
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JANANI RAMACHANDRAN

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST BAY RECREATION & CULTURE CLUB, INC., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO REHABILITATE, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN THE FORMER MONTCLAIR FIREHOUSE AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS LOCATED AT 6226 MORAGA AVENUE (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 48F-7361-12 AND 48F-7361-11) FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN (15) YEARS, AND IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL WITH A PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONTAINING PROPOSED LEASE TERMS AND APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the City owns two adjacent parcels measuring approximately 0.91 acres (39,536 square feet) in land area known as the Montclair Firehouse ("Firehouse") and its surrounding grounds located at 6226 Moraga Avenue (APN 48f-7361-12 and 48f-7361-11) in the Montclair neighborhood of Oakland, California ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Firehouse is approximately 3,204 square feet and located on a southern parcel measuring 15,652 square feet. The surrounding ground are located on the northern parcel, which measures 23,884 square feet and is generally unimproved and upsloping; and

WHEREAS, the Property abuts Montclair Park, a City-owned park that includes the Montclair Recreation Center as well as a number of sports facilities, gathering spots, and a children's tot lot. The Property also abuts the Montclair Elementary School and has driveway access from Moraga Avenue near Thornhill Drive, with access from the Warren Freeway (Highway 13); and

WHEREAS, the Firehouse was built in 1927 and is a designated a City Landmark that was closed after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989; and

WHEREAS, proposed uses of the Property must be consistent with the City of Oakland Planning Code, including all conditional use requirements under the RH-4 and S-14* zoning regulations, and allowable uses must be under the Use and Occupancy Classifications of the California Building Code; and

WHEREAS, The East Bay Recreation & Culture Club, Inc. is a California nonprofit dedicated to creating and promoting cultural activities in the East Bay and proposes to rehabilitate, operation, and maintain the Property as a community arts civic center open to the public uses through coordinated fundraising and volunteer efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is requested to negotiate terms of a lease agreement with the East Bay Recreation & Culture Club, Inc., a nonprofit organization, to rehabilitate, operate, and maintain the former Montclair Firehouse and surrounding grounds located at 6226 Moraga Avenue (APN 48f-7361-12 and 48f-7361-11) for use as a community arts center for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) years, and if successful, will return to City Council with a proposed ordinance containing proposed lease terms and appropriate California Environmental Quality Act Findings; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is requested to grant The East Bay Recreation & Culture Club, Inc. a right of entry to access and assess the Property in a manner consistent with applicable regulations, including but not limited to those concerning historic resources.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California