



MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 26, 2019

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor

4:32 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Estrada, Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, and Council Members González, Hernandez (arrived at 4:35 p.m.), Hurst, and Parker were present. Member Coffman-Gomez was absent.

2. REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No Action Required

2.A. PRESENTATION BY THE WATSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE PINK PATCH PROJECT RESULTS 5069

3. CONSENT AGENDA

At Member Parker's request, Mayor Estrada removed Item 3.B. from the Consent Agenda, to be considered under Item 4.

Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item (None)

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Gonzalez and carried by the following vote to approve Consent Agenda Item 3.A.:

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

3.A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019, MEETING

3.B. ITEM REMOVED, SEE ITEM 4.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Principal Engineer Fontes gave a report regarding Item 3.B.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, Principal Engineer Fontes spoke about efforts to inform the public about the proposed trail.

Principal Engineer Fontes, in answering Member Hernandez, spoke about efforts from staff to protect the Ohlone burial grounds near the proposed trail.

Principal Engineer Fontes answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding location of the proposed trail and involvement from the County on the project. Member Gonzalez asked that the bridge portion of the project incorporate artwork as much as possible.

Principal Engineer Fontes and City Attorney Smith answered questions from Member Parker regarding ownership of Mesiti-Miller Engineering. Member Parker asked that the Ohlone Burial Grounds be protected.

Mayor Estrada asked that lighting be incorporated into the project to ensure students can use it all year and during the evening.

Member Hernandez asked staff to partner with the birding community to place signage on the trail. Principal Engineer Fontes stated staff was working with Wetlands Watch to place signage on the trail.

Amy Cebada, Regeneration-Pájaro Valley Climate Action, stated her concerns regarding litter on the proposed trail.

Barry Scott, Friends of the Rail and Trail, spoke in support of the proposed project and volunteered to work with youth to remedy issues they encounter on the trail.

**3.B. RESOLUTION NO. 20-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO MESITI-MILLER ENGINEERING, INC.,
FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE LEE ROAD TRAIL PROJECT NO. CT-19-01, IN
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$156,704**

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hurst, seconded by Member Hernandez and carried by the following vote to approve Consent Agenda Item 3.B.:

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Templeton.

2) City Council Questions

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Templeton and Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding plans for planting new trees citywide, potential for use of biodiesel on City vehicles, the Laundry to Landscape Program, Pájaro Valley Unified School District's solar panel implementation, and progress of communitywide assessment and creation of a program to address health, social economic, and equity vulnerabilities.

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Templeton, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Associate at AMBAG, and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding private cooling companies operating within the City, electricity being used citywide, effects Monterey Bay Community Power had on carbon reduction, data used to determine traffic counts, recycling challenges the City has due to increased restrictions from China, recommendations from staff on how to meet 2030 goals, plans for planting new trees citywide, and potential for curbside food waste collection.

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano and Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Templeton answered questions from Member Hernandez regarding potential for energy generation from organic waste. Member Hernandez spoke about the importance of providing safety for the public and encouraging walkability of city streets.

3) Public Input

Sergio Guzman, Regeneration-Pájaro Valley Climate Action, asked Council to include farmworkers when discussing the Climate Action Plan and to keep them informed.

Anna Kammer, District 5 resident, spoke about the importance of providing safe streets and trails in order to promote walking and bicycling.

Eileen Clark-Nagaoka, Regeneration-Pájaro Valley Climate Action, asked Council to be bold with their efforts to protect the environment and provide for safe alternatives to driving.

Pablo, gardener, asked Council to explore composting options and partner with schools to educate youth about organic farming.

Kathleen Kilpatrick, representing Safe Ag Safe Schools, gave several recommendations on how the City could improve the Climate Action Plan.

Woody Rehanek, retired teacher, stated healthy wetlands sequester carbon and asked that the City protect them.

Amy Cebada recommended staff pursue zero waste options for food outlets and encouraged the Council to expand the farmers' market.

Nancy Faulstich, Regeneration-Pájaro Valley Climate Action, spoke about the importance of making larger efforts to protect the environment and asked Council to be bold in their pursuit of environmental protection. She stated her concerns with the data provided and asked that Regeneration-Pájaro Valley Climate Action be included in the Climate Action Task Force.

4) City Council Discussion

In answering Member Hernandez, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Templeton stated there had been a committee formed to work on the Climate Action Plan but had dissolved.

5) MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, seconded by Member Gonzalez and carried by the following vote to accept the Climate Action Plan 2018 Progress Report and direct staff to continue coordinating with Climate Action Partners and Assess 2030 Climate Action Goals:

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

Mayor Estrada announced that Items 5.B. and 5.C would be considered at the 6:30 p.m. Session. He recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.

- 5.B. CONSIDERATION OF ON-BILL FINANCING LOAN DOCUMENTS, CONTRACTOR WORK ORDER AGREEMENTS & AUTHORIZATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) ENERGY WATCH DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY-WIDE ENERGY EFFICIENT LED LIGHTING RETROFIT –**
Item moved after Item 9.C.
- 5.C. CONSIDERATION OF ENDORSEMENT OF CLIMATE COMMITMENT REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE –** Item moved after Item 9.C.

6:09 p.m.

6. 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.

6.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

6:36 p.m.

7. 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 Directors Rodriguez and Templeton, Administrative Services Manager Hays, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Fire Division Chiefs Lopez and Avila, Public Works Administrative Services Manager Gordo, Principal

Engineer Fontes, Police Captains Rodriguez and Zamora, Fire Captain Schaefer, Police Fiscal Manager Maldonado, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Police Media and Communications Specialist Pulido, Environmental Projects Manager Cassel-Shimabukuro, and Interpreter Landaverry.

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

9. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9.D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve Trujillo spoke about the successful programs of the YMCA and invited the public to tour the facility as well as participate in their programs. He also asked the public to donate to the YMCA.

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?Woman thanked Council and staff for their work to make the community safe and for providing basic necessities for all.

9.A. INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES FROM ÇAVTAT, KONAVLE, REPUBLIC OF CROATIA (WATSONVILLE'S SISTER CITY) & EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

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9.B. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2019 AS RED CROSS MONTH & ENCOURAGING ALL AMERICANS TO SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION & ITS NOBLE HUMANITARIAN MISSION

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9.C. PRESENTATION BY AIRPORT DIRECTOR WILLIAMS & CLOWNBANK STUDIOS' PETER BARTCZAK REGARDING AIRPORT HANGAR MURAL

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9.D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL – Item moved after Item 5.C.

9.E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Item moved after Item 5.C.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

5.B. CONSIDERATION OF ON-BILL FINANCING LOAN DOCUMENTS, CONTRACTOR WORK ORDER AGREEMENTS & AUTHORIZATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) ENERGY WATCH DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY-WIDE ENERGY EFFICIENT LED LIGHTING RETROFIT

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1) Staff Report

The report was given by Elisabeth Bertrand, Director of Special Projects, and Amaury Berteaud, Special Projects Associate at AMBAG.

2) City Council Questions

Ms. Bertrand answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding the term of the proposed loan.

3) Public Input

Steve Trujillo stated street lights on Bronte Avenue were not bright and visibility was low at night. He asked staff to improve the streetlights.

4) **City Council Discussion (None)**

5) **RESOLUTION NO. 21-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM OF LOCAL AGENCY & DISTRICT
CUSTOMERS ON-BILL FINANCING LOAN AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR
WORK ORDER AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF
MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) ENERGY WATCH
DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY-WIDE ENERGY
EFFICIENT LED LIGHTING RETROFIT AT TWENTY-SEVEN CITY
FACILITIES; & AUTHORIZING & DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO
EXECUTE ANY AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

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

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

5.C. **CONSIDERATION OF ENDORSEMENT OF CLIMATE COMMITMENT REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE**

1) **Staff Report**

The report was given by Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Templeton.

2) **City Council Questions**

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Templeton answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding City efforts to reduce emissions and comply with State requirements.

Member Gonzalez spoke about the need to restore a safe climate for future generations.

3) **Public Input**

Steve Trujillo stated the City used Roundup, a carcinogen, for weed control and asked that the City cease using such a product.

Nancy Faulstich asked Council to approve the proposed resolution.

4) **City Council Discussion**

5) **RESOLUTION NO. 22-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION ENDORSING CLIMATE COMMITMENT BY THE CITY OF
WATSONVILLE & REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A
MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE**

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, seconded by Member Hernandez and carried by the following vote to approve the above resolution 5.C.5):

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

9. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

9.D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CITY COUNCIL (Continued)

Member Parker thanked those involved with installation of the new Bridge Street medians. Member Parker stated the Slavic American Cultural Organization celebrated their 40th Anniversary and acknowledged the late Patricia Gospodnetich Solano for being one of the founders. 5074

Member Hurst spoke about the importance of protecting the environment and preventing global warming as harmful rays from the sun cause skin cancer. He stated his wife and he had suffered from cancer in the past and thanked the medical professionals who helped them overcome the disease.

Member Hernandez announced that sand bags were available at the Fire Stations and Home Depot to help during the heavy rain. He invited the public to the Wine, Beer, and Art Walk.

Member Gonzalez spoke about his attendance at the Community Action Board Meeting and spoke about his commitment to developing a great transportation policy as part of Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the Regional Transportation Commission. He encouraged the public to stay healthy and participate in sports.

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia stated she had participated in a panel for Santa Cruz County Realtors Association to speak on her efforts to create more affordable housing. She also spoke about her participation in a gathering by Regeneration-Pájaro Valley Climate Action where they discussed ways to protect life through prevention of climate change.

Mayor Estrada invited the public to participate in upcoming Parks Master Plan Workshops. He spoke about his attendance at the Pájaro Valley Unified School District Parent-Teacher Conference and at the Municipal Airport Blood Drive event.

9.E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Smith reported that Council took no action during Closed Session.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

10.A. CONSIDERATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & MEASURE G REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 2017/18, IMPACT FEES REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/18, & 2018-19 MID YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT 4924

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Administrative Services Director Czerwin.

2) City Council Questions

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Administrative Services Director Czerwin and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding the Library's financial stability, the City's overall debt, potential for new solar panel installation, and CalPERS contribution deficiencies.

Administrative Services Director Czerwin and Airport Director Williams answered questions from Member Parker regarding decline in property tax collections made in 2018 and questions regarding pricing for Airport hangars.

Administrative Services Director Czerwin and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Mayor Estrada regarding online shopping sales tax distribution and potential for new sources for revenue.

3) Public Hearing

Mayor Estrada opened the Public Hearing.

Steve Trujillo stated the Library received \$402,000 in funding and spoke about its allocation. He stated using Roundup to control weeds led to health problems for employees and in turn increased medical costs for the City. He recommended placing a measure on the ballot for 2020 to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax.

Seeing no one else approach the podium, Mayor Estrada closed the Public Hearing.

4) City Council Discussion

Member Hernandez thanked staff and Council for their work to place the City in a positive financial situation. He spoke about potential to increase revenues through cannabis cultivation sites.

Member Gonzalez spoke about the need for proposed staffing changes in order to add personnel to the traffic crew. City Manager Huffaker spoke about funding for those positions.

Mayor Estrada spoke about the importance of an accurate Census count to ensure fair funding for the City.

Member Hurst thanked Administrative Services Manager Hays for his work over the years. He spoke about financial challenges the City had faced in the past.

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5) MOTION ACCEPTING COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY 2017-18

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6) MOTION ACCEPTING ANNUAL MEASURE G AUDIT REPORT FOR FY 2017-18

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7) MOTION ACCEPTING IMPACT FEE REPORT FOR FY 2017-18

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8) MOTION ACCEPTING MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2018-19:

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9) MOTION ACCEPTING MID-YEAR STAFFING CHANGES FOR FY 2018-19

- 10) **RESOLUTION NO. 23-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION COMMITTING \$1,500,000 OF AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE
TO THE EMERGENCY RESERVE** 4924
- 11) **RESOLUTION NO. 24-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION AMENDING 2018-2019 BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-
2019 TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS** 4924
- 12) **RESOLUTION NO. 25-19 (CM):
RESOLUTION APPROVING ADVANCE PAYABLES (LONG TERM
INTERFUND LOANS) IDENTIFIED IN THE AUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY'S INTERFUND LOAN &
TRANSFER POLICY** 4924

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Gonzalez and carried by the following vote to approve the above motions and resolutions 10.A.5) through 10.A.12):

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

**10.B. INTRODUCTION OF 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** 5765

- 1) **Staff Report**
The report was given by City Attorney Smith.
- 2) **City Council Questions**
City Attorney Smith, in answering Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia, stated Council should not lock properties to a specific district since redistricting would occur and Council should have discretion to where to draw lines despite addresses.
- 3) **Public Hearing**
Mayor Estrada opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one else approach the podium, Mayor Estrada closed the Public Hearing.
- 4) **City Council Discussion**
- 5) **INTRODUCTION OF UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE ADDING THE ATKINSON
LANE/PIPPIN REORGANIZATION TERRITORY DESCRIBED IN THE SANTA
CRUZ LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF
COMPLETION NO. 963 (LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 963) TO CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT NO. 6**

MOTION: It was moved by Member Gonzalez, seconded by Member Hernandez and carried by the following vote to introduce the above ordinance 10.B.5):

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

4924 11.A. CONSIDERATION OF SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

1) Staff Report

The report was given by Deputy City Manager Vides.

2) City Council Questions

Deputy City Manager Vides answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia regarding dissemination of funds between qualifying social and community service grant programs.

In answering Member Parker, Deputy City Manager Vides explained the purpose of the questions on the application for grant funding.

Deputy City Manager Vides, in answering Mayor Estrada, spoke about funding distributions between awardees, eligibility requirements, and potential for changes in funding distribution.

3) Public Input

4) City Council Discussion

Mayor Pro Tempore Garcia spoke about challenges the grant ad hoc committee faced as part of selection of grant recipients.

4924 5) **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to accept the proposed form application for consideration of funding social service programs during the period of FY 2019/2020 & FY 2020/2021:

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

12. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA (None)

13. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (None)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Francisco Estrada, Mayor

ATTEST:



Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

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