



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

January 16, 2024

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street,
Top Floor

4:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Quiroz-Carter, Mayor Pro Tempore Orozco, and Council Members Clark, Dutra, Montesino (arrived at 4:31 p.m.), 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 City Council recessed the meeting to discuss the items that follow:

3.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9: [1 potential case]

City Council Resumed at 5:30 p.m.

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor Quiroz-Carter, Mayor Pro Tempore Orozco, and Council Members Clark, Dutra Montesino, 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, Police Chief Zamora, Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Duran, Community Development Director Merriam, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Library Director Martinez, Deputy City Manager Manning, Principal Planner Orbach, Police Officer Bañuelos, Police Sergeant Trujillo, Deputy City Clerk Pacheco, and Interpreter Landaverry.

4.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER(S)

- 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6. INFORMATION ITEMS
- 6.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS
- 6.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT
- 7. CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT

Paul Bruno expressed concerns over the City's Project Labor Agreement (PLA) hindering Public Works projects from receiving competitive bids, requested Item 7.b. be removed from the Consent Agenda and re-bid without a PLA requirement, and spoke about potential benefits of doing so.

In answering Member Dutra, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg stated the project listed under Item 7.b. would still be subject to the PLA when re-bid and spoke about efforts to move forward with Public Works projects while being cost-effective.

Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, in answering Member Dutra, stated the cost for the project listed under Item 7.c. was higher than the engineer's estimate but still within budget.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member Parker, to approve the Consent Agenda.

In answering Member Dutra, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg spoke about the reasons the project listed under Item 7.c. was being awarded despite the cost being higher than the engineer's estimate.

Member Dutra stated the reasons he was not in support of Item 7.c. and spoke about the importance of investing funds to address community needs.

In answering Member Parker, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg spoke about challenges with high costs of various aspects of projects and efforts to work with all stakeholders and interested parties to make projects more cost effective.

Member Dutra spoke in support of Item 7.k.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote.

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Clark, Dutra, Montesino, Orozco, Parker, Salcido, Quiroz-Carter
NOES:	MEMBERS:	Dutra (Item 7.b. and 7.c. only)
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

- 7.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023

- 7.b. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WATER WELL NO. 4 PUMP STATION, PROJECT NO WA-22-005; AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SAME PROJECT
- 7.c. **RESOLUTION NO. 2-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO FORD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR THE LANDFILL PHASE IV MODULE 1 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION SYSTEM AND PHASE III FINAL CLOSURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, NO. SW-23-14969, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,173,230; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$1,457,745 FROM THE SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND 0740
- 7.d. **RESOLUTION NO. 3-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND SWT ENGINEERING, INC., A CORPORATION, TO PERFORM ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE LANDFILL PHASE IV MODULE 1 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION SYSTEM AND PHASE III FINAL CLOSURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, NO. SW-23-14969, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$708,922; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 7.e. **RESOLUTION NO. 4-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING CONTRACT TO GRANITE ROCK COMPANY, A CORPORATION, FOR WATER CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, PROJECT NO. WA-23-02, IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$550,000; AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME (FUNDED FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND)
- 7.f. **AWARD AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, & SERVICES TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC & CORE & MAIN, LP**
- 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 5-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC., A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES, PROJECT NO. WA-23-01, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 ANNUALLY
- 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 6-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO CORE & MAIN, LP, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES, PROJECT NO. WA-23-01, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 ANNUALLY
- 7.g. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 12 WITH GRANITE CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY, A CORPORATION, FOR THE WATSONVILLE SLOUGH CONNECTOR TRAIL PROJECT AT RAMSAY PARK, AN URBAN GREENING GRANT PROJECT, NO. PK-21-01, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,120.16; DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS FROM THE PARK LAND IMPACT FEE FUND

7.h. RESOLUTION NO. 8-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND CHRISP COMPANY, A CORPORATION, FOR THE ON CALL STRIPING, PROJECT NO. ST-23-01QB; INCREASING THE CONTRACT COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,455 FOR A REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$350,000; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

7.i. RESOLUTION NO. 9-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM COOPER MACHINERY SERVICES LLC., A CORPORATION, FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARTS USED FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY COGENERATION SYSTEM FOR FY23/24, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$179,498.20 (FUNDED FROM THE WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND)

7.j. RESOLUTION NO. 10-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION FOR NONSTATE AGENCIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR, OR ASSISTANT FINANCE MANAGER TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL OPEN AND FUTURE DISASTERS

7.k. RESOLUTION NO. 11-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE IN SUPPORT OF THE PAJARO VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND - MEASURE N TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE AT THE WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

7.l. RESOLUTION NO. 12-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REPORT FOR JUNE 30, 2023, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66001

7.m. RESOLUTION NO. 13-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPOINTING MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

- 7.n. **RESOLUTION NO. 14-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER PARKER AND MAYOR VANESSA QUIROZ-CARTER AS ALTERNATE TO THE PÁJARO REGIONAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT AGENCY JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 7.o. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPOINTING SUZI MERRIAM, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, AND RENE MENDEZ, CITY MANAGER, TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HOUSING FOR HEALTH PARTNERSHIP POLICY BOARD
- 7.p. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-24 (SA)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 34171(j) AND SECTIONS 34173, APPROVING A RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AS REQUIRED BY HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 34177(I)(1)
8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
9. **PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Quiroz-Carter announced she would not limit time for individual speakers, but the time allotted for Oral Communications from the Public would be limited to two hours. She requested all speakers remain respectful and stated she would be working with the City Clerk to hold a Special City Council meeting to discuss a ceasefire resolution.

City Clerk Ortiz stated he had to poll Council on their availability to find a date and time to hold the Special Council meeting Mayor Quiroz-Carter requested.

Member Salcido expressed her disagreement with Mayor Quiroz-Carter calling for a Special City Council meeting and stated the process outlined in the Council Protocols should be followed.

Mayor Quiroz-Carter stated the City Charter gave authority to the Mayor to call for Special City Council meetings.

In answering Member Parker, City Attorney Zutler spoke about the different processes for calling a Special City Council meeting and for requesting items be added to the agenda.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Dutra, seconded by Member Parker, and carried by the following vote to limit time for allotted for Oral Communications from the Public to one hour.

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

9.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ross Shoerenstein spoke against Council considering adoption of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

? male, sang a song empathizing with the negative impacts of the war in Gaza and calling for peace.

The following speakers requested Council approve a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and spoke about the negative effects of the war on a personal, local, and national level:

Ihlan, District 7
Zahia, District 7
Erin Tucker
Isaac Chavarria
Abdul
Nasreen
Karime
Sarah
Sadia, District 7
Silvie Stein
Annie
Tego

John Jackson commended all speakers and Council for listening to the public and spoke about hope for peace through communication among all persons.

Michael Gazere spoke in favor of Council approving a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Rabbi Debbie Israel, District 4, spoke against Council approving a ceasefire resolution.

The following speakers requested Council approve a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and spoke about the negative effects of the war on a personal, local, and national level:

Ellen Garfield
Linda Orozco, Santa Cruz County Childcare Planning Council Commissioner
Takashi Mizuno, District 7
Kitty Mizuno, District 7
Yesenia, District 7
Pam Sexton, District 1
Marisa
? female
Nei Ramos, District 7
Rachel
Raudel Covarrubias, District 2, and Pajaro Valley Pride Vice President
Nat, Asian American Justice + Innovation Lab Co-director
Maria Ramos spoke about her work with immigrants and farmworkers, challenges they faced during the pandemic, aid given by her organization, Campesina Womb Justice after last year's floods and other challenges faced by immigrant farmworkers.

The following speakers requested Council approve a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and spoke about the negative effects of the war on a personal, local, and national level:

Elisa Martinez, Licensed Psychotherapist
Elias Gonzalez, District 5
Anabel Anguiano, District 2
Carmen, District 5
Veronica, delegate of Monterey Bay Labor Central Council

Mayor Quiroz-Carter recessed the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

9.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member Parker wished everyone a happy New Year.

Member Montesino wished everyone a happy New Year.

Member Dutra wished all a happy New Year.

Member Clark wished everyone a happy New Year.

9.c. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Zutler stated no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No Action Required

10.a. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT

City Manager Mendez stated a Special Council meeting would be held regarding the General Plan Update. He spoke about updates on various efforts and initiatives that Council would receive in the future.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

11.a. AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP & ZONING MAP TO MAKE THE ENTIRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 1926 FREEDOM BOULEVARD (APN: 014-032-17) GENERAL COMMERCIAL & THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL

1) Staff Report by Principal Planner Orbach and Community Development Director Merriam. Project Representatives David How and Kyle Dalton were also in attendance.

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Member Parker, Principal Planner Orbach spoke about the effectiveness of fencing that would be installed as part of the project to prevent lighting from creating a nuisance for a nearby residence.

Principal Planner Orbach, in answering Member Dutra, spoke about upgrades that would be made along Freedom Boulevard as part of the project, including landscaping, curb, and gutter improvements. He stated the project had been reviewed by Public Works & Utilities staff and spoke about the reasons the applicant needed more space for their car and truck rental business.

In answering Member Dutra, Project Representative How spoke about the reasons Enterprise needed a larger location for their car and truck rental business and the number of employees that would be hired.

Principal Planner Orbach, in answering Member Parker, spoke about the reasons the location was chosen for the project.

In answering Member Parker, Project Representative How spoke about efforts to identify a location that met Enterprise's needs and the reasons the site at 1926 Freedom Boulevard was chosen.

Community Development Director Merriam, in answering Member Parker, spoke about challenges Enterprise had faced over the years to identify a parcel suitable for their expansion plans and stated the reasons other possible locations had not been considered.

In answering Member Parker, Project Representative How spoke about factors considered by Enterprise in selecting 1926 Freedom Boulevard as the project site and about the length of time trucks were rented for.

Principal Planner Orbach, in answering Member Parker, spoke about Airport safety zones near the project area.

In answering Member Montesino, Principal Planner Orbach stated the area including the project site had been annexed into the City in 2000 and stated development possibilities could expand if the Airport were to close.

3) Public Comments – None

- 4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member Dutra, to approve items 11.a.6. and 11.a.7. listed below.

5) City Council Deliberation on Motion

Member Dutra expressed support for attracting businesses to Watsonville and spoke about challenges with diversifying the businesses in the City to better serve community needs.

In answering Member Salcido, Community Development Director Merriam spoke about exploring possibilities for building housing, potential closure of the crosswind runway, and other potential developments in the Freedom Boulevard area should the zoning change be approved.

Principal Planner Orbach added that the draft Housing Element included a list of commercial developments that could potentially be developed into housing in the future.

In answering Member Parker, Community Development Director Merriam stated there were various properties that could accommodate housing should the Airport's crosswind runway be closed and the pertaining Airport safety zone no longer be active.

City Manager Mendez added that staff would provide the Council with options regarding economic development and implementation of the Council's priorities, including

addressing the need for housing.

Member Parker stated it was important to balance economic development with housing and other community needs.

Mayor Quiroz-Carter expressed support for the business and the improvements that would be made as part of the project.

MOTION: The above motion was carried by the following vote.

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

6) RESOLUTION NO. 16-24 (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
APPROVING THE THIRTIETH (30TH) AMENDMENT TO THE WATSONVILLE 2005
GENERAL PLAN TO DESIGNATE THE ENTIRE ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 014-
032-17 LOCATED AT 1926 FREEDOM BOULEVARD, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA,
TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL**

**7) BY MOTION, INTRODUCE FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, WAIVING THE
FULL READING OF THE TEXT, AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
ZONING MAP TO DESIGNATE THE ENTIRE 0.917-ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 1926
FREEDOM BOULEVARD (APN: 014-032-17) THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL (CT) &
DIRECTING CHANGES TO BE MADE ON THE ZONING MAP**

12. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA – None

13. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**13.a. CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY CITY
COUNCIL MEMBERS AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1) Report by City Manager Mendez

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions – None

3) Public Input – None

**4) Motion Scheduling an Agenda Item Regarding Addressing Concerns with Campers
Located Near or Around Schools**

Member Montesino stated other cities in the area were putting policies in place regarding campers and spoke about the importance of the City adopting a policy.

In answering Mayor Quiroz-Carter, Member Montesino stated he wanted Council to explore an oversize vehicle ordinance.

City Manager Mendez, in answering Member Parker, spoke about the potential for creating a new ordinance regarding oversize vehicles.

Member Orozco requested the agenda item include exploring the potential for “No Overnight Parking” signage in certain business locations.

Public Input – None

MOTION: It was moved by Member Parker, seconded by Member Orozco, and carried by the following vote to place an item on the next regular Council meeting agenda regarding addressing concerns with campers located near or around schools, and potential placement of “No Overnight Parking” signage.

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

5) Motion Scheduling an Agenda Item Regarding the City’s Policy on Bicycle Lanes on Streets

Member Montesino spoke about the reasons he requested the item and the importance of clarity surrounding bicycle lanes.

In answering Member Parker, Member Montesino stated his request was for an item to address the consistency of the City’s bicycle policy.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member Orozco to schedule an agenda item regarding the City’s policy on bicycle lanes on streets.

Public Input – None

MOTION: The above motion was carried by the following vote.

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

13.b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Salcido requested an agenda item regarding Council exploring approval of a ceasefire resolution.

City Attorney Zutler, in answering Member Salcido, stated that a vote could be taken on her request.

In answering Member Parker, City Attorney Zutler spoke about the Council Protocols regarding placement of items on future agendas per Council request.

The meeting was recessed at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Quiroz-Carter stated she planned to request an item for discussion on approval of a ceasefire resolution to be placed on the next regular Council meeting agenda and would withdraw her direction for a Special Council meeting should the request be approved. She spoke about the importance of placing items requested by the public on the agenda and about the importance of listening to the community.

City Clerk Ortiz polled the Council regarding placing an item on the February 13th agenda regarding approval of a ceasefire resolution. Only Mayor Quiroz-Carter supported the agendizing of a ceasefire resolution.

Mayor Quiroz-Carter stated she would continue working with the City Clerk on scheduling a Special City Council Meeting.

Member Montesino requested a Special Meeting on the Project Labor Agreement.

Member Dutra agreed with Member Montesino's request.

In answering Member Parker, City Attorney Zutler spoke about the potential for including a Closed Session as part of the Project Labor Agreement discussion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk

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