

**MINUTES  
REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

March 4, 2019

City of Watsonville  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Commissioners:</b>	<b>Carrasco, Hurtado-Aldana, Sanchez, Sencion</b>
<b>Commissioners Absent:</b>	<b>Flores</b>
<b>PCS Staff:</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Community Services Director Calubaquib Assistant Parks &amp; Community Services Director Heistein Administrative Assistant II Moya Administrative Assistant II Diaz Recreation Supervisor Vivenzi</b>

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - Resident Rebecca Scheffrin addressed the Commission concerning limited dog parks in the City. She would like to see more dog parks throughout the City, preferably at Ramsay Park. Commissioner Hurtado-Aldana informed of the upcoming public meetings regarding the Park Master Plans at the City Plaza and Ramsay Park, and invited Ms. Scheffrin to attend and provide input.

**3.2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Director Calubaquib informed the Commission about the interactive workshop being held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Ramsay Park Family Center to discuss the development of the Park Master Plans for Ramsay Park and City Plaza. Follow up meetings are being held on March 27 and April 10, focusing on the City Plaza and Ramsay Park, respectively. Director Calubaquib reminded that the next Commission meeting would be on April 15. Director Calubaquib also listed upcoming events.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sencion, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried by the following vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 6, 2018.

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>CARRASCO, HURTADO-ALDANA, SANCHEZ, SENCION</b>
<b>Noes:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>FLORES</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

NONE

## 6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

**6.1 REPORT ON YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS PROGRAMS** – Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Vivenzi reported on the youth sports programs, consisting of recreational soccer, competitive soccer, gymnastics, aquatics and itty-bitty sports, and also the adult sports programs, including softball, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball and kickball.

**6.2 PROGRESS REPORT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19** – Assistant Parks & Community Services Director Benjamin Heistein provided an update on the on-going capital improvement projects. The list of projects was presented to the Commission at the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Sanchez inquired about the amount of funds used from the general fund for these projects. Assistant Director Heistein replied that over half a million dollars is provided by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the rest comes from the Capital Improvement Projects programs, which is generated by surpluses in the General Fund.

**6.3 URBAN GREENING REPORT** – Assistant Parks & Community Services Director Benjamin Heistein reported on the California Natural Resources Agency for Urban Greening grant that the City applied for and awarded \$1,350,000. The funds will go towards design and implementation of the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park.

**6.4 REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARK MASTER PLANS FOR RAMSAY PARK AND CITY PLAZA** – Parks & Community Services Director Nick Calubaquib provided an update on the development of strategic plans for Parks & Community Services. The overall purpose of the strategic plan is for development, expansion and rehabilitation of parks and recreation programs, services and facilities. The park master plans for the City Plaza and Ramsay Park will help create a long-term vision for the parks and will better position the City for funding opportunities.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON:

- a) **NOMINATION PERIOD** – COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ NOMINATES COMMISSIONER HURTADO-ALDANA. COMMISSIONER HURTADO-ALDANA DECLINES. COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ SELF NOMINATES FOR CHAIR.
- b) **PUBLIC INPUT** - NONE
- c) **MOTION ELECTING CHAIRPERSON** – COMMISSION TOOK A VOTE

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>CARRASCO, HURTADO-ALDANA, SANCHEZ, SENCION</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>FLORES</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON.**

**7.2 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON:**

- a) **NOMINATION PERIOD** – COMMISSIONER SENCION NOMINATES COMMISSIONER CARRASCO. COMMISSIONER CARRASCO ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION.
- b) **PUBLIC INPUT** – NONE
- c) **MOTION ELECTING VICE-CHAIRPERSON** – COMMISSION TOOK A VOTE

**AYES: CARRASCO, HURTADO-ALDANA, SANCHEZ, SENCION**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: FLORES**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**COMMISSIONER CARRASCO ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

**8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:22pm**