



## MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2021

City of Watsonville  
Teleconference/Remote

4:06 p.m.

### 1. CLOSED SESSION

Public comments regarding the Closed Session Agenda were accepted by the City Council at that time.

Eli spoke in support of purchase of the Fox Theater to renovate it and create art opportunities for the community.

Sedrick Cabrera, actor, spoke in support of purchase of the Fox Theater. He offered to work with the City to revitalize the building and create art opportunities for the community.

The City Council of the City of Watsonville recessed to Closed Session to discuss the matters that follow:

### 1.a CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

1. Property: 15 Maple Avenue (APN: 017-113-06)

Negotiating parties: Matt Huffaker (City)  
Hank Garcia

Under negotiation: Price, terms of payment

### 1.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9:

**[1 Case]**

### 1.c CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency negotiator: Nathalie Manning, Matt Huffaker & Mike McDougall

Employee organization: Service Employees International Union, Local 521 Clerical  
Technical (SEIU), IAFF Local 1272 (Fire), Confidential  
Unit, Management Unit, Mid-Management Unit

## **CITY COUNCIL RESUMED AT 5:33 P.M.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dutra, Mayor Pro Tempore Parker, and Council Members Estrada, García, González, and Montesino were present via teleconference through Zoom Webinar. Member Hurst was absent.

Staff members present via teleconference through Zoom Webinar were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Manager Vides, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Fire Chief Lopez, Deputy City Manager Manning, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Community Development Director Merriam, Innovation & Technology Director Boyes, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Di Renzo, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Principal Planner Meek, Senior Civil Engineer Yasbek, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Environmental Projects Manager Cassel-Shimabukuro, and Interpreter Landaverry.

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **4.a REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

#### **4.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

#### **4.b 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**

Steve Trujillo, Cabrillo College Board Trustee, spoke about the importance of finding a qualified replacement for retiring Police Chief Honda.

Celeste Gutierrez, Policing and Social Equity Committee Member, announced that the Committee would cease holding public meetings and listed the Committee Members' vote.

Eli spoke in opposition to the Policing and Social Equity Committee meetings being held privately.

#### **5.b ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL**

Member García listed the meetings she participated in over the previous weeks and highlighted topics from the Planning for a Sustainable Central Coast virtual event.

Member González spoke about his meeting with Congressman Jimmy Panetta and his efforts to improve living conditions for residents. He encouraged residents to participate in Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) and in Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission discussions regarding rail services.

Member Montesino spoke about the success of the Strategic Planning Workshop.

Member Estrada encouraged the public to attend Pájaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance's vaccine clinic. He announced that Pájaro Valley Health Trust, in partnership with Kaiser Permanente, would be opening a farmer's market.

Mayor Pro Tempore Parker spoke about challenges residents faced due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and encouraged residents to vaccinate themselves against the disease.

Mayor Dutra spoke about events he participated in over the previous weeks and invited the public to future events.

**5.c. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

City Manager Huffaker stated no final action was taken during Closed Session.

**5.d. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MORAN FAMILY & REAL COLIMA 2 FOR BEING A FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANT & AN EXAMPLE OF PERSEVERANCE DURING DIFFICULT TIMES**

**5.d. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, HONORING & EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR GLORIA ESTHER BETANCOURT, WHOSE LIFE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, CARING & LOVE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL PEOPLE, & CONVEYING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES FOR HER PASSING**

**5.e. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING MOUNTAIN BIKERS OF SANTA CRUZ FOR THEIR WORK ON THE PUMP TRACK & THANKING THEM FOR PROVIDING A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO GET OUTSIDE AND GET ACTIVE**

**5.f. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO THE LISTED BUSINESSES FOR EXCEEDING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, PREVENTING POLLUTION, & CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES**

Eric Valenzuela, director of food safety & sustainability at California Giant, thanked Council for the award and spoke about California Giant's efforts to protect the environment.

*Mayor Dutra recessed the meeting at 6:16 p.m. to restart the Zoom Webinar to solve technical difficulties. The meeting resumed at 6:25 p.m.*

**6. REPORTS TO COUNCIL -- No Action Required**

**6.a. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT**

The report was given by City Manager Huffaker.

In answering Members García and Montesino, Administrative Services Director Czerwin spoke about ways the American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used.

**6.b. UPDATE REPORT ON 2030 CLIMATE ACTION ADAPTATION PLAN**

The report was given by Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Environmental Projects Manager Cassel-Shimabukuro, & Senior Civil Engineer Yasbek.

Public Works and Utilities Director Palmisano, in answering Member García, stated staff would explore adding language pertaining to effects of climate change on women and explained how the Climate Action Adaptation Plan could be integrated in the Council Strategic Plan.

In answering Member González, City Manager Huffaker stated staff would explore adding the environment as a single Strategic Plan goal.

Senior Civil Engineer Yasbek and Public Works and Utilities Director Palmisano answered questions from Member Estrada regarding the City's opportunity for creation of public banking and spoke about the timeline for implementation of the Climate Action Adaptation Plan.

In answering Mayor Dutra, Public Works and Utilities Director Palmisano spoke about potential for a new conservation center at Ramsay Park.

Natalie Olivas, community organizer at Regeneración Pájaro Valley Climate Action, and Mariela Lopez, electric vehicle equity coordinator at Regeneración Pájaro Valley Climate Action, gave a presentation regarding Regeneración's electric vehicle program.

In answering Member García, Public Works and Utilities Director Palmisano and Senior Civil Engineer Yasbek spoke about City owned electric vehicle charging stations and efforts to increase the number of charging stations citywide.

Ms. Olivas, in answering Member Estrada, spoke about nationwide efforts to transition gas vehicle use to electric vehicles.

In answering Member González, Ms. Lopez spoke about outreach efforts to residents about Regeneración's electric vehicle program.

## 7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Takashi Mizuno  
Steve Trujillo  
Kitty Mizuno

Mayor Dutra announced that Item 8.h had been postponed.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Montesino and seconded by Member González to approve the Consent Agenda:

In answering Member González, Community Development Director Merriam explained reasons staff was requesting significant contract amendments in order to provide the community with City services and spoke about funding sources thereof.

Member García spoke in support of Item 8.o.

In answering Member Estrada, Assistant City Manager Vides spoke about the purpose of Item 8.g and outreach efforts thereof. Member Estrada spoke in support of Item 8.o and thanked Sylvia Mendez for her willingness to serve on the Latino Affairs Commission.

**MOTION:** The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Estrada, García, González, Montesino, Parker, Dutra  
NOES: MEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Hurst

**7.a MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2021**

**7.b RESOLUTION NO. 84-21 (CM):**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM AQUA-METRIC SALES COMPANY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER READING EQUIPMENT USED BY THE CITY'S WATER DIVISION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE (3) CALENDAR YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (FUNDED FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND)**

**7.c RESOLUTION NO. 85-21 (CM):**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND BME, INC., (BAY MACHINERY ELECTRIC, INC.), A CORPORATION, TO PROVIDE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF THE COGENERATION SYSTEM LOCATED AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,445 FOR FY 2020-2021; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**7.d RESOLUTION NO. 86-21 (CM):**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND CSG CONSULTANTS, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, FIRE PLAN REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL PERMIT TECHNICIAN AND FIELD BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000, FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY2020/2021 AND \$70,000 FOR FY2021/2022; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$70,000 TO THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES REVENUE ACCOUNT AND \$70,000 TO THE REIMBURSABLE CONSULTATION SERVICES EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR FY2020/2021 [Amends Resolution No. 100-20 (CM)]**

**7.e RESOLUTION NO. 87-21 (CM):**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PLAN LINE FOR FREEDOM BOULEVARD, PROJECT NO. ST-17-03; EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

- 7.f **RESOLUTION NO. 88-21 (CM):**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND MOORE IACOFANO GOLTSMAN, INC., A CORPORATION, DBA MIG FOR ON-CALL PLANNING SERVICES; ADDING TO SCOPE OF WORK TO ASSIST THE CITY IN PROCESSING PLANNING APPLICATIONS UNTIL A SECOND PRINCIPAL PLANNER IS HIRED, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$235,000; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$70,000 TO THE PLANNING PERMITS REVENUE ACCOUNT AND \$70,000 TO THE EXPERT & CONSULTATION SERVICES EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR FY2020/2021
- 7.g **RESOLUTION NO. 89-21 (CM):**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GROW SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY, CITY OF CAPITOLA, COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) AND THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NDC); TO CREATE A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, SUBJECT TO LEGAL APPROVAL; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF SUPPORTING THE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM (RLF)
- 7.h **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE RATIFYING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER OF THE CITY AND THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU), LOCAL 521, CLERICAL TECHNICAL UNIT FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 - Postponed**
- 7.i **GONZALEZ STREET ALLEYWAY LLMAD [Assessment District No. PK-94-01] (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972)**
- 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 90-21 (CM):**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GONZALES STREET ALLEYWAY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [Assessment District No. PK-94-01]
- 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 91-21 (CM):**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY & COLLECT ASSESSMENTS AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 25, 2021, TO CONSIDER THE LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM & BUDGET FOR THE GONZALES STREET ALLEYWAY LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [Assessment District No. PK-94-01]
- 7.j **BAY BREEZE LLMAD [Assessment District No. PK-03-02] (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972)**

- 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 92-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE *BAY BREEZE SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD)* FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [Assessment District No. PK-03-02]**
  - 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 93-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 25, 2021, TO CONSIDER THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE *BAY BREEZE SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD)* FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [Assessment District No. PK-03-02]**
- 7.k VISTA MONTAÑA LLMAD [Assessment District No. PK-03-03] (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972)**
- 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 94-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE VISTA MONTAÑA SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [Assessment District No. PK-03-03]**
  - 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 95-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 25, 2021, TO CONSIDER THE LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING, AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE VISTA MONTAÑA SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [Assessment District No. PK-03-03]**
- 7.l RESOLUTION NO. 96-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE NOMINATING SYLVIA MENDEZ TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
- 7.m RESOLUTION NO. 97-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE URGING PRESIDENT BIDEN TO FORGIVE STUDENT LOANS**
- 7.n RESOLUTION NO. 98-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AND PROMISE ACT OF 2021 – H.R.6 AND URGING ACTION FROM THE 117TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS**
- 7.o RESOLUTION NO. 99-21 (CM):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE DENOUNCING HATE CRIMES AND BIGOTRY TARGETING ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

**8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (None)**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.a CITY OF WATSONVILLE VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN 2021**

**1) Staff Report by Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez, Principal Engineer Fontes, & Police Sergeant Thul.**

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

In answering Member García, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez spoke about the Neighborhood Traffic Program and its use by residents.

Member Gonzalez asked that Council consider amending or rescinding the ordinance that prohibits bicycles on sidewalks.

In answering Member Estrada, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez spoke about the success of the Neighborhood Traffic Plan and work by neighborhoods to implement traffic calming measures.

**3) Public Input**

Theresia Rogerson, senior health educator at Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, spoke in support of staff recommendation and spoke about efforts to obtain funding for future projects.

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez, in answering Member Montesino, spoke about efforts from staff to address speeding on Harkins Slough Road.

Member González requested that staff explore painting speed limits on roads.

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member González and seconded by Member Montesino to approve the resolution listed below.

**5) City Council Deliberation on the Motion**

Mayor Dutra spoke about success of implementation of recent traffic calming measures citywide.

**6) MOTION:** The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Estrada, García, González, Montesino,  
Parker, Dutra

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Hurst

**RESOLUTION NO. 100-21 (CM):**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
APPROVING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN 2021**



**9.b PROJECT LISTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY MEASURE D & SB1**

- 1) **Staff Report by Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez & Principal Engineer Fontes.**
- 2) **City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions (None)**
- 3) **Public Input**  
Steve Trujillo spoke in support of staff recommendation.
- 4) **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Montesino and seconded by Mayor Dutra to approve the resolution listed below.
- 5) **City Council Deliberation on Motion**  
Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez, in answering Member Montesino, spoke about staff efforts to prepare projects for construction and efforts to obtain funding for said projects.

In answering Mayor Dutra, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez stated staff would continue to seek funding for installation of a traffic signal at Freedom Boulevard and Sydney Avenue. Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez added that the City would continue to pursue placing utility poles underground.

Members Estrada and Gonzalez asked that staff ensure road repairs are even with the rest of the road.

**MOTION:** The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Estrada, González, Montesino, Parker, Dutra
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	García, Hurst

- 6) **RESOLUTION NO. 101-20 (CM):**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE 2021 MEASURE D 5-YEAR PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (FY 2021/2022 - FY 2025/2026) FOR THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE FUNDED BY MEASURE D APPROVED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**
- 7) **RESOLUTION NO. 102-20 (CM):**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE – SB1 PROJECT LIST FY 21/22 TO BE FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 FUNDS**

**10. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA**

**11. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Member Estrada, on behalf of Member Garcia, requested an item to consider a process for processing community complaints against Council.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

/s/ Jimmy Dutra  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Beatriz Vázquez Flores  
City Clerk