



## MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2019

City of Watsonville  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor

**5:30 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.

### 1.A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code § 54956.8)

- 1. Property: 21, 27, and 31 West Beach Street (APN: 017-111-19)  
Negotiating parties: Matt Huffaker (City)  
In Sook Yum dba Top USA  
Under Negotiation: Lease terms and conditions

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

(Government Code Section 54956.9)

- 1. Anticipated litigation pursuant to subdivision (e)(3):
  - a) Claimant: Celestine Marie Glover (Represented by  
Dolan Law Firm, PC)  
Agency claimed against: City of Watsonville

**6:35 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Police Chief Honda, Interim Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Airport Director Williams, Community Development Director Merriam, Library Director Heitzing, Information Technology Director Boyes, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Deputy City Manager Vides, Fire Division Chief Schaefer, Housing Manager Landaverry, Police Sergeant Radich, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Administrative Analyst Meyer, Recreation Supervisor Tirado, and Interpreter Esqueda.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS—Written Report(s) Only**

**4.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**4.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**5. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.A. PERFORMANCE OF "GIPPSLAND" BY WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY BAND**

**5.B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CITY COUNCIL**

Patsy Gasca, American Red Cross, gave a report on the Home Fire Alarm Program and thanked City staff for their support. She invited the public and Council to the Farm to Table Dinner 2019 Fundraiser.

Kimberly Ferm, executive director at Pájaro Valley Shelter Services, announced they were celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and invited the public to the Mother's Day Run for Shelter.

Steve Trujillo thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, Member Hurst, and Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano for their donation to YMCA and asked the public for donations. He announced that Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib had committed to ending use of Roundup in City parks. He asked the Council to support Senator Monning in efforts to rid the State of carcinogenic products.

Kristhian Guzmán asked Council to suspend the use of Roundup.

Kirby Harris, District 7, spoke about the negative effects of Roundup use and asked Council to suspend its use along with other toxic chemicals outlined in the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan.

Sara Mains asked Council to ban the use of Roundup.

Woody Rehanek, retired teacher, asked Council to cease the use of Roundup on City properties.

Barbara Anders, Santa Cruz County resident, asked the City to cease using Roundup for weed control because it was a known carcinogen.

Christie Turano, Safe Ag Safe Schools, spoke about the negative effects of pesticides and Roundup and asked that they be banned in the City.

Patty Ruppelt asked Council to cease using Roundup for weed control. She commended the City for tree planting efforts.

City Manager Huffaker, in answering Mayor Estrada, stated the recent tree planting efforts were conducted by Parks & Community Services Department, Watsonville Wetlands Watch, and California Conservation Corps.

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Kathleen Kilpatrick commended Parks & Community Services for efforts to end use of Roundup at parks. She asked that the City ban Roundup citywide and gave suggestions on how the City could apply IPM citywide.

Sarai Martinez, community organizer at Safe Ag Safe Schools, commended the City for the effort to reduce the use of Roundup and asked that the City cease using it and other toxic chemicals altogether.

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia spoke about her meeting with Safe Ag Safe Schools and asked City Manager Huffaker and Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib to provide her with a written response to the following questions:

1. Will the Council receive a cost analysis of the elimination of Roundup and usage of alternatives?
2. Will the Council be told to what extent Roundup is being used and where?
3. Is the City using pesticides other than Roundup?
4. Are there any County policies that address Roundup being used on the River Levee?
5. How much public input is being acquired in the creation of the IPM?

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia spoke about her attendance at the Watsonville Film Festival and thanked staff for allowing it to take place at the Youth Center. She stated she was recognized by Girls Inc. for being Strong, Smart, and Bold.

Member Coffman-Gomez stated Kathleen Crocetti was seeking input for the parking garage mural and asked the public to reach out to her to learn more. She spoke about her attendance at the Pájaro Valley Arts Gallery Vote! Your Vote is Your Voice Exhibit and invited the public to visit. She thanked the Scout Troops for honoring veterans through placement of flags on Freedom Boulevard.

Member Gonzalez spoke about his attendance at several community events. He asked for an item on the agenda to discuss ban of Roundup citywide. Mayor Estrada announced the Council would be discussing ban of Roundup at the April 23, 2019, meeting.

Member Hernandez spoke about his attendance at several community events. He invited the public to visit the Pájaro Valley Arts Gallery Vote! Your Vote is Your Voice Exhibit and participate in the CycloBia event. He announced that April was Distracted Driving Month and asked the public to drive without distractions. He thanked police for their work in the community.

Member Hurst spoke about events he attended over the previous weeks and commended Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia for being recognized by Girls Inc. for being Strong, Smart, and Bold. He invited the public to the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting. He thanked the public for their involvement in local government.

Member Parker thanked Parks & Community Services Directory Calubaquib for his work to implement the IPM. She spoke about her attendance at the Skillicorn Barbecue and invited the public to upcoming community events.

Mayor Estrada commended those involved in organizing the Watsonville Film Festival and commended Parks & Community Services for their work in organizing the Cesar Chavez Awards. He reminded the public that community grant applications were due. He invited the public to upcoming community events.

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Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia invited the public to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Gomez v. Watsonville lawsuit that changed elections from at-large to district elections.

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

City Attorney Smith stated Council received reports on the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda, but took no action.

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

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**6.A. MONTEREY BAY COMMUNITY POWER ANNUAL UPDATE TO MEMBER AGENCY BY ALEXIS GARCIA-ARRAZOLA, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ASSOCIATE**

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**6.B. 2019 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STATUS REPORT BY PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item (None)**

Member Hurst asked the public to read his report regarding his attendance to the Yosemite Leadership and Policy Conference.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Gonzalez and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

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

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**7.A. MOTION APPROVING ATTENDANCE REQUEST BY MAYOR ESTRADA AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE GARCIA TO ATTEND 2019 LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY ON APRIL 24-25, 2019 IN SACRAMENTO, CA (\$535.02 - ESTRADA, \$632.84 - GARCIA)**

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**7.B. MOTION ACCEPTING WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - AS REQUIRED BY AB 1234 - 2019 YOSEMITE LEADERSHIP AND POLICY CONFERENCE (MARCH 14 - 17, 2019 - YOSEMITE) (COUNCIL MEMBERS GONZALEZ AND HURST)**

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**7.C. RESOLUTION NO. 39-19 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE - SB1  
PROJECT LIST FY 19/20 TO BE FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 FUNDS**

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**7.D. RESOLUTION NO. 40-19 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF  
WATSONVILLE'S GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM**

- 7.E. **RESOLUTION NO. 41-19 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION DIRECTING FILING OF 2019-20 ANNUAL ENGINEER'S**  
**REPORT FOR BAY BREEZE SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING**  
**MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. PK-03-02 (LLMAD)** 5714
- 7.F. **RESOLUTION NO. 42-19 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION DIRECTING FILING OF 2019-20 ANNUAL ENGINEER'S**  
**REPORT FOR VISTA MONTAÑA SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING &**  
**LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. PK-03-03**  
**(LLMAD)** 5714
- 7.G. **RESOLUTION NO. 43-19 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION DIRECTING FILING OF 2019-20 ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR**  
**GONZALES STREET ALLEYWAY LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE**  
**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. PK-94-1 (LLMAD)** 5099
8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 9.A. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2018 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL REPORT** 5016
- 1) **Staff Report**  
The report was given by Community Development Director Merriam.
- 2) **City Council Questions**  
Member Hernandez asked Community Development Director Merriam to direct housing developers to Monterey Bay Community Power to partner for solar panel installation.
- Member Coffman-Gomez spoke about the challenges in reaching housing goals.
- In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, City Manager Huffaker and Community Development Director Merriam spoke about efforts by the City to encourage residents to use affordable housing programs and spoke about Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) progress.
- In answering Member Gonzalez, Community Development Director Merriam spoke about efforts to simplify the permit process for developers.
- Member Hurst spoke about the need to address safety conditions at illegal accessory dwelling units and encouraging property owners bring their units into compliance.
- Member Coffman-Gomez asked staff to share the answers to her written questions in advance of the meeting with the rest of the Council.
- 3) **Public Input**  
Steve Trujillo asked the Mayor and staff to work with Governor Newsom to prevent the City from being fined for not reaching RHNA requirements. 5016

Kimberly Ferm, executive director at Pájaro Valley Shelter Services congratulated Housing Manager Landaverry on being hired by the City. She stated she wanted to partner with the City to advocate for new housing.

**4) City Council Discussion**

Community Development Director Merriam, in answering Member Gonzalez, spoke about efforts by staff implement the Responsible Landlord Incentive Program as a way to deter landlords from increasing rents and displacing tenants.

In answering Member Coffman-Gomez, Community Development Director Merriam and City Manager Huffaker stated they would inform Council on how many affordable homes had been lost and efforts to continue advocating for affordable housing.

**5) MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, seconded by Member Hernandez and carried by the following vote to accept the Housing Element Annual Report:

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

**10. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA (None)**

**11. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (None)**

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia asked for a resolution to support Landlord Initiative in the White Paper Report with inclusion of reasonable rent increases, just evictions, and code enforcement of just violations.

Member Hernandez asked for an update on potential ban of plastic utensils and straws.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

  
Francisco Estrada, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk