# MINUTES OF JOINT CITY COUNCIL/HAYWARD GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD

# Council Chambers 777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541 Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The Joint City Council/Hayward Geologic Hazard Abatement District Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Halliday at 7:01 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: BOARD MEMBERS Andrews, Bonilla, Roche, Goldstein, Syrop, Zermeño

and Chair Salinas

Absent: None

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the GHAD Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 24, 2022 (with Board member Bonilla requesting modification of time of adjournment of meeting of May 24, 2022 from 6:40 p.m. to 7:40 pm.). It was moved by Board member Bonilla and seconded by Roche to approve the minutes with noted correction; the motion carried unanimously (7-0-0).

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

2. GHAD Manager Haley Ralston provided the staff report regarding the proposed budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and staff's proposal to suspend the levy of assessment for The Reserve development for the 2023/2024 fiscal year since the GHAD has exceeded its target reserve rate of accumulation which had been estimated in the 2016 Engineer's Report. Staff's recommendation is to suspend the levy of assessment for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and to reinstate the levy at or below the assessment limit for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Board member Roche requested confirmation that GHAD assessments are supplemental to property tax, which GHAD Manager Ralston confirmed. Board member Goldstein asked why the levy of assessments are not proposed to taper up or down, rather than being suspended or reinstated as proposed. GHAD Manager Ralston explained that the Hayward SoMi development is coming on line slower than anticipated so the GHAD expenses are less than forecasted. Board members Roche and Bonilla expressed interest in tapering the assessments up to make it easier on property owners and also suggested notification to property owners that the assessments were anticipated to increase next year.

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion by Board member Bonilla (seconded by Board member Syrop) to approve Resolution No. 23-01 approving the GHAD Budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year; the motion carried unanimously (7-0-0).

3. GHAD Manager Ralston presented a brief staff report on staff's recommendation to approve a contract for GHAD Manager services with Engeo, Incorporated.

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion by Board member Roche (seconded by Board member Goldstein) to approve Resolution No. 23-02 approving the GHAD Manager contract for services; the motion carried unanimously (7-0-0).

4. GHAD Attorney Amara Morrison presented a brief staff report on staff's recommendation to approve a contract for GHAD Attorney and Clerk services with Fennemore Wendel.

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion by Board member Roche (seconded by Board member Goldstein) to approve Resolution No. 23-03 approving the GHAD Attorney/Clerk contract for services; the motion carried unanimously (7-0-0).

#### **GHAD MANAGER REPORT**

3. The GHAD Manager reported that the GHAD-owned property held up well during the intense winter storms.

# GHAD BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS, REFERRAL, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

4. Board member Syrop requested a primer on GHADs at a future meeting so the public can better understand its purpose and authority. Board member Bonilla requested a year over year budget comparison from the GHAD Treasurer to see how the GHAD is performing relative to its revenue and expenses (budgeted and actual. Board member Roche asked about the prospect of having a resident at-large sit on the GHAD Board; GHAD Manager explained that the composition of the GHAD Board is set at the time of formation and, therefore, an at-large member could not now be added to the Board.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

GHAD Board Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

APPROVED:

Amara Morrison, Clerk

Hayward Geologic Hazard Abatement District