



## MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 7, 2023

City of Watsonville  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor

**4:33 p.m.**

**NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b) Council Member Orozco participated via telephone from: Club Quarters Hotel White House, Washington DC, 839 17<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC 20006**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Montesino, Mayor Pro Tempore Quiroz-Carter and Council Members Dutra, Orozco, Parker and Salcido were present. Council Member Clark was absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Mendez, City Attorney Zutler, City Clerk Ortiz, Assistant City Manager Vides, Interim Public Works & Utilities Director Vides, Police Chief Zamora, Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Duran, Library Director Martinez, Airport Director Williams, Deputy City Manager Manning, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Green, Assistant Fire Chief Avila, Executive Assistant Diaz, Deputy City Clerk Pacheco, and Interpreter Jauregui.

**1.b. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES AND RECOGNITION OF RETIREES**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**3.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**3.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**3.c. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN ON THEIR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/BOARD MEETINGS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE (IF ANY)**

**4. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**4.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Takashi Mizuno, District 7, thanked Member Parker for taking time to answer his and other residents' questions during a recent interaction, and Mayor Pro Tempore Quiroz-Carter for responding to his emails. He asked Council to support CEIBA College Preparatory's (CEIBA) zoning amendment request.

Steve Trujillo, District 7 and Cabrillo College Board of Trustees Area VII Representative, requested Council and staff support the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. He spoke about challenges with policing in other parts of the country and the importance of accountability.

Fabian Leonor, District 4, requested Council support CEIBA's zoning amendment request. He spoke about the positive aspects of the school and their commitment to the students.

Josh Ripp, CEIBA Head of School, thanked City Clerk Ortiz and Council for their efforts to place the school's zoning amendment request on the agenda in the near future. He invited Council to visit CEIBA.

Marta Bulaich, District 1, showed a photo to Council of an area near Highway 129 where CEIBA students were dropped off and stated concerns with traffic patterns, parking, drop off zones, and pedestrian safety.

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Green invited Council and the public to the Annual Egg Drop competition which would take place during Engineers Week.

**4.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL**

Mayor Pro Tempore Quiroz-Carter spoke about her visit to the FEMA site at Ramsay Park that was providing resources to flood impacted residents and other events she attended over the past weeks. She invited the public to reach out to her with any questions or concerns.

Member Orozco spoke about events and meetings she attended in the past two weeks, including Friends of Watsonville Parks & Community Services' retreat, where fundraisers, other events, and efforts to support residents in enrolling their children in Parks & Community Services programs were discussed.

Member Parker stated she had been working to handle the impact of the recent storms and flooding in her home over the past weeks. She thanked staff for their timely responses to her questions and volunteers for picking up sand bags, and spoke about continuing recovery efforts.

Member Dutra spoke about Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's (SCMTD) program to provide students free transit and the One Ride at a Time Program, which would contribute to helping preserve the nearby coasts.

Member Salcido thanked Council for their work to help the community during the storms and stated she was unable to attend the last Council meeting due to the birth of her son.

Mayor Montesino thanked Members Parker and Dutra for their advocacy for services for Watsonville as representatives on SCMTD's Board of Directors. He spoke about continuing community efforts to support each other with flood recovery.

**1.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER(S) (If any)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Montesino, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to excuse Member Clark's absence.

AYES:	MEMBERS: Dutra, Orozco, Parker, Quiroz-Carter, Salcido, Montesino
NOES:	MEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS: Clark

**5. REPORTS TO COUNCIL -- No Action Required**

**5.a. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT**

City Manager Mendez stated the next City Council meeting would include a report on the recent storms and flooding. He spoke about a possible date for a special Council meeting to hold a public hearing for CEIBA's zoning amendment request, and about the Legislative Breakfast that was attended by various legislators.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC INPUT – None**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Dutra, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Quiroz-Carter and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION:** The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS: Dutra, Orozco, Parker, Quiroz-Carter, Salcido, Montesino
NOES:	MEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS: Clark

**6.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 17, & 27, 2023**

**6.b. RESOLUTION NO. 21-23 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID TO TOP LINE ENGINEERS, INC FOR THE AMESTI WATER RESERVOIR INTERIOR COATING & CONNECTION MODIFICATIONS, PROJECT NO. WA-22-14826, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$729,100**

**6.c. RESOLUTION NO. 22-23 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH TEAMDYNAMIX TO SUPPORT AUTOMATION & ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS & INCREASING COMPENSATION BY \$182,638.98**

**6.d. RESOLUTION NO. 23-23 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER OF DEDICATION IN FEE OF PARCELS B, C AND D & PUBLIC UTILITY AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE BLACKBIRD HOMES FINAL SUBDIVISION MAP TRACT 1585**

**6.e. RESOLUTION NO. 24-23 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO ACT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR GRANT AWARDED TO THE CENTRAL COAST CONSORTIUM & APPROPRIATE \$200,000 ANNUALLY BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 22/23 FOR FIVE YEARS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,000,000 IN THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)**

**6.f. RESOLUTION NO. 25-23 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – DISTRICT 3**

**6.g. RESOLUTION NO. 26-23 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – DISTRICT 7**

- 6.h. **RESOLUTION NO. 27-23 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE PERSONNEL COMMISSION – DISTRICT 4**
- 6.i. **RESOLUTION NO. 28-23 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYOR PRO TEMPORE QUIROZ-CARTER TO THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023, & ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**
- 6.j. **RESOLUTION NO. 29-23 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU), LOCAL 521, CLERICAL TECHNICAL UNIT FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 & ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**
- 6.k. **ORDINANCE NO. 1453-23 (CM)**  
**AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE APPROVING REZONING TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 015-111-49 LOCATED AT 70 NIELSON STREET, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, FROM IP (INDUSTRIAL PARK) TO IP/PD (INDUSTRIAL PARK/PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) FOR APPLICATION NO. 1656 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1,072 SELF-STORAGE UNITS WITH A MANAGER'S APARTMENT & DIRECTING CHANGES TO BE MADE ON THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE (REQUIRES AT LEAST 5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES PER SECTION 14-16.2507 OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE).**

**7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*Mayor Montesino recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 5:10 p.m.*

**8. PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

**8.a. 2050 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE BY DAVID SARGENT OF SARGENT TOWN PLANNING, INC**

In answering Mayor Montesino, Mr. Sargent spoke about the integration of parking and vehicle traffic into the development of the 2050 General Plan.

Principal Planner Meek, in answering Mayor Montesino spoke about various aspects involving parking that would be looked at during the process of developing the 2050 General Plan.

Mr. Sargent added they would be exploring zoning requirements as related to the goals established by the 2050 General Plan.

Community Development Director Merriam, in answering Mayor Montesino, stated staff was looking into expanding use of all the City's major corridors to accommodate various uses.

In answering Member Dutra, Mr. Sargent spoke about zoning requirements for potential development of housing near rail corridors.

Community Development Director Merriam, in answering Member Dutra, spoke about current use of buildings along Walker Street and possible future uses addressed in the Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan.

In answering Member Dutra, Mr. Sargent spoke about the timeline for completion of 2050 General Plan.

Community Development Director Merriam stated projects that were being developed did not need to wait for completion of the Plan to begin construction.

Mr. Sargent, in answering Member Parker, spoke about airport land use compatibility.

In answering Member Parker, Principal Planner Meek spoke about including criteria from the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook in the 2050 General Plan. He explained the differences between the various airport safety zones.

In answering Member Parker, Mr. Sargent spoke about integrating housing and businesses in the same areas in a manner which would benefit both.

Mayor Pro Tempore Quiroz-Carter expressed support for the inclusion of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and recreational uses in the 2050 General Plan. She spoke about potential for mixed use developments.

Principal Planner Meek added there was no specific time frame for updating the General Plan.

Mr. Sargent, in answering Mayor Montesino, spoke about potential for growth in relation to Measure Q and updating the General Plan after expiration of the Measure.

Community Development Director Merriam added the land use element of the General Plan could be updated after the expiration of Measure Q if necessary.

Mayor Montesino requested extensive community engagement during the preparation of the 2050 General Plan.

In answering Mayor Montesino, Mr. Sargent spoke about potential for exploring decommissioning the Airport.

### **Public Input**

Kirby Harris, District 7, requested the senior community be included in public outreach efforts during the development of the Plan.

Mr. Sargent spoke about the firm that would oversee the public engagement efforts.

Principal Planner Meek spoke about the community engagement plan that would be part of developing the General Plan.

## **9. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA**

## **10. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Pro Tempore Quiroz-Carter requested an update on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and an item to discuss the installation of a cross walk on Lincoln and E. Fifth Streets.

Mayor Montesino requested an item to address issues with potholes throughout the City and safety concerns on Green Valley Road.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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Eduardo Montesino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk