



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2022
TO: CITY COUNCIL AND PINOLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
FROM: ANDREW MURRAY, CITY MANAGER

UPCOMING EVENTS

CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings	Date and Time	Location
Community Services Commission	Wednesday, February 23, 2022 5:00 pm	Videoconference*
Planning Commission	Monday, February 28, 2022 7:00 pm	Videoconference*
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, March 1, 2022 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 comment@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
Food Distribution	Monday, March 14, 2022, 9:00am-11:00am	Pinole Senior Center 2500 Charles Ave.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIFTS INDOOR MASK MANDATE

Masks still strongly recommended; vaccines and boosters urged to further strengthen defenses

In alignment with the State, Contra Costa and 10 other Bay Area counties and the City of Berkeley have lifted universal mask requirements for vaccinated people in most indoor public settings beginning today. The move comes as cases and hospitalizations have begun to rapidly drop around the state and region.

Unvaccinated individuals over age 2 will continue to be required to wear masks in all indoor public settings. Businesses, venue operators and hosts may determine their own paths forward to protect staff and patrons and may choose to require all patrons to wear masks. Visit <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/> for more information.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL NOVEMBER 2022 BALLOT MEASURE TO CREATE A REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX AND BECOME A CHARTER CITY

At its meeting of March 1, 2022 (deferred from February 15, 2022), the City Council will discuss whether to take next steps to prepare for a ballot measure to become a charter city and enact a real property transfer tax. Specifically, staff is seeking direction on whether the Council wants to proceed with considering a measure to become a charter city and enact a real property transfer tax, whether the Council wants to retain a pollster and consultant to assist with the process, and whether the Council wants staff to prepare a draft charter for review at a future meeting.

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES LUNAR NEW YEAR

At its meeting on February 15, 2022, the City Council issued a proclamation recognizing Lunar New Year.

CITY COUNCIL TO RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS ON MARCH 15, 2022

At its meeting on February 15, 2022, the City Council directed staff to make arrangements to hold the City Council meeting on March 15, 2022 and subsequent Council meeting in a “hybrid” meeting format, which will involve holding the Council meeting in person in the Council chamber and allowing in-person and remote participation by members of the public. For more information, please contact the City Clerk, Heather Bell at (510) 724-8928 or hbelle@ci.pinole.ca.us.

PINOLE SUPPORTS REGIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLANNING

Coastal adaptation to rising sea level is necessary to avoid devastating impacts to people, the economy, and natural habitats. Despite having only one-third of the state’s coastline, two-thirds of California’s economic losses due to rising sea level are forecast to occur in the nine-county Bay Area, absent adaptation actions. As a part of a strategy to address this issue, on February 15 the Pinole City Council adopted a resolution and issued a letter of support to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission in support of the Bay Adapt Joint Platform. The Joint Platform is the result of a voluntary, diverse, and collaborative regional initiative to develop a consensus-driven strategy to protect people and the built and natural environments from a rising Bay. The initiative has resulted in nine priority actions and 21 tasks that will enable the region to adapt faster, better, and more equitably to a rising Bay. Together, fulfilling the Joint Platform will:

- Reduce flood risks for communities, businesses, infrastructure, and habitats.
- Protect natural areas and wildlife.
- Integrate adaptation into community-focused local plans.
- Recognize and equitably support low-income communities.
- Accelerate permitting and project construction.
- Increase technical assistance for local governments.
- Develop and implement a funding strategy to help pay for what is necessary.

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

At its meeting of February 1, 2022, the City Council issued a proclamation declaring February 2022 as Black History Month in Pinole. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements of African Americans and a time to recognize their central role in U.S. history. The theme for 2022 focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. The City’s homepage contains links to events and information sponsored by various organizations regarding Black History Month. Please visit https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/news/what_s_new/black_history_month to view the proclamation and additional information.

CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATES FUNDS FOR 2022 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW

At its meeting of February 15, 2022, the City Council allocated \$54,770 for a fireworks show on the Fourth of July. Council also directed staff to contact the City of Hercules to determine

whether it would be possible for the two cities to collaborate on a single, joint fireworks show. Additional information on the Fourth of July celebration and opportunities for local organizations to participate will be available in the coming months.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County will be providing free boxes of nonperishable food and bags of fresh produce every second Monday of the month. The next drive-thru distribution is **Monday, March 14 from 9 AM to 11 AM** (or as supplies last) at the Pinole Senior Center parking lot, 2500 Charles Ave. You do NOT need to be a member of the Pinole Senior Center or a senior to receive food. Quantities are limited. First come first serve. One box and/or bag per household. This will be a contact-less event, please follow the directions from staff and volunteers when you arrive. Parking or exiting your vehicle will not be allowed. All participants must wear a face covering. **Please open your vehicle's trunk when you enter the parking lot. Food items will be placed in the trunk only by staff/volunteers.** If you have any questions, contact the Recreation Coordinator at ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us or call the Front Desk at (510) 724-9800.

PINOLE VISTA 1500 FITZGERALD DRIVE

An application was filed in April of 2021 to demolish the vacant 91,342 square foot building formerly occupied by K-Mart at 1500 Fitzgerald Drive and construct a new five-story 258,686 square foot residential housing development called "Pinole Vista". The application was filed by Trachtenberg Architects on behalf of the property owner ROIC Pinole Vista LLC. The project proposes 223 units of market-rate and affordable housing and will be sited generally in the same area as the existing building's footprint. Environmental review is currently being conducted by City staff and the project is being reviewed for conformance with the City's General Plan, Three Corridor's Specific Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and applicable State law. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for the Planning Commission to review and take action on the project in March 2022. More information about this proposal will be provided on the [City's current projects page](#) in the coming weeks.

LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN (LRSP)

The City of Pinole is developing a citywide Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) geared towards improving traffic safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers. The LRSP would enable the city to enhance traffic safety for all modes of transportation and for all ages and abilities. To learn more about the project, please visit the project website at www.pinolelrsp.com. To tell us about your traffic-related safety concerns on the city streets, participate in a [virtual map input workshop](#).

WINTER WALK CHALLENGE

Fun, free, and healthy: 511 Contra Costa's [Winter Walk Challenge](#) will get you outside and on the move. Sign up and receive a new challenge each Monday, through March. Complete challenges to earn entries in weekly drawings for \$35 Amazon gift cards and be entered to win the iPad Grand Prize. Start 2022 on the right foot and [sign up](#) today!

MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 mid-year budget will be presented to the City Council at its meeting on **March 1, 2022** (deferred from February 15, 2022). The mid-year review, also the second quarter financial report, provides an in-depth assessment of the City's revenues and expenditures during the first half of the fiscal year (July through December). It helps determine whether the city is on track to meet the original budget for the fiscal year or if adjustments are warranted. It also includes a projection of the fiscal year end results, which serve as the starting point for the development of next year's budget and the long-term financial forecast.

PINOLE SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Application deadline: February 21, 2022

The City of Pinole is providing direct financial assistance to small businesses using \$300,000 of the funding that it received from the federal government from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The program provides a \$3,000 grant to up to 100 small businesses located in Pinole that need assistance recovering from the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant program is administered by the City of Pinole and is offered on a first come, first served basis for eligible businesses. Program information can also be found on the [City's website at https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/finance/covid_small_business_assistance_program](https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/finance/covid_small_business_assistance_program). Also, the program guidelines and application were distributed to all eligible businesses via traditional mail and email.

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

The city recruitment to fill vacancies on the following boards and commissions is **now open continuously**:

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee
- Community Services Commission

For more information on how to apply, please visit the [BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS](#) webpage or contact the City Clerk, Heather Bell at (510) 724-8928 or hbelle@ci.pinole.ca.us.

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Drive-Thru Food Distribution



**MONDAY
MARCH 14
9AM-11AM**
(or as supplies last)

**PINOLE SENIOR CENTER
2500 CHARLES AVE.**

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PLEASE OPEN YOUR TRUNK WHEN YOU ENTER THE PARKING LOT.

STAFF WILL PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE TRUNK ONLY.

Questions: Call 510-724-9800 or email ksantoyo@ci.pinole.ca.us

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