

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
JULY 27, 2026
SPECIAL SESSION

The Special Session of the Oakland City Council met at the City Services Building and was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Coralee Bernard at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were Applegate, Reed, and Ford (via virtual attendance). Also present were Assistant City Clerk Bre Peterson, Shawna Anderson, Virgil Smith Jr, Wendy Smith, Joan Shanno, Richard Shanno, Vernalyn Needham, Tracy Van Zee, Byron Menke, and Ben Siegrist (via virtual attendance).

Motion by Reed to approve the agenda. Second by Applegate. 3 ayes, motion carried.

Bernard opened the public hearing concerning the rezoning of 605 Pioneer Avenue from Commercial to Industrial at 7:01 p.m. In opposition to the rezoning, Anderson, Needham, and Smith spoke. Anderson spoke of the importance of small businesses in the community and how she does not want someone who is not local to obtain this lot when someone in the community would like it for a dog park and future farmers' markets. Needham stated that the church recently decided to pull the lot off the market and would like to see something there that benefits the community. Smith explained that she has been trying to obtain this lot to hold community farmers' markets and hopefully one day put in a dog park for the community. In favor of the rezoning, Ben Sigrest explained he was not aware of the community wanting the lot for other purposes and just thought that the lot, which he wanted to use for storage units, was convenient to his other units and believed this lot would be a great fit. Public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m. Bernard presented that the Planning and Zoning Committee met prior and also voted against the rezoning from commercial to industrial. Motion by Reed to deny the rezoning of 605 Pioneer Avenue, second by Applegate. 3 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Applegate, second by Reed, to adjourn. 3 ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem

Assistant City Clerk