

MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING



September 24, 2019

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor

6:31 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Estrada, Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia and Council Members González, Hernandez, Hurst, and Parker were present. Member Coffman-Gomez was absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Police Chief Honda, Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Community Development Director Merriam, Library Director Heitzig, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Deputy City Managers Vides and Manning, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Housing Manager Landaverry, Principal Planner Meek, Recreation Superintendent Negrete, Asst. City Clerk Ortiz, and Interpreter Esqueda.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INFORMATION ITEMS--Written Report(s) Only

3.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

3.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT

4. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

4.A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve Trujillo, District 7, stated the City of Salinas was experiencing a homeless epidemic and was working to address the situation. He asked Council to address homelessness in Watsonville.

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Police Sergeant Uretsky spoke about efforts by Police to support Jacob's Heart Pediatric Cancer Support. He spoke about funds Police have raised for the cause and asked the public to attend the Kidrageous Carnival.

Nancy Bilicich, City representative for Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, spoke about her efforts to hold meetings in Watsonville and asked the public to attend meetings in order to persuade the Board to continue meeting in Watsonville. She gave an update on the Pájaro River breaching system.

Housing Manager Landaverry gave brief reports regarding Senate Bill 330 (Housing Crisis Act of 2019) and Assembly Bill 1482 (Tenant Protection Act of 2019). He stated he would return with a status report on the City's Housing programs at a future meeting.

5. **REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No Action Required**

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5.A. **PRESENTATION BY SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY VENTURES REGARDING SAVINGS & ENGAGEMENT FOR EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS (SEEDS), A CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CSA), AN EFFORT THAT WILL PROVIDE COLLEGE SAVING ACCOUNTS FOR ALL WATSONVILLE NEWBORNS**

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item (None)

In answering Member Hernandez, Assistant Police Chief Sims explained the plans for utilizing Item 6.D. grant funds.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Assistant Police Chief Sims stated Police programs have increased compliance with wearing helmets.

City Clerk Vázquez Flores and City Attorney Smith answered questions from Member Parker regarding election cycles, reporting requirement for committees, and proposed changes in Item 6.F.

In regards to Item 6.F., City Attorney Smith and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding effects the Janus court decision would have on the proposed ordinance. City Manager Huffaker and City Attorney Smith recommended adoption of the ordinance and returning with corrections at a later time in order to implement other necessary changes as soon as possible.

Administrative Services Director Czerwin and Airport Manager Williams answered questions from Member Hurst regarding Item 6.A.

Member Hernandez left the dais before roll call.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

AYES: MEMBERS: García, González, Hurst, Parker, Estrada

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Hernandez

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6.A. **RESOLUTION NO. 145-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF \$200,000 OF AIRPORT FUND ASSETS
BY THE GENERAL FUND AT FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2019**

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6.B. **RESOLUTION NO. 146-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A PURCHASE ORDER WITH
SENSUS USA INC., DBA SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS INC., FOR PROCUREMENT
OF SENSUS ANALYTICS SOFTWARE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$263,350,
FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD ENDING FY23-24, & AUTHORIZING A BUDGET
APPROPRIATION OF \$7,350 FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND**

- 6.C. **RESOLUTION NO. 147-19 (CM):**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING & DIRECTING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR \$416,771 TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND 5485
- 6.D. **RESOLUTION NO. 148-19 (CM):**
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$112,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR FY2020: \$70,000 FOR THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) & \$42,000 FOR THE PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM TO USE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY STRATEGIES & DIRECTING THAT SUCH FUNDS BE APPROPRIATED INTO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND 5484
- 6.E. **RESOLUTION NO. 149-19 (CM):**
RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION & JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR (MANAGEMENT UNIT) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$48.76 - \$65.35 PER HOUR & REPEALING THE JOB CLASSIFICATION & DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER 4933
- 6.F. **ORDINANCE NO. 1392-19 (CM):**
FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE RESCINDING CHAPTER 6 (ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CONTROL) OF TITLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE & ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CONTROL 5390
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 8.A. **CONSIDERATION OF OLDER ADULT SERVICES & SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS PLAN & APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$176,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FOR STAFFING PURPOSES & APPROVE & AUTHORIZE NEW OLDER ADULT SERVICES SUPERVISOR JOB CLASSIFICATION AT SALARY RANGE \$4,652-\$6,234 PER MONTH** 5819
- 1) **Staff Report**
The report was given by Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib.
- 2) **City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**
Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding transition of management at the Senior Center, continuation of services during the transition, meeting with volunteers to address changes, and potential to create and expand services for seniors outside of the Senior Center.
- In answering Member Gonzalez, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib stated staff would explore an advisory committee for senior programs and services.
- Member Hernandez asked that the older adult services supervisor be knowledgeable about senior services and be bilingual.

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In answering Member Hurst, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib stated the proposed position was full-time and in the Mid Management bargaining unit.

Member Parker asked that the older adult services supervisor have extensive experience in managing senior services.

Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib answered questions from Mayor Estrada regarding funding sources for the Senior Center, plans to improve services for seniors, and efforts to integrate the entire community in senior services.

In answering Member Hernandez, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib stated the City could study other cities to improve senior services offered by the City.

3) Public Input

Scott Tims, board member at Association of Watsonville Area Seniors (AWAS), thanked the City for its commitment to seniors and asked for a six (6) month task force to assist in transition of management of the Senior Center.

Steve Trujillo stated the senior community had experienced attacks toward the LGBT community over the previous years. He commended Police and Senior Legal Services for their support through the attacks.

Dr. Lupe Rivas commended the City for their investment in senior services and spoke about challenges AWAS had experienced in refurbishing and managing the Senior Center. She asked the City to be mindful when leasing the Senior Center and asked to maintain lease amounts affordable. She asked that AWAS continue to be allowed to participate in services at the Senior Center.

Clay Kempf, AWAS, thanked the City for their commitment to the Senior Center. He urged the City to pace transition of management so that services are not affected at the Senior Center. He asked that the older adult services supervisor be hired prior to transition of Senior Center to City management. He spoke about services AWAS offered the community (submitted letter with suggestions to Council).

4) MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, seconded by Member Gonzalez to approve the following resolutions:

a) **RESOLUTION NO. 150-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF UP TO
\$176,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
FOR OLDER ADULT SERVICES, OPERATIONS & STAFFING AT THE
WATSONVILLE SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 114 EAST FIFTH
STREET**

b) **RESOLUTION NO. 151-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING NEW JOB
CLASSIFICATION & JOB DESCRIPTION FOR OLDER ADULT
SERVICES SUPERVISOR (MID-MANAGEMENT UNIT) AT THE
ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$26.84 - \$35.97 PER HOUR**

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5) City Council Deliberation on the Motion

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia spoke in support of staff recommendation.

Member Gonzalez asked that staff pursue an advisory commission to assist during the transition of management of the Senior Center from AWAS to the City.

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Member Hernandez spoke about the City's commitment to senior services and its plan to expand services.

Member Hurst spoke in support of staff recommendation and spoke about the challenges that staff will face during the transition.

Member Parker commended AWAS for their services to seniors over the years and spoke in support of staff recommendation.

Member Gonzalez commended Valerie Rivera, executive director at Watsonville Community Center, for her work over the years.

Member Hernandez suggested integrating technology courses into the Senior Center programming.

Mayor Estrada spoke about the City's commitment to the Senior Center and senior services.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

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

8.B. CONSIDERATION OF PROHIBITION OF INSTALLATION OF GATES IN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

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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 the reasons that the Planning Commission voted against gated communities.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, City Attorney Smith stated Planning Commission did not distinguish the different types of housing developments when opposing gated communities.

Principal Planner Meek answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding effects the proposed resolution would have on future housing developments, emergency response delays due to gates, access to slough from Blackbird Townhomes. He added that the new housing developments Sunshine Gardens and Hillcrest Estates were not gated communities.

Principal Planner Meek and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Parker regarding existing gated communities.

In answering Member Hurst, City Attorney Smith spoke about Planning Commission discussions that took place at the previous Planning Commission meeting.

Member Hurst asked that each new development be reviewed independently and that gates be considered based on benefits it brings to the development.

Principal Planner Meek clarified staff recommendation for Council.

Principal Planner Meek answered questions from Mayor Estrada regarding options developers have to protect their properties that did not involve gates, number of developers requesting gated communities, and guidelines that needed updating to address new types of developments.

3) Public Input

Steve Trujillo stated gates did not protect housing communities because they broke down and did not prevent vandalism from happening. He asked that gated communities not be allowed.

4) MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 152-19 (CM):

RESOLUTION APPROVING WATSONVILLE GATED COMMUNITY GUIDELINES PROHIBITING INSTALLATION OF GATES IN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

5) City Council Deliberation on the Motion

Member Hernandez spoke about the negative effects gated communities have on the City.

Member Hurst spoke about the positive effects implementation of a gate had on Sunny Meadows Apartments and stated the policy should be flexible to allow for options for developers.

Member Parker spoke in opposition to gated communities, but said there could be scenarios where a gate could be beneficial.

City Manager Huffaker clarified staff recommendation for Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia listed the reasons she opposed gated communities.

Member Gonzalez stated he did not support gated communities for single family residences but did not oppose gates at apartment complexes or townhomes.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

9.B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member Parker spoke about her attendance at the Santa Cruz Symphony concert in downtown.

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Member Hurst announced he was celebrating his 41st wedding anniversary. He invited the public to celebrate Rhea DeHart's birthday and attend her celebration of life.

Member Hernandez spoke about his participation in the Citizens Academy. He spoke about several events he attended over the previous weeks and invited the public to future events.

Member Gonzalez thanked those who supported the Musica para el Corazon event and spoke about plans for the event the following year. He spoke about his reading of a writing by Lorenzo Kuan, Watsonville Works participant, and spoke about his progress through the program. He invited the public to attend a fundraiser for Alcance of Community Action Board at Panda Express. He commended Elliot Moon for his work in the community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia encouraged seniors to participate in A Matter of Balance at the Senior Center. She spoke about Cabrillo College Foundation's Women's Education Success Program and its work toward helping women succeed in their studies. She spoke about her participation in Coastal Cleanup Day.

Mayor Estrada commended Member Gonzalez for his work on Music for the Heart. He spoke about events he attended over the previous weeks and invited the public to future events.

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

11. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



Francisco Estrada, Mayor

ATTEST:



Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

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