their car or falsely detained/arrested in Lafayette as a result of using the camera systems. He reported that Orinda residents had offered to fund a Vigilant camera as a way to overcome some of the cost obstacles.

Marcia Fick, Orinda resident, highlighted that they had an overwhelming response from residents in favor of the cameras and one individual had offered \$10,000 to fund a camera and many others were willing to donate.

Daniel DeBusschere, Orinda resident, stated he favored providing Orinda Police Chief Nagel the necessary tools to prevent crime in the community; he was not as concerned with the data security issues as he was with the effectiveness of the Lafayette program that may result in criminals knowing Orinda was next door and was not covered by the program.

Chief Christensen responded to speaker and Council questions clarifying that, based on policies and procedures, the ALPR data alone was not sufficient to create a probable cause to stop a vehicle; the motion activated camera data was retained by the City of Lafayette; the ALPR data was maintained by the County; and he reviewed the restrictions for access to that data.

V-2 Lamorinda Emergency Preparedness Update, Including Status of Emergency Evacuation Routes

Dennis Rein, Lamorinda Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented an update to the Councils about the development and use of evacuation routes and plans, sheltering options and plans, and that specific routes and shelters were determined on a case-by-case basis during an emergency. He further reviewed details of several emergency preparedness events and activities scheduled in Lamorinda during 2015.

V-3 Community Development Updates

Moraga Planning Director Ellen Clark, Lafayette City Manager Steven Falk, and Orinda City Manager Janet Keeter each presented an update on the community development activities in their respective communities.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

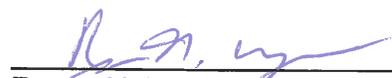
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

As prepared by the City of Orinda,

Respectfully submitted by:


Marty C. McInturf, Town Clerk

Approved by the Town Council:


Roger N. Wykle, Mayor