



MINUTES REGULAR JOINT CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY, & SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

November 14, 2023

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor

4:37 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

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

2. CLOSED SESSION CORRESPONDENCE

3. CLOSED SESSION

(a) Public Comments

(b) Closed Session Announcement:

The Closed Session Item was postponed to a future meeting.

3.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

Name of Case: Ford Kanzler, et al v City of Watsonville, et al - Santa Cruz County Superior Court (Case No. 20CV01057)

City Council Resumed at 5:30 p.m.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present were City Manager Mendez, City Attorney Zutler, City Clerk Ortiz, Assistant City Manager Vides, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, Administrative Services Director Duran, Community Development Director Merriam, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Library Director Martinez, Airport Director Williams, Deputy City Manager Manning, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, Public Information Officer Pulido, Multimedia & Communications Analyst Vasquez, Police Media & Communications Assistant Vasquez, Police Officer Gonzales, Police Sergeant Radich, Senior Administrative Analyst Flores, Fire Division Chief Avila, Police Officer Ambriz, Police Officer Larios, Deputy City Clerk Pacheco, and Interpreter Landaverry.

- 4.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER(S) (If any)
- 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6. INFORMATION ITEMS
- 6.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS
- 6.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT
- 7. CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT – None

MOTION: It was moved by Member Dutra, seconded by Member Orozco, and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

- 7.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2023
- 7.b. MOTION APPROVING CITY RESPONSE TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY'S INVESTIGATION HONORING COMMITMENTS TO THE PUBLIC
- 7.c. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A LIMITED COMMERCIAL GUARANTY WITH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BANK IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,000,000, FOR A COMMERCIAL LOAN TO THE PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE GUARANTY – Removed by Member Parker. See Item 8.
- 7.d. RESOLUTION NO. 212-23 (CM)
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LANDFILL PHASE IV MODULE 1 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION SYSTEM AND PHASE III FINAL CLOSURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, NO SW-23-14969; AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SAME PROJECT
- 7.e. RESOLUTION NO. 213-23 (CM)
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH 19SIX ARCHITECTS, A CORPORATION, ADDING TO THE SCOPE OF WORK, INCREASING CONTRACT COMPENSATION NOT TO EXCEED \$841,800, AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 FOR THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION CENTER, PROJECT NO. 14794, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 7.f. RESOLUTION NO. 214-23 (CM)
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING

FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND CALLANDER ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, INC., A CORPORATION, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2024; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

- 7.g. RESOLUTION NO. 215-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER WITH TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP ULC, A CORPORATION, FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPRIETARY SPARE PARTS FOR THE RECYCLED WATER FACILITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$230,704.11 (WHICH INCLUDES A 5% CONTINGENCY)
- 7.h. RESOLUTION NO. 216-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CANNON CORPORATION, FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE ZONE 2 RESERVOIR PROJECT, NO. WA-20-14829, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$779,980.00; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 7.i. RESOLUTION NO. 217-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND V.W. HOUSEN & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, TO PERFORM SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION AND CAPACITY ASSURANCE PLAN AND GRAVITY SEWER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$525,298; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 7.j. RESOLUTION NO. 218-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ANTI CRIME TEAM, AUTHORIZING A SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST POSITION AT THE WATSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING AN ESTIMATED BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$149,173 (ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY PER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER OF THE CITY AND THE MANAGEMENT UNIT)
- 7.k. RESOLUTION NO. 219-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR A NO COST BICYCLE SHARING SYSTEM WITH BCYCLE, LLC
- 7.l. RESOLUTION NO. 220-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DENSITY BONUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND WILLIAM J. HANSEN AND NEVA J. HANSEN, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE HANSEN FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 27, 2001, TO REGULATE THE

DEVELOPMENT AND RENT OF AFFORDABLE UNITS LOCATED AT 558 MAIN STREET [APN: 018-241-20], WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

- 7.m. RESOLUTION NO. 221-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING A \$89,309 GRANT FROM FRIENDS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS TO SUPPORT THE PARKRX SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PROGRAM FOR FY 23/24 AND FY 24/25; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)
- 7.n. RESOLUTION NO. 222-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO ACCEPT A \$44,062 AB617 COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE MONTEREY BAY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT TOWARDS THE REPLACEMENT OF A DIESEL SOLID WASTE TRUCK WITH AN ELECTRIC EQUIVALENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND
- 7.o. RESOLUTION NO. 223-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO ACCEPT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,952 TO FUND CRIME ANALYSIS SOFTWARE, TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)
- 7.p. RESOLUTION NO. 224-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING A \$12,000 GRANT FROM PACIFIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND
- 7.q. RESOLUTION NO. 225-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING OF \$500,000 THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CANNABIS EQUITY GRANT TO SUPPORT CANNABIS EQUITY BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, AND IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND PAYMENT REQUESTS, WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY

- 7.r. **RESOLUTION NO. 226-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE RATIFYING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER OF THE CITY AND THE FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-2025

- 7.s. **ORDINANCE NO. 1460-23 (CM)**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE RESCINDING ARTICLE 17 (CRUISING) OF CHAPTER 5 (TRAFFIC) WITHIN TITLE 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE

- 8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7.c. **RESOLUTION NO. 227-23 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A LIMITED COMMERCIAL GUARANTY WITH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BANK IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,000,000, FOR A COMMERCIAL LOAN TO THE PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE GUARANTY

In answering Member Parker, City Manager Mendez spoke about the reasons Pajaro Valley Health Care District (PVHCD) was requesting assistance from the City to obtain a line of credit with Santa Cruz County Bank, options for the City should PVHCD default on the loan, and the City's ability to pay the guaranty should it be necessary.

Public Input

Steve Trujillo, District 7, spoke in support of Item 7.c. and the importance of Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH) remaining open.

Tony Nuñez, PVHCD Board Member, thanked Council for their support of WCH, spoke about the Hospital's financial outlook for the following years, and stated PVHCD wished to present Council with a report on their plans for WCH.

June Ponce, WCH Foundation Executive Director, spoke in support of WCH, the number of patients that had been served over the past year, and about the importance of collaboration among all organizations for the success of the Hospital.

Member Salcido spoke about her participation at WCH's one year anniversary event, the importance of the Hospital, and her recent positive experience with the Hospital's care.

Member Parker spoke in support of approving the item and in support of the Hospital.

Member Dutra spoke in support of WCH, its importance for the community, and about expanding services.

Mayor Montesino spoke in support of WCH.

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Montesino, seconded by Member Orozco, and carried by the following vote to approve Item 7.c.

AYES: MEMBERS: Clark, Dutra, Orozco, Parker, Quiroz-Carter, Salcido, Montesino

NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

9. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve Trujillo, District 7, spoke about the spending bill approved by Congress to avoid a government shutdown. He inquired about the homeless population that was living near Corralitos Creek and spoke about ensuring they had proper shelter with the possible winter storms approaching after the Creek was cleared of debris and trash.

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes invited Council and the public to attend World Day of Remembrance in memory of road traffic victims.

In answering Member Dutra, City Manager Mendez stated he could take a report to Council at a future meeting regarding prevention of pedestrian and vehicle accidents.

Jesus Madrigal, District 6 resident and manager of two local farmers markets, spoke about collaboration among various agencies to provide the community with vouchers to purchase fresh produce. He spoke about organizations that distributed information during the Friday farmers market in the plaza, invited everyone to the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, and to the Winter Preparedness Resource event.

9.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member Orozco spoke about her attendance at various events over the past weeks. She thanked all veterans for their service.

Member Parker spoke about her participation at the Veterans Day event held at Watsonville High School's Henry J. Mello Center. She thanked the community for supporting veterans and spoke about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Member Clark spoke about events he attended over the past weeks, highlighted the Veterans Day event, and thanked all who helped organize it.

Mayor Montesino spoke about the Veterans Day event and thanked its organizers. He spoke about various other events he attended over the past weeks.

Member Dutra stated he had received the Portuguese Society of America's 2023 Service Award. He spoke about the funding he was given as part of the award for an organization of his choice and presented Pajaro Valley Loaves & Fishes with the funding.

Mayor Montesino reopened Oral Communications from the Public to allow a large group of community members to speak on a mutual concern.

? female, Pajaro resident, stated she and other tenants at a residence complex were being evicted by their landlord due to issues with other residents. She spoke about challenges being faced by displaced families looking for alternate housing.

Tony Nuñez, Community Bridges Marketing & Communications Manager, stated residents in attendance were representing the displaced residents in seeking legal counsel and

attempting to compromise with the landlord. He spoke about challenges being faced by the residents, requested the community's support, and stated he would share information for a GoFundMe account that had been set up in support of the families.

Member Parker spoke in support of the displaced residents and requested a motion to send a letter to Monterey County asking them to aid those residents.

City Attorney Zutler stated Council could not take action on items not on the agenda but could provide direction to staff to prepare a letter.

Ihlan Farhat spoke about the war in Gaza and requested Council support a ceasefire.

? female, spoke about her family's experience as refugees and in support of a ceasefire.

Amina, student nurse at Monterey Peninsula College, requested Council adopt a resolution calling for a ceasefire and spoke about the effects of the war in Gaza.

Irene requested Council hold an emergency meeting to approve a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and read a draft resolution.

9.c. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Montesino stated Closed Session was not held.

9.d. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TONY VALENCIA

9.e. PRESENTATION BY VELAS, SAO JORGE ISLAND, AZORE ISLANDS, PORTUGAL COMMITTEE ON THEIR TRIP TO VELAS

The presentation was given by Council Member Dutra

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No Action Required

10.a. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT

City Manager Mendez stated he attended his first meeting as a member of the Cabrillo College Foundation.

At City Manager Mendez's request, Assistant City Manager Vides spoke about City staff's preparation for the rainy season and the emergency preparedness event the City would host during Friday's Farmers' Market.

10.b. ARTS & ECONOMIC PROSPERITY REPORT BY ARTS COUNCIL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DEPUTY DIRECTOR MIREYA GOMEZ-CONTRERAS

In answering Mayor Montesino, Deputy Director Gomez-Contreras spoke about capacity building workshops hosted by the Arts Council to provide artists with opportunities to work on and display their work.

Member Orozco requested a meeting with the Arts Council to explore opportunities for expanding partnerships with the City to create additional opportunities for artists.

Deputy Director Gomez-Contreras spoke about the number of arts and culture spaces in the City and about building an arts district with enhanced visibility.

11. NEW BUSINESS

**11.a. PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS & TASERS FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.
(Recommended by Police Chief Zamora)**

1) Staff Report by Police Sergeant Radich

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions – None

3) Public Input – None

4) MOTION: It was moved by Member Salcido, seconded by Member Clark, and carried by the following vote to approve item 11.a.6. listed below.

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

5) City Council Deliberation on Motion – None

6) RESOLUTION NO. 228-23 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE AND MASTER SERVICES AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., A CORPORATION, DBA AXON FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHTY-FIVE (85) BODY WORN CAMERAS, EIGHTY-FIVE (85) TASER 10 CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES, EQUIPMENT UPDATES, ADD-ON SERVICES AND COMMITMENT FOR TEN YEARS TO AXON'S EVIDENCE.COM DIGITAL MEDIA STORAGE SOLUTION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,723,558.14; AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT (FUNDED FROM MEASURE Y FUNDS)

12. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA – None

13. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Eduardo Montesino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk