



MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2019

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor

5:32 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 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

6:32 p.m.

2. 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 Barreto, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Airport Director Williams, Community Development Director Merriam, Information Technology Director Boyes, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Deputy City Managers Manning & Vides, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Fire Division Chief Avila, Principal Planner Meek, Police Captain McKinley, Senior Utilities Engineer Berry, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Administrative Analyst Meyer, and Interpreter Vazquez-Quintero.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS—Written Report(s) Only

3.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

3.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

5.C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve Trujillo spoke about Governor Newsom's plan to increase funding for creation of low income housing. He gave suggestions on how to address homelessness. He stated several parking lots along Freedom Boulevard needed maintenance.

Seth Smith, Santa Cruz Veterans Alliance, asked Council to modify the City's cannabis ordinance to allow for establishment of a cannabis equity program that would be eligible for grant funding from the State through Senate Bill 1294.

Member Hernandez asked Mr. Smith to send additional information and sample ordinances to Council.

In answering Member Gonzalez, City Manager Huffaker stated staff was exploring options for adoption of the ordinance by April 1st in order to comply with the State's program deadline

5.A. PRESENTATION OF MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION COMMENDING RONALD HEDGPETH FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE WATSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS SOCCER TEAM & CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS & HARD WORK & WISHING HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS

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5.B. PRESENTATION OF MAYOR'S CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO THE WATSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS SOCCER PLAYERS CONGRATULATING THEM FOR THEIR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS & COMMENDING THEM ON ALL THEIR HARD WORK & DEDICATION

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5.C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia spoke about her attendance at the Cabrillo College Cabrillo Advancement Program (CAP) graduation. She stated she met with the Executive Director of California Community Action Partnership Association to discuss the Strategic Plan, immigration, and the census.

Member Gonzalez spoke about participation in Santa Cruz County Symphony's Link Up program. He spoke about his efforts to facilitate a concert for the Santa Cruz Symphony during one of the City's Music in the Plaza events. He invited the public to the Light Up the Night Community Bike Ride. He stated Community Bridges received funding from Santa Cruz County Metropolitan Transit District and Regional Transportation Commission in the amount of \$218,000 for electric vehicle charging stations.

Member Hernandez spoke about his attendance at several events. He announced he had taken his oath to serve on Monterey Bay Community Power. He invited the public to several community events and encouraged youth to participate in the City's Summer in the City Internship.

Member Hurst spoke about his attendance at the International Women's Day Event and his attendance at the League of California Cities Conference regarding Housing and Land Use. He invited the public to classical overtures by the Santa Cruz County Symphony at the Watsonville Public Library.

Member Parker spoke about her attendance at International Women's Day festivities. She stated she was a Santa Cruz County Women's Commissioner and spoke about the Trailblazer awards.

Mayor Estrada thanked those who participated in the Mayor's Community Bike Ride. He invited the public to upcoming events.

5.D. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Smith stated Council received a report on the item listed on the Closed Session Agenda, gave direction to staff, but took no action.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item (None)

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

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

6.A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26 & MARCH 1, 2019

6.B. MOTION APPROVING ATTENDANCE REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GONZALEZ & HURST TO ATTEND 2019 ANNUAL YOSEMITE POLICYMAKERS CONFERENCE AT YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE ON MARCH 14 - 17, 2019 (GONZALEZ: \$1,366.66, HURST: \$1,416.66) 5375

6.C. RESOLUTION NO. 26-19 (CM): RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS & CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE WELL 19 GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. WA-19-01 (ESTIMATED COST OF \$210,000 WILL BE FUNDED FROM WATER ENTERPRISE FUND) 5354

6.D. RESOLUTION NO. 27-19 (CM): RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & PROMULGATION OF CHILDCARE SAFETY PLAN FOR LOCAL FAMILIES WITH MINOR CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE 5583

6.E. RESOLUTION NO. 28-19 (CM): RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL DE WORKEN TO THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION [DISTRICT 2] 4975

6.F. ORDINANCE NO. 1380-19 (CM): UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE ADDING THE ATKINSON LANE/PIPPIN REORGANIZATION TERRITORY DESCRIBED IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION NO. 963 (LAFCO NO. 963) TO CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 5675

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

8.A. CONSIDERATION OF ADDENDUM TO THE CERTIFIED SUNSHINE VISTA (HILLCREST ESTATES) PHASED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF 150 DWELLING UNITS ON INDIVIDUAL PARCELS, CONSISTING OF 23 SINGLE-FAMILY UNITS, 40 DUPLEX-STYLE TOWNHOUSE UNITS AND 87 ROW-STYLE TOWNHOUSE UNITS ON A 13± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 511 OHLONE PARKWAY, FILED BY CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER

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1) Staff Report

City Attorney Smith gave background on the project and the initial Environmental Impact Report that had been approved by Council at a previous meeting.

The report was given by Principal Planner Meek.

2) City Council Questions

Principal Planner Meek answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding access roads to the project site, phases of the project, noise control, and potential requirements as part of the development agreement.

Principal Planner Meek and Community Development Director Merriam answered questions from Member Parker regarding previously approved authorizations for the developer, public services needed for the project, assessing need for new school facilities, and cleanup of the project site.

Principal Planner Meek answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding compliance with the initial EIR, delays in the project, and reasons for proposed addendum to the EIR.

In answering Mayor Estrada, Community Development Director Merriam stated notices and contact information would be posted on the project site entryway to allow residents to contact the developer or the City if issues arose. City Manager Huffaker, in answering Mayor Estrada, stated the roundabout at Ohlone Parkway and Loma Vista would be negotiated with the developer as part of the development agreement.

3) Public Hearing

Mayor Estrada opened the public hearing.

Bob Culbertson, Las Casitas Subdivision Homeowner, spoke in support of the proposed EIR Addendum. He asked that the developer tarp work vehicles to prevent contamination of the area. He also asked the City to allow neighbors to participate in discussions regarding the development agreement and that notices be provided in a timely manner.

Noriko Akiyama Ragsac, Paraiso Court homeowner, asked for better teamwork, transparency, and communication from the City with the community.

Steve Trujillo, Pájaro Village resident, spoke about the challenges in removal of toxic waste from the proposed project site.

Silbiano Cruz, Paraiso Court homeowner, asked the City for protections from toxins during cleanup of the project site.

4) City Council Discussion

In answering Member Hernandez, City Manager Huffaker stated the City had been exploring options for better communication between the developer, the City, and neighbors. Member Hernandez stated he would be willing to participate in the Homeowners Association meetings to be a liaison between the developer and neighbors.

City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding options available to the City in addressing issues that stem from the project. Member Gonzalez stated his concerns with the proposed addendum to the EIR.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, City Manager Huffaker stated the City could require communication requirements between the developer and neighbors during approval of the development agreement.

Principal Planner Meek, in answering Mayor Estrada, explained the reasons the initial EIR required a 70 foot sound wall and why staff was proposing the addendum.

Member Gonzalez stated his concerns regarding the developer's compliance with the EIR and impacts the violations would have on nearby residences. He stated he did not support the change regarding the sound wall to mitigate noise.

**5) RESOLUTION NO. 29-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE PREVIOUSLY
CERTIFIED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) - STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE (SCH) NO. 2017032041 PREPARED FOR THE SUNSHINE
VISTA PHASED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, CONSISTING OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF 150 DWELLING UNITS ON INDIVIDUAL PARCELS ON
A 13± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 511 OHLONE PARKWAY, WATSONVILLE,
(APN'S: 018-372-14 & 018-381-01), & MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
(CEQA)**

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MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Hurst and carried by the following vote to approve the above resolution 8.A.5):

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

Member Gonzalez asked that the record indicate that he opposed the addendum regarding the sound wall.

9. OLD BUSINESS

5393 **9.A. CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF \$337,296 BID TO CRW INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE WATSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCKER ROOMS EXPANSION**

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Police Captain McKinley

2) City Council Questions

Police Captain McKinley answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding need for the locker room expansion and efforts by Police to recruit female officers.

Senior Utilities Engineer Berry answered questions from Member Parker regarding costs of the project and the bidding process. City Attorney Smith stated if Council wished to change the bidding award process, then changes needed to be made to the City Charter through a Charter amendment done by election.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Senior Utilities Engineer Berry stated underground sewer repairs would be paid with General Fund money.

Senior Utilities Engineer Berry, in answering Mayor Estrada, listed work CRW Industries had done locally.

3) Public Input (None)

4) City Council Discussion (None)

5393 **5) RESOLUTION NO. 30-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION AWARDDING \$337,296 BID TO CRW INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR THE WATSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCKER ROOMS EXPANSION PROJECT NO. CB-19-01 (\$252,972 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE SALES TAX MEASURE G FUND & \$84,324 FROM THE GENERAL FUND)**

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, seconded by Member Gonzalez and carried by the following vote to approve resolutions 9.A.5):

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

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

In answering Member Hernandez, City Manager Huffaker explained that Council did not need to create an emergency item to amend the cannabis ordinance that night. He added that staff would be bringing the item back in time to meet the State's April 1st deadline for the cannabis equity program implementation.

11. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (None)

Member Hernandez asked for an item at a future meeting to consider banning plastic utensils and straws in the City.

Member Gonzalez asked for a revision of the sound ordinance to address noise complaints and lack of enforcement thereof. Member Parker concurred.

In answering Member Parker, City Manager Huffaker stated portable restrooms on residences were not allowed.

Mayor Estrada asked for a discussion item at a future meeting to consider banning of Roundup and other carcinogens.

City Manager Huffaker wished Fire Chief Barreto farewell as he was attending the last meeting with the City as Fire Chief.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Francisco Estrada, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

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