



MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 2020

City of Watsonville
Teleconference/Remote

3:31 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.

Peter Carter asked Council to support Item 7.F

Eli stated all correspondence regarding the Porter Building sale was in support of the proposal submitted by Pájaro Valley Arts and asked Council to approve their proposal.

Yesenia Jimenez asked Council to support the proposal for the Porter Building submitted by Pájaro Valley Arts.

Luis Leonor asked Council to support the proposal for the Porter Building submitted by Pájaro Valley Arts.

Erik, kindergarten teacher, asked Council to support the proposal for the Porter Building submitted by Pájaro Valley Arts.

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter asked Council to support the proposal for the Porter Building submitted by Pájaro Valley Arts.

Jessica Carrasco asked Council to support the proposal for the Porter Building submitted by Pájaro Valley Arts.

Member Gonzalez announced he was President of the Board for Pájaro Valley Arts and would recuse himself from Item 1.A.1. He encouraged Council to support the proposal for the Porter Building submitted by Pájaro Valley Arts.

(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.

1.A. PERSONNEL MATTERS §54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager

City Clerk

1.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

1.C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code § 54954.5 and 54956.8)

1. Property: 280 Main Street (APN: 017-182-16)
Negotiating parties: Tamara Vides (for City as Landlord)
Pájaro Valley Arts, as tenant
WatsNews, LLC, as tenant
- Under Negotiation: Price, and terms of Lease

5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor García, Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez and Council Members Gonzalez (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), Hernandez (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), Hurst, and Parker (arrived at 5:32 p.m.) 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, Deputy City Manager Manning, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Community Development Director Merriam, Innovation & Technology Director Boyes, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Police Captains Rodriguez and Zamora, Principal Planner Meek, Housing Manager Landaverry, Principal Engineer Green, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Administrative Analyst Paz, and Interpreter Vázquez-Quintero.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

4.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT

4.C. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN ON THEIR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/BOARD MEETINGS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE (None)

5. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

5.A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Natalie Olivas, Regeneracion Pájaro Valley Climate Action, encouraged Council to review Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's (SCCRTC) Transit Corridor Alternative's Analysis and support electric passenger rail.

Eli spoke about the success of the recent artist pop-up market and spoke about the importance of art in Watsonville. She asked for an update on how she could submit a formal complaint against Member Hurst. She accused Member Gonzalez of running an unfair campaign against his opponent.

Alexander Azevedo, Regeneración Pájaro Valley Climate Action, encouraged Council to review SCCRTC's Transit Corridor Alternative's Analysis and support electric passenger rail.

Anissa Balderas, Regeneración Pájaro Valley Climate Action, encouraged Council to review SCCRTC's Transit Corridor Alternative's Analysis and support electric passenger rail.

Dr. Nancy A. Bilicich, Pájaro Rivershed Flood Prevention Authority, spoke about efforts to minimize financial impact on homeowners that improvements to the levee would have on them. She stated the Son's of Italy would support an Italian restaurant at the Porter Building.

Michelle West, Regeneración Pájaro Valley Climate Action, encouraged Council to review SCCRTC's Transit Corridor Alternative's Analysis and support electric passenger rail.

Assistant Police Chief Sims gave an update on the progress of the Pink Patch Project. He thanked Chaz Designs for their generous donations.

Raeid Farhat stated his project on Marin Street had been stalled by the Community Development Department and spoke negatively about City Manager Huffaker's management of the issue.

5.B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez invited the public to participate in SCCRTC's Transit Corridor Alternative's Analysis and support electric passenger trail.

Member Estrada congratulated the winners and commended participants of the 2020 General Municipal Election. He spoke about the importance of treating all residents fairly. He wished everyone a happy Veterans Day.

Member Hurst spoke about the importance of respect and unity. He congratulated the winners and commended participants of the 2020 General Municipal Election.

Member Gonzalez congratulated the winners and commended participants of the 2020 General Municipal Election. He invited the public to participate in SCCRTC's Transit Corridor Alternative's Analysis and support electric passenger trail.

Member Parker commended candidates of the 2020 General Municipal Election and those who spoke with them during their campaign. She spoke about vote efforts by Native Americans to remove President Trump from office. She spoke about the importance of equality for all.

Member Hernandez spoke about several events he participated in over the previous weeks. He wished everyone a happy Veterans Day and stated his hopes for a more positive 2021. He invited the public to participate in SCCRTC's Transit Corridor Alternative's Analysis and support electric passenger trail.

Mayor Garcia recognized new members of the Green Business Association and stated they would participate in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. She spoke about her

participation in a composting workshop and encouraged everyone to pursue composting programs.

- 5.C. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING ESPERANZA DEL VALLE ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY & COMMENDING THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION IN FOSTERING INTEREST & INVESTMENT IN THE MEXICAN ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY, & WISHING THEM MANY MORE YEARS OF CONTINUED SUCCESS**
- 5.D. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2020 AS NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH & PATRICK OROZCO, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN OF THE PÁJARO VALLEY OHLONE INDIAN COUNCIL, FOR HIS CONTINUOUS WORK IN FAVOR OF THE LOCAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE & THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE**
- 5.E. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HAL HYDE FOR HIS LIFETIME OF DEDICATION & CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY & EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR HIS PASSING**
- 5.F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Item moved after Item 6.A.**

6. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

6.A. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT

In answering Mayor Garcia, City Manager Huffaker gave an update on the Ad-Hoc Committee on Policing and Social Equity.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, City Manager Huffaker stated the State of the City would occur on November 28, 2020, and a follow up meeting would be held on December 3, 2020.

Eli asked for clarity on how members of the public could receive responses on questions asked. She asked for additional information on the City's composting program and asked for PowerPoint presentations to be made available to the public. She asked that Ad-Hoc Committee on Policing and Social Equity meetings have chat enabled.

5.F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Smith reported that Council discussed all items listed on the Closed Session Statement, but took no action.

6.B. PRESENTATION BY MAGGY IVY FROM VISIT SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

6.C. REPORT ON HOUSING FOR A HEALTHY SANTA CRUZ: A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY - A THREE YEAR PLAN - BY RANDY MORRIS HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND ELISSA BENSON, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ms. Benson and Mr. Morris answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding use of the Veteran's Hall for sheltering displaced tenants, efforts to find an alternate site, challenges of addressing homelessness nationwide, and keeping neighborhoods affected by homelessness safe.

In answering Mayor Garcia, Ms. Benson spoke about how the All in One Plan affected Watsonville and efforts to promote equity Countywide.

Mr. Morris answered questions from Member Estrada regarding challenges in providing aid to homeless who did not want assistance.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, Ms. Benson and Mr. Morris spoke about challenges in providing resources to homeless populations that commute between counties and deterring spread of COVID-19.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The following speakers spoke in support of Item 7.E.:

Edgar Ibarra Gutiérrez

Rob Bonta, California Assemblymember - District 18

Manuel Quintero Bersamin

Roy Recio

Katelyn Cortez

Jane Barr, Eden Housing Associate Director, spoke in support of Item 7.F. and gave project specifics.

The following speakers spoke in support of Item 7.E.:

Bill Tamayo

Steve Trujillo

Eli stated her concerns regarding unauthorized photographing of field workers as part of the Campesino Caravan grant program. She spoke in support Items 7.E. and 7.F.

The following speakers spoke in support of Item 7.E.:

Juanita Wilson

Victoria Nakaahiki

Rafael Hernandez, Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, spoke in support of Item 7.F.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Gonzalez to approve the Consent Agenda.

Member Hernandez spoke about the importance of approving Item 7.E. and honoring Filipino culture and history.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez thanked Community Health Trust of Pájaro Valley for grant funding through Item 7.D. She asked for housing to be diversified to allow tenants to purchase low income homes.

Member Hurst spoke in support of Item 7.E.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

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

7.B. **RESOLUTION NO. 199-20 (CM):**
RESOLUTION AWARDING \$619,567 BID TO MAGGIORA BROS. DRILLING, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER WELL NO. 4 PROJECT NO. WA-20-14557 LOCATED AT 154 ROACHE ROAD (\$619,567 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND)

7.C. **RESOLUTION NO. 200-20 (CM):**
RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH ES ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC, FOR LANDFILL CLOSURE SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S LANDFILL, BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$98,596

7.D. **ACCEPTANCE OF \$20,000 CARES ACT GRANTS FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST OF PÁJARO VALLEY**

- 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 201-20 (CM):**
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$15,000 CARES ACT GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST OF PÁJARO VALLEY ON BEHALF OF THE WATSONVILLE CAMPESINO APPRECIATION CARAVAN TO SUPPORT COVID-19 OUTREACH AMONG AGRICULTURAL WORKERS & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND
- 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 202-20 (CM):**
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$5,000 CARES ACT GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST OF PÁJARO VALLEY TO SUPPORT COVID-19 MESSAGING EFFORTS IN SOUTH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND

7.E. **RESOLUTION NO. 203-20 (CM):**
RESOLUTION FORMALLY APOLOGIZING FOR THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY'S RESIDENTS AGAINST THE FILIPINOS IN WATSONVILLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE 1920s & 1930s, & COMMENDING THESE FILIPINO NATIONALS & THEIR CHILDREN, THE FILIPINO AMERICANS FOR THEIR NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PÁJARO VALLEY

7.F. **RESOLUTION NO. 204-20 (CM):**
RESOLUTION NO. 7-20 (SHA):
JOINT RESOLUTION OF SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY/COUNCIL (1) APPROVING A FUNDING COMMITMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 TO EDEN HOUSING, INC., TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 53-UNIT MULTI-FAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 1482 FREEDOM BOULEVARD CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF PROJECT ENTITLEMENTS; (2) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LOAN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL CONTAIN TERMS OF THE USE OF THE LOAN FOR THE PROJECT; & (3) AUTHORIZING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FROM THE CITY'S SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY FUND

8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

9.A. CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2024, ANNUAL 2020-2021 ACTION PLAN, & SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Housing Manager Landaverry.

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

Housing Manager Landaverry answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding Senior Center upgrades, CDBG funding of code enforcement services, CDBG funding of park services, and use of CDBG funding to subsidize City services.

Housing Manager Landaverry answered questions from Member Parker regarding area median income limits, proposed funding allocations for 2020/2021, and use of allowed funding for program administration and planning.

In answering Member Hernandez, City Manager Huffaker spoke about reasons the City was pursuing a parklet program and ways the City was working to increase access to internet.

City Manager Huffaker and Housing Manager Landaverry answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding proposed funding for a parklet program, use of CDBG funds towards public safety, potential for use of CDBG funds for infrastructure and flood protection, concentration of funding towards parks programs, inability to use CDBG funding towards home purchases, and use of CDBG funding towards removal of homeless encampments.

Housing Manager Landaverry answered questions from Mayor Garcia regarding the Citizen Participation Agreement and requirement for community dialogue in order to approve the CDBG Action Plan.

3) Public Hearing

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing:

Carmen Herrera Mansir, El Pájaro CDC, spoke about success of their program in collaboration with the City.

Lisa Berkowitz, Meals on Wheels Program Director, spoke about success of their program in collaboration with the City.

Ray Cancino, Community Bridges Chief Executive Officer, spoke about the need for funding for Meals on Wheels and thanked the City for their support.

Steve Trujillo spoke about the importance of Senior Center services and Youth Center services. He asked Red Roof Inn to donate rooms to the homeless.

After checking if anyone in the teleconference wanted to speak on the matter, hearing none, Mayor García closed the public hearing.

4) **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Parker to approve the resolutions listed below:

5) **City Council Deliberation on Motion (None)**

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

6) **RESOLUTION NO. 205-20 (CM):**

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR JULY 1, 2020, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, WHICH INCLUDES THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

7) **RESOLUTION NO. 206-20 (CM):**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF WATSONVILLE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR JULY 1, 2015, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019, WHICH INCLUDES THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

9.B. CONSIDERATION OF WATSONVILLE PARKLET PROGRAM (Continued from October 27, 2020, meeting)

1) **Staff Report**

The report was given by Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano.

2) **City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, in answering Member Gonzalez, spoke about potential locations for launch of the Pilot Parklet Program.

In answering Member Hernandez, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano spoke about potential locations for launch of the Pilot Parklet Program and collaboration with Caltrans on the program.

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding impact the Parklet Program would have on traffic, distribution of grant funding for interested parties, potential for use of parking lots for parklets, and potential challenges the homeless population would bring for parklets.

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano answered questions from Member Estrada regarding hire of locals for building of parklets, use of local artists for decoration of parklets, and pedestrian safety concerns stemming from parklets.

Member Parker stated her concerns regarding safety for public utilizing parklets. In answering Member Parker, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano spoke about potential use of parking lots for parklets.

In answering Mayor Garcia, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano spoke about criteria that would be used to identify participants in the Pilot Parklet Program.

3) Public Hearing

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing.

Ray Cancino, Community Bridges Chief Executive Officer, spoke about interest in participating in the Pilot Parklet Program and collaborating with the City.

Steve Trujillo spoke about the benefit of well-kept and maintained parklets.

Eli spoke in support of staff recommendation. She asked if parklets would be available to the public despite businesses nearby being closed.

After checking if anyone in the teleconference wanted to speak on the matter, hearing none, Mayor García closed the public hearing.

4) MOTION: It was moved by Member Gonzalez, seconded by Member Hernandez to introduce the ordinance and approve the resolution listed below:

5) City Council Deliberation on Motion

In answering Member Gonzalez, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano stated parklets would be for public use.

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, in answering Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez stated parklets would be allowed on public parking lots and would not affect parking requirements for businesses. He added the pilot program would last one year.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

6) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION ADDING CHAPTER 19 (PARKLETS) TO TITLE 7 (PUBLIC WORKS) OF WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL TO ALLOW FOR PARKLETS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

7) RESOLUTION NO. 207-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING & ADOPTING PILOT PARKLET PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MORE PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY OUTDOOR SPACES IN COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS AREAS; & DIRECTING STAFF TO SET-UP UP TO TWO CITY-SPONSORED PILOT LOCATIONS

9.C. CONSIDER MODIFICATION (APP #601) OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH DESIGN REVIEW (PP2016-52) TO REDUCE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES FROM 133 TO 132 TO ACCOMMODATE ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES & ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF 49 TOWNHOMES LOCATED AT 221 AIRPORT BOULEVARD

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Principal Planner Meek.

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Member Parker, Principal Planner Meek explained why the project changes were considered major.

Principal Planner Meek answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding reason for request by the developer for reduction of a parking space.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Principal Planner Meek spoke about parking standards and initial project approval.

3) Public Hearing

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing.

Dr. Nancy A. Bilicich stated reduction of a parking space did not merit a public hearing.

After checking if anyone in the teleconference wanted to speak on the matter, hearing none, Mayor García closed the public hearing.

4) MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Hernandez to approve the resolution below.

5) City Council Deliberation on Motion

Member Hurst, Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, and Member Hernandez spoke about the importance of adequate parking.

Member Hernandez asked staff to consider items of this magnitude at the administrative level.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

6) RESOLUTION NO. 208-20 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION (APP #601) OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH DESIGN REVIEW (PP2016-52) TO REDUCE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES FROM 133 TO 132 TO ACCOMMODATE ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES & ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF 49 TOWNHOMES (48 NEW TOWNHOME UNITS & RELOCATE & REHABILITATE THE EXISTING ROACHE SCHOOL BUILDING INTO A RESIDENTIAL UNIT) ON A 2.65± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 221 AIRPORT BOULEVARD (APN: 015-371-01)

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

11. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Estrada requested a report regarding enforcement of traffic laws and speeding. Member Hernandez asked that a traffic engineer participate in the report.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked for enforcement on illegal modifications to vehicles. She asked for an update on the Atkinson Lane Housing Project and a general update from the County. She also asked for an update on the Emergency Services study that would be conducted as part of approval of Measure Y.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Rebecca Garcia

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