



MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2020

City of Watsonville
Teleconference/Remote

4:00 p.m.

1. CLOSED SESSION

(City Council Conference Room, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor)

(a) **Public Comments regarding the Closed Session agenda were accepted by the City Council at that time.**

(b) **Closed Session Announcement**

The City Council recessed the regular Council Meeting to discuss those items listed on the Closed Session Statement attached to the Agenda.

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code § 54954.5 and 54956.8)

1.	Property: Negotiating parties:	21, 27, and 31 West Beach Street (APN: 017-111-19) Tamara Vides (for City as Landlord) In Sook Yum, individually and dba Top USA Co., Inc., a corporation, as Tenant
	Under Negotiation:	Price, and terms of Lease
2.	Property: Negotiating parties:	7 Second Street (APN: 017-781-02) Tamara Vides (for City as Landlord) Ramanjeet Saini, franchisee for Subway Real Estate Corp., a Delaware corporation, as Tenant
	Under Negotiation:	Price, and terms of Lease

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

1.	Agency negotiator:	Nathalie Manning and Matt Huffaker
	Employee organizations:	Clerical Technical Public Safety Mid-Management Unit Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for employees in the Public Works Unit

5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor García, Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez and Council Members Gonzalez, Hernandez (arrived at 5:46 p.m.), Hurst, and Parker were present via teleconference through Zoom Webinar.

Staff members present via teleconference through Zoom Webinar were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Manager Vides, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Police Chief Honda, Fire Chief Lopez, Deputy City Manager Manning, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Community Development Director Merriam, Interim Library Director Martinez, Innovation & Technology Director Boyes, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Directors Rodriguez and Di Renzo, Assistant Parks & Community Services Director Heistein, Police Captains Rodriguez and Zamora, Recreation Superintendent Negrete, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, and Interpreter Landaverry.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

5.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT

5.C. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN ON THEIR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/BOARD MEETINGS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE

6. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6.A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Patsy Gasca, American Red Cross Disaster Manager, gave a report regarding the Wall Street Inn fire and efforts to assist affected tenants.

Marcus Pimentel, Pájaro Valley Health Trust, invited the public to participate in the Wine and Roses virtual event.

Dr. Nancy A. Bilicich, Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 representative, gave an update on the improvements to Salsipuedes Creek and efforts to minimize financial impact on homeowners to those improvements and improvements to the levee ..

Michelle Averill, American Red Cross Central Coast Chief Executive Officer, gave an update on the CZU Lighting Complex Fire and listed ways those affected could acquire aid.

Eli stated community members had purchased skate ramps from Ramsay Park, and they were destroyed instead of delivered to buyers. She asked for a formal apology and refund for those who contributed to the purchase. She also asked for the City to stop promoting

trick or treating. She stated she was intimidated into not reporting police violations of COVID-19 mandates and asked Police Chief Honda to intervene. She stated she would like to file a formal complaint against Member Hurst due to behavior expressed previously.

Steve Trujillo asked Police to intervene in gang violence due to recent murders. He also asked police to patrol the Target parking lot as there was an increase in loitering and noise. He asked Council to support his proposal for addressing the George Washington Bust at the Plaza.

Fernie asked Council to fund gang intervention services for youth to prevent violence. He stated off-duty police officers were inebriated at Beer Mule and were using their police influence to have others arrested.

Eliana Gonzalez spoke about the importance of holding police accountable for their actions and prioritizing the community's needs.

Bernie spoke about the importance of gang violence prevention rather than depending on police intervention.

At Mayor Garcia's request, Deputy City Manager Vides gave instructions on how to use Zoom Webinar to participate in the Council meeting.

6.B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member Hernandez expressed his condolences to those affected by the recent murders due to gang violence. He spoke about the importance of gang prevention efforts and reopening recreation centers. He invited the public to a traffic safety forum.

Member Hurst asked the public to vote responsibly at the Presidential Election.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked the public to vote at the Presidential Election. She stated Public Works & Utilities would be repainting sidewalks in her district. She asked the public to keep their neighborhoods clean and allow street sweepers and garbage collection vehicles to work without obstructions.

Member Estrada thanked the public for participating in the meeting. He expressed his condolences to those affected by the recent shootings and spoke about the importance of gang prevention efforts. He asked the public to support the Wine and Roses virtual event. He also asked the public to vote at the Presidential Election.

Member Gonzalez asked the public to vote at the Presidential Election. He expressed his condolences to those who lost their lives and loved ones due to gang violence. He thanked the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and many other non-profits for their work in the Community.

Member Parker encouraged the public to vote at the Presidential Election. She expressed her condolences to the families who lost loved ones to gang violence and COVID-19. She honored recently deceased Linda Walthen Espejo, kindergarten teacher at Hall School.

Mayor Garcia spoke about Pájaro Valley High School's National Coming Out Gathering and LGBT struggles. She spoke about a proclamation issued to Manuel Zayas for his 100th birthday and thanked Katie Nuñez for her work at Senior Center Without Limits.

6.C. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Smith reported that Council discussed all items listed on the Closed Session Statement and gave direction to staff on Items 1.A.1 and 1.A.2.

6.D. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD ON ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY & ACKNOWLEDGING ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARIA ELENA DE LA GARZA HER STAFF'S TIRELESS WORK & INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY & COUNTY, WITH WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS

7. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

7.A. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT

After the City Manager's update, Police Chief Honda gave an additional report on public safety.

In answering Member Hurst, City Manager Huffaker spoke about efforts to implement food scrap waste disposal, repercussions and lessons learned from not obtaining a complete Census count, and importance of good election turnout.

City Manager Huffaker and City Clerk Vazquez Flores answered questions from Member Estrada regarding ballot box drop-off locations. Member Estrada requested a report from staff regarding Census data collection efforts.

Member Gonzalez requested that the City Manager's Updates be shorter.

Member Parker commended Police for their work in the community. City Manager Huffaker, in answering Member Parker, spoke about high number of COVID-19 numbers in Watsonville and efforts to deter further spread of the disease.

City Manager Huffaker, in answering Member Hernandez, spoke about potential for partnership with owners of anaerobic digesters to exchange food scraps.

Mayor Garcia stated Jimmy Panetta commended the City of Watsonville's Census efforts.

Eli requested the deadline for submitting the Community Visioning Survey be posted. She asked that City staff respond to social media inquiries. She asked City Manager Huffaker to add a disclaimer on Halloween posters that indicated it is an unsafe activity. She requested additional information regarding the composting program, reopening of schools, and Court Appointed Special Advocates meetings.

Mary Beth Osborn stated there was excessive speeding on Sudden Street and asked for a stop sign at Sudden Street and California Street. She stated she had been hit by vehicles three separate times and asked Police to enforce traffic laws.

Kathleen commended Census staff for their efforts.

Chris Webb asked Council to consider pursuing a digester program for food scraps.

Steve Trujillo asked Council to consider pursuing a digester program for food scraps. He encouraged the public to vote in support of Proposition 15. He spoke about the importance

of Code Enforcement work and addressing unsafe living conditions. He asked the public to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In answering Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, City Manager Huffaker explained how members of the public could obtain Halloween door hangers.

Takashi Mizuno spoke about efforts by the community to clean beaches. He stated many people were not wearing face coverings in public, which contributes to the increase in COVID-19 cases. He thanked Police Chief Honda for his work

7.B. WATSONVILLE BRILLANTE PROJECT PRESENTED BY KATHLEEN CROCETTI

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item

Juan Hidalgo, Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner, spoke about his work and stated Item M was unfeasible due to limited resources.

The following speakers spoke in support of Item 8.M.:

Jose, District 3

Kathleen and Woody

Melissa Dennis, Safe Ag Safe Schools

Krishna Feldman, children's librarian

Karin Wanless

Bernie Gomez, Motivating Individual Leadership for Public Advancement

Reyna

Cesar Lara, Monterey Bay Central Labor Council

Yesenia Molina, Digital Nest

Eli

George Feldman

Hektor Calderon, Safe Ag Safe Schools

Chris Webb, teacher at Linscott School

Michael Kim

Laurie, Santa Cruz resident

Xitlali, Digital Nest

Steve Trujillo

Lilia Barragan

Takashi Mizuno

Margaret Rosa

Eliana Gonzalez

Mariela Jacuinde

MOTION: It was moved by Member Gonzalez, seconded by Member Parker to approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to Item 8.M. to remove Juan Hidalgo's name from the resolution.

Member Estrada commended Agricultural Commissioner Hidalgo for his work and stated the community would assist him in implementing the requirements listed in the resolution of Item 8.M.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez spoke against approval of Item 8.M. until there was more discussions and more information received regarding process for implementation of said

item.

City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding purpose of Item 8.D.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez (Items M and N only), Garcia (Item M Amendment only)
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

8.A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2020, MEETING

8.B. RESOLUTION NO. 184-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE & AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A PURCHASE ORDER WITH GRANITE ROCK COMPANY FOR THREE (3) CALENDAR YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, FOR PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL & SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$700,000 PER YEAR (FUNDED FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND)

8.C. RESOLUTION NO. 185-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS & CALLING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CORRALITOS SAND FILTER STRUCTURE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. WA-20-14348 (ESTIMATED COST OF \$553,000 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND)

8.D. RESOLUTION NO. 186-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, EXTENDING COMPLETION DATE TO JUNE 30, 2022, FOR CONSULTANT OUTREACH EDUCATION SERVICES FOR THE RAIL TRAIL WALKER STREET & LINCOLN STREET SAFETY PROJECTS

8.E. RESOLUTION NO. 187-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH HINDERLITER, DE LLAMAS & ASSOCIATES, INCREASING AMOUNT BY NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROCESSING & PERMITTING CANNABIS APPLICATIONS; & AUTHORIZING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$45,000 FROM THE PLANNING PERMITS REVENUE ACCOUNT TO OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES ACCOUNT

8.F. RESOLUTION NO. 188-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH INFOSEND, INC., FOR PROCESSING & PRINTING OF CITY UTILITY BILLS, MAILING, & ONLINE BILL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO FISCAL YEARS FUNDED FROM FY 2020/2021 THROUGH FY 2021/2022 FROM WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

8.G. RESOLUTION NO. 189-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, FOR CHILDREN'S LEARNING & ENRICHMENT CAMP SERVICES & AUTHORIZING BUDGET

APPROPRIATION OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$106,600 FROM THE GENERAL FUND

8.H. RESOLUTION NO. 190-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE & FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. (FORMERLY KNOWN AS TASER INTERNATIONAL) FOR REPLACEMENT OF TASER 7 CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES (CED), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$214,654.35 (FUNDED FROM A PORTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ALLOCATION OF CANNABIS TAX REVENUE)

8.I. RESOLUTION NO. 191-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED 2020 MEASURE D 5-YEAR PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (FY 2020/2021 - FY 2024/2025) FUNDED BY MEASURE D, APPROVED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

8.J. RESOLUTION NO. 192-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR & ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT (REAP) TO FUND ZONING ORDINANCE & GENERAL PLAN TEXT AMENDMENTS TO INCREASE HOUSING DENSITY & STREAMLINE PERMITTING FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, & IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE & SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS WITH ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) IN RELATION THERETO; & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND

8.K. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING & AUTHORIZING NEW & REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATIONS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

1) RESOLUTION NO. 193-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION & JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER (MANAGEMENT UNIT) AT ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$54.83 - \$73.48 PER HOUR

2) RESOLUTION NO. 194-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION & JOB DESCRIPTION FOR VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT MANAGER (MANAGEMENT UNIT) AT ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$40.80 - \$54.68 PER HOUR

3) RESOLUTION NO. 195-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION OF SAFETY & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (MANAGEMENT UNIT) & REAFFIRMING ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$41.66 - \$55.83 PER HOUR

4) RESOLUTION NO. 196-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION OF WATER SERVICES SUPERVISOR (MID-MANAGEMENT UNIT) & REAFFIRMING ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$41.04 - \$55.00 PER HOUR

8.L. RESOLUTION NO. 197-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION RE-ADOPTING CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE BY INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE FAIR POLITICAL

**PRACTICES COMMISSION'S STANDARD MODEL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE &
BY AMENDING THE APPENDIX IDENTIFYING DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES WHO
SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

**8.M. RESOLUTION NO. 198-20 (CM):
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING POSTING OF NOTICES OF INTENT ONLINE BY SANTA
CRUZ COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER BEFORE APPLICATION OF
PESTICIDE**

**8.N. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES AMENDING TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF THE
WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS &
JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

- 1) ORDINANCE NO. 1411-20 (CM):
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14-12 (ZONING PERMITS) OF TITLE 14
(ZONING) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR REGULATION OF
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS & JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS
LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY**
- 2) ORDINANCE NO. 1412-20 (CM):
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14-16 (DISTRICT REGULATIONS) OF TITLE 14
(ZONING) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE REGULATION OF
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS
LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY**
- 3) ORDINANCE NO. 1413-20 (CM):
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 (DEFINITIONS) OF TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF
WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE REGULATION OF ACCESSORY
DWELLING UNITS & JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS LOCATED WITHIN
THE CITY**
- 4) ORDINANCE NO. 1414-20 (CM):
ORDINANCE RESCINDING CHAPTER 14-23 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS) OF
TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY &
ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 14-23 ENTITLED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS &
JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITSY**
- 5) ORDINANCE NO. 1415-20 (CM):
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14-40 (GENERAL PROVISIONS, EXCEPTIONS,
& MODIFICATIONS) OF TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE
FOR REGULATION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS & JUNIOR ACCESSORY
DWELLING UNITS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY**

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10. NEW BUSINESS

**10.A. PRESENTATION BY TWO RESPONDENTS TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY - PORTER BUILDING: PAJARO VALLEY ARTS
AND WATSNEWS LLC. (REGISTER PAJARONIAN)**

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Assistant City Manager Vides.

2) Presentation by WATSNEWS LLC. (Register Pajaronian)

Dan Pulcrano on behalf of Register Pajaronian and Joe Cirone, restaurateur, gave a presentation on their proposal.

3) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

Mr. Pulcrano answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding timeline for the proposed project, plan specifics, and job creation from new services.

In answering Member Parker, Mr. Pulcrano explained the different services that would be offered through the proposed project, listed benefits to the community, and timeline for the project.

Mr. Pulcrano answered questions from Member Hernandez regarding efforts to provide local food at their restaurant and potential for internships for students.

In answering Member Hurst, Mr. Cirone spoke about budget for the proposed project.

Mr. Pulcrano and Mr. Cirone answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding potential collaboration with Pájaro Valley Arts, costs associated with renovating the building, healthy food options to be offered at the proposed restaurant, and potential for work opportunities for locals.

Mr. Pulcrano and Mr. Cirone answered questions from Member Estrada regarding communication with the community about the proposed project, target group for work space, efforts to promote different languages at the proposed site, and how the project would benefit the community.

Mr. Pulcrano, in answering Mayor Garcia, explained how the proposed boutique hotel would function.

4) Presentation by Pájaro Valley Arts

Judy Stabile, Pájaro Valley Arts Treasurer, gave a presentation on their proposal.

5) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Member Parker, Ms. Stabile spoke about the timeline for the proposed project.

Ms. Stabile answered questions from Member Hernandez regarding timeline for the project, timeline for vacating their current building, and funding sources for the proposed project.

In answering Member Hurst, Ms. Stabile spoke about future plans for expansion of Pájaro Valley Arts through a performance center.

Ms. Stabile answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding disproportion of art amenities countywide and lack of art studio space in Watsonville, art show patron attraction, and potential grant funding for the project.

In answering Member Estrada, Ms. Stabile spoke about financial challenges they would face as part of renovating the project and efforts to attract members of the many sectors of the community.

Ms. Stabile, in answering Member Gonzalez, spoke about employment opportunities through the proposed new arts location.

In answering Mayor Garcia, Ms. Stabile spoke about proposed art studios and a performance center at the proposed project site.

6) **Public Input**

The following speakers spoke in support of sale of the Porter Building to Pájaro Valley Arts:

Susan Graulty, Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD)
Valentina Velasquez
Alondra Mejia
Adriana Torres
Kathleen Crocetti
Jessica Carrasco

Judy Gittlesohn asked Council to support the proposal from WATSNEWS LLC.

Beth Shields asked Council to support the proposal from Pájaro Valley Arts.

Tony Nunez, Register Pájaronian, asked Council to support the proposal from WATSNEWS LLC.

The following speakers spoke in support of sale of the Porter Building to Pájaro Valley Arts:

Gabriel Medina
Xitlali
Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, City Council Candidate
Jim Brown, Arts Council Santa Cruz County
Guillermo Aranda
Steve Trujillo
Yesenia Molina
Christina Cuevas
Rosemarie Penhallow
Mayra Ruiz-Valtierra
Frances Salgado-Chavez
Victor Cervantez, educator at PVUSD
Linda Martin, Pajaro Valley Arts Executive Director
Sedrick Cabrera
Andrea Flores Morgado
Eli
Irene Juarez O'Connell
Zurya Rodriguez
Tracey Torres

Jeanie Johnson, Register Pájaronian Publisher, asked Council to support the proposal from WATSNEWS LLC.

The following speakers spoke in support of sale of the Porter Building to Pájaro Valley Arts:

Paul DeWorken

Monique Sanchez, Pájaro Valley Arts

Mayor Garcia explained that Council would take action on the proposals during closed session at the November 10, 2020, meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked staff to create a forum for discussion of the topic and post on the website.

10.B. REPORT ON SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS FOR 2020

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Fire Chief Lopez.

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

Fire Chief Lopez and Police Chief Honda answered questions from Member Hurst regarding enforcement on illegal fireworks, fines issued, challenges in responding to illegal fireworks use, and appeals to fines filed with the Fire Department.

City Manager Huffaker, Police Chief Honda, and Fire Chief Lopez answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding use of the Airport's Fire in the Sky event to deter use of illegal fireworks, potential for Council to ban safe and sane fireworks, mapping of illegal fireworks use, use of drones to identify illegal fireworks use, and allowed fine amounts for use of illegal fireworks.

Police Chief Honda and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Estrada regarding efforts to deter illegal fireworks use, litter/pollution produced from fireworks use, and potential for alternatives to fireworks sales for non-profits to generate funding for their organizations.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Police Chief Honda and Fire Chief Lopez stated surcharges from fireworks sales paid for most of staff overtime costs. Police Chief Honda added that staff cited a small number of violators due to challenges of locating illegal fireworks use.

Member Parker spoke about the importance of deterring use of illegal fireworks and asked staff to pursue new options to end their use.

Member Hernandez spoke about the challenges non-profit organizations face in generating revenues and stated fireworks sales were crucial for them.

3) Public Input (None)

4) MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Parker to direct staff to return to Council and further discuss the item with input from stakeholders.

5) City Council Deliberation on Motion

Member Hurst stated fireworks sales were crucial to non-profits for acquiring funds for their organizations. He added the State should be more proactive in preventing illegal fireworks from entering California.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez stated Council needed to be proactive in finding alternatives for non-profits if they chose to end fireworks sales.

Member Hernandez stated fireworks sales were crucial to non-profits for generating funds for their organizations.

Member Estrada spoke about the importance of meeting with stakeholders in order to identify whether banning fireworks was feasible for them.

Member Gonzalez spoke about the challenges of finding alternatives to fireworks sales for non-profits.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Parker, García
NOES: MEMBERS: Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst
ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

11.A. WATSONVILLE PARKLET PROGRAM – Continued to November 10, 2020, meeting

12. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

13. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked for an update on the emergency services study.

Member Hurst requested that the fireworks discussion be brought to Council early in 2021. In answering Member Hurst, City Manager Huffaker stated a waste disposal report would be brought to Council at a later time.

Mayor Garcia requested a resolution apologizing for the 1930 Filipino Riots.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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Rebecca Garcia

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Rebecca J. García, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beatriz Vázquez Flores

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Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk