

**AGENDA
CITY OF WATSONVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**



Working with our community to create positive impact through service with heart.

Values: Teamwork, Integrity, Honesty, Service and Respect

***Mayor Ari Parker, District 7
Eduardo Montesino, Mayor Pro Tempore, District 1***

***VACANT, Council Member, District 2
Lowell Hurst, Council Member, District 3
Francisco Estrada, Council Member, District 4
Rebecca J. Garcia, Council Member, District 5
Jimmy Dutra, Council Member, District 6***

***Matt Huffaker, City Manager
Alan J. Smith, City Attorney
Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk***

**Location:
City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor
Watsonville, CA 95076**

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Monday, December 20, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

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1. **NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b)**
Mayor Pro Tempore Montesino will be attending the Council meeting via teleconferencing from:
Av. Revolución 1079, Zona Centro, 22350 Tijuana, B.C., Mexico
Tel: +52 664 685 1606

This teleconference location is accessible to the public.

FACE MASKS REQUIRED

2. **ROLL CALL**
 - 2.a. **MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER(S) (If any)**

3. **CLOSED SESSION CORRESPONDENCE (IF ANY)**

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4. **CLOSED SESSION**
CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

The City Council of the City of Watsonville will recess to Closed Session to discuss the matters that follow:

4.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

Name of case: Pajaro/Watsonville Homeless Union et. al. v. City of
Watsonville et. al.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.a. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

6. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Subject: Fwd: Homeless Camp at Bridge Street



Ari Parker <ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org>
to Beatriz Flores, Tamara Vides

Mon, Dec 20, 6:01 PM (2 days ago)

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From: **Ramon Gomez** <Ramon.Gomez@santacruzcounty.us>
Date: Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 5:41 PM
Subject: Homeless Camp at Bridge Street
To: Ari Parker <ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org>
CC: tamara.vides <tamara.vides@cityofwatsonville.org>

Dear Mayor Parker:

Supervisor Greg Caput is in support of the City of Watsonville's efforts to relocate the homeless camp in the City parking lot in front of the Buddhist Temple on Bridge Street. The City of Watsonville, Salud Para La Gente, Community Action Board, and the County of Santa Cruz, have offered numerous services, including mental health care, medical care, and alternative housing, to the homeless staying at the camp.

Sincerely,

Ramon Gomez
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Ari Parker, Mayor
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Thank you! Much appreciated.

On Monday, December 20, 2021, 04:00:32 PM PST, Beatriz Flores <beatriz.flores@cityofwatsonville.org> wrote:

Ms. Perez,

You may view the meeting at <https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/2123/City-Council-Agendas-Minutes>

Your email will be part of the public record for this meeting.



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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 2:39 PM sandra perez <sandraperez79@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you for having this special meeting about the growing homeless encampment in my neighborhood. Is there any way for public comment via zoom? Unfortunately, I will be driving home from work in San Jose and will be unable to attend in person. however, i wanted to share my concerns about this encampment. This is my second email, the first went out last week to the Mayor, and I have not received a reply. the fact that this encampment is still standing is unbelievable and unacceptable. I have two young kids, that walk to school. Thank goodness for winter break. I cannot understand the fear I am seeing at the "attempts" to remove these people from public property. This situation is dangerous for our community. And now the information that they are not even from our community is more outrageous. What are you so afraid of? The lawsuit? The lawsuit can keep going while they are moved. If they are being offered a place to go and services, there is no reason for the sweep not to happen.

Subject: Fw: Special Council Meeting



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This situation is unsanitary, unsafe and now we can't even go bike riding at the levee. We can't go on a safe walk. I hope you move them, evict them. Monterey county did it. Why do we always have to end up with situations like these? We are a hard working community. There are jobs on the fields, trust me, my parents like many others, worked the fields with pride and humility for decades. These people are not here to be good members of our community. They are here to demand they are supported with things they don't want to work towards. My hope is they are moved before the weekend. This cannot go on because of fear of a lawsuit. and who is suing? Really? The homeless advocates? Really?

Maybe we should counter-sue. Who is breaking the law here? I hope you listen to your constituents. We may not be able to vote for mayor, but we picked you to represent us. And everyone I have spoken to feels the same way. I am a life long member of this community. Born and raised in



Irwin Ortiz <irwin.ortiz@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: Homeless Camp at Bridge Street

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Beatriz Flores <beatriz.flores@cityofwatsonville.org>
To: Irwin Ortiz <irwin.ortiz@cityofwatsonville.org>

Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 2:34 PM



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