



MINUTES SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2022

City of Watsonville
City Council Chambers

4:30 p.m.

NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b) Mayor Pro Tempore Montesino participated via telephone from: CasaLuna Hotel Boutique, Quebrada 117 Col. Centro, San Miguel de Allende, GTO, Mexico, 37700

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tempore Montesino and Council Members Estrada, García, Hurst, and Quiroz-Carter were present. Member Dutra was absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Mendez, Assistant City Attorney Bazzano, City Clerk Ortiz, Interim Administrative Services Director Duran, Community Development Director Merriam, Innovation and Technology Director Gill, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Library Director Martinez, Deputy City Manager Manning, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, Associate Planner Carmona, Division Fire Chief Avila, and Administrative Assistant II Renteria.

1.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hurst, seconded by Member García and carried by the following vote to excuse Member Dutra's absence.

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Estrada, García, Hurst, Montesino, Quiroz-Carter, Parker
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	Dutra

1.b. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES & RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

2. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

2.a. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PANTHER PROTECTIVE SERVICES

2.b. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CRÉME DE CANNA

2.c. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FREEDOM U-SAVE LIQUOR

3. CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT – None

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hurst, seconded by Member Quiroz-Carter and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: MEMBERS: Estrada, García, Hurst, Montesino, Quiroz-Carter, Parker
NOES: MEMBERS: García (Items 3.a.1. and 3.a.2. only)
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Dutra

- 3.a. 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 241-22 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC & ON-SITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LANDCO HILLCREST, LLC., FOR THE HILLCREST ESTATES SUBDIVISION, TRACT NO. 1607 LOCATED AT 511 OHLONE PARKWAY (APNS: 018-372-14 & 018-381-01) WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, & AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 242-22 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION MAP FOR HILLCREST SUBDIVISION STAGE 1, TRACT NO. 1607, LOCATED AT 511 OHLONE PARKWAY, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APNS: 018-372-14 & 018-381-01)
- 3.b. **RESOLUTION NO. 243-22 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$90,909 FROM THE CITY-WIDE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE FUND [0340] TO THE MAIN STREET AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE (SR129) OPERATIONS MODIFICATION PROJECT, BUDGET NUMBER 0340-940-7837-14323
- 3.c. **RESOLUTION NO. 244-22 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH WALLACE GROUP, A CORPORATION, AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDING TO THE COMPENSATION (INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$28,500) FOR ON CALL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None**
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS**
- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO SIGNS**

1) Staff Report by Associate Planner Carmona

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Member García, Community Development Director Merriam stated one of the Planning Commissioners voted against recommending revisions to sign-related sections of the Municipal Code to Council to allow additional time for public input.

Associate Planner Carmona, in answering Member García, spoke about special use permits that could be issued for signs outside the standards that would be established by the proposed ordinances.

In answering Mayor Parker, Associate Planner Carmona stated the sign ordinance had not been updated since its adoption in 1968.

Associate Planner Carmona, in answering Mayor Parker, stated existing digital signs in use by schools would be allowed to remain, but a special use permit would be required for new signs.

Member Hurst spoke in support of the revisions.

In answering Mayor Parker, Associate Planner Carmona stated portable signs would be allowed under the proposed ordinances as long as they were located on private property. He added signs painted on buildings would not be allowed unless they were previously existing.

Community Development Director Merriam, in answering Mayor Parker, stated the current ordinance did not have provisions for special use permits. She added that those permits could allow for flexibility with certain signs.

3) Public Comments – None

- 4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Quiroz-Carter, seconded by Member Estrada and carried by the following vote to introduce the ordinance listed under Item 5.a.6. below.

AYES: MEMBERS: Estrada, García, Hurst, Montesino, Quiroz-Carter, Parker
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Dutra

MOTION: It was moved by Member García, seconded by Member Hurst and carried by the following vote to introduce the ordinance listed under Item 5.a.7. below.

AYES: MEMBERS: Estrada, García, Hurst, Montesino, Quiroz-Carter, Parker
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Dutra

MOTION: It was moved by Member Quiroz-Carter, seconded by Member Estrada and carried by the following vote to introduce the ordinance listed under Item 5.a.8. below.

AYES: MEMBERS: Estrada, García, Hurst, Montesino, Quiroz-Carter, Parker
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Dutra

5) City Council Deliberation on Motion – None

- 6) By Motion, Introduce for First Reading, by Title Only, Waiving the Full Reading of the Text, An Ordinance Amending Part 12 (Sign Permit) of Chapter 14-12 (Zoning Permits) of Title 14 (Zoning) of the Watsonville Municipal Code**
- 7) By Motion, Introduce for First Reading, by Title Only, Waiving the Full Reading of the Text, An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 6 (Signs) of Title 8 (Building Regulations) in its Entirety and Adding a New Chapter 14-21 (Signs) of Title 14 (Zoning) of the Watsonville Municipal Code**

- 8) **By Motion, Introduce for First Reading, by Title Only, Waiving the Full Reading of the Text, An Ordinance Amending Section 14-40.060 (Clear Corner Triangles) of Chapter 14-40 (General Provisions, Exceptions, and Modifications) of Title 14 (Zoning) of the Watsonville Municipal Code**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Ari Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk