



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

November 12, 2024

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor

4:20 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

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

NEW EMPLOYEES

Marilyn Cruickshank – Librarian
Moises Lopez – Police Officer
Fernando Avalos – Police Officer
Danny Victory – Police Officer
Justin Lemus – Police Officer

2. REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No Action Required

2.a. REPORT BY PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG ON CITYWIDE LIGHTING ASSESSMENT

Traffic Patterns Consultant Traffic Engineer Jaime Rodriguez was also present.

In answering Member Dutra, Engineer Rodriguez spoke about repair and replacement options for different types of lights. He spoke about challenges with replacing decorative poles, efforts to use lights with the same illumination strength, the reasons streetlight replacement would happen in phases, and shared costs with Monterey County to replace lighting on the nearby Pajaro bridge.

City Manager Vides, in answering Member Montesino, stated a funding source for light replacements and repairs had not been identified yet. She stated staff would explore pursuing grant funding.

Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg added that district meetings helped identify the need for better lighting as a concern for many residents.

Member Montesino requested exploring options to expedite repair and replacement of lights throughout the City.

Member Salcido asked a question regarding how many light poles were City owned and how many were owned by PG&E.

In answering Member Salcido, City Manager Vides stated the City did seek payment when City owned light poles were damaged.

2.b. REPORT BY CITY MANAGER VIDES REGARDING A TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

Police Chief Zamora and Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib were also present.

In answering Member Salcido, Police Chief Zamora spoke about the potential impact of Proposition 36 on Police's handling of drug possession crimes.

City Manager Vides, in answering Mayor Quiroz-Carter, spoke about the number of community members that could be part of the task force and allowing for extensive participation.

In answering Member Montesino, City Manager Vides spoke about efforts to have a balanced number of participants in each task force working group and the time frame for establishing the task force.

In answering Member Dutra, City Manager Vides spoke about requirements for those interested in being part of the different working groups.

Mayor Pro Tempore Orozco expressed support for creating the homelessness task force with various working groups focusing on specific areas.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT – None

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

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

3.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2024

3.b. RESOLUTION NO. 228-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDING CONTRACT TO RAIMI & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$169,380; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$169,380 FROM THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)

3.c. RESOLUTION NO. 229-24 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE LEE ROAD TRAIL PROJECT, NO. CT-19-01; EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT; ADDING TO SCOPE OF WORK, INCREASING COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

- 3.d. RESOLUTION NO. 230-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND DANIEL B. STEPHENS & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR CONTINUED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN CONSULTING SERVICES, ADDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$265,405 FOR A CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,952,567.76; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AND APPROVING A BUDGET TRANSFER OF THE SAME AMOUNT WITHIN THE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
- 3.e. RESOLUTION NO. 231-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND WATERWAYS CONSULTING, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE MIDDLE STRUVE SLOUGH HABITAT AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH TRAIL EXTENSION; ADDING TO THE SCOPE OF WORK, INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$29,498.80, AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT TERM, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 3.f. RESOLUTION NO. 232-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND ES ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC., A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE LANDFILL REGULATORY CONSULTING SERVICES, INCREASING COMPENSATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR A CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000; EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 3.g. RESOLUTION NO. 233-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND WALLACE GROUP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AT PENNSYLVANIA DRIVE AND HAMMER ROAD AND OTHER LOCATIONS DIRECTED BY THE CITY INCREASING COMPENSATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 FOR A CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$550,000; EXTENDING THE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2026; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 3.h. RESOLUTION NO. 234-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE ORDER WITH DXP ENTERPRISES, INC., A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PUMPS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$361,675.64 FOR A PURCHASE ORDER TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$445,675.64; AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME (FUNDED FROM WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND [0710])
- 3.i. RESOLUTION NO. 235-24 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDED CONTRACT TO LDA PARTNERS, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE

CENTER (MSC) IMPROVEMENTS PHASES 1 & 2 – BUILDING DESIGN BRIDGING DOCUMENT SERVICES (30% LEVEL) PROJECT NO. CB-24-01, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,236,371.60, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF SAME AMOUNT FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND [0720]

- 3.j. RESOLUTION NO. 236-24 (CM)
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH VITOL FUELS, INCORPORATED, FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIGH OCTANE UNLEADED AVIATION FUEL FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND CONCLUDING NOVEMBER 30, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME (FUNDED BY THE AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND)**

- 3.k. RESOLUTION NO. 237-24 (CM)
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2024, BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND WATSONVILLE CHAPTER 119, EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION, A CORPORATION, FOR THE USE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 60 AVIATION WAY, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, COMMENCING ON NOVEMBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2027; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

- 3.l. RESOLUTION NO. 238-24 (CM)
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR MATERIAL SUPPLY FOR WATER SERVICES, WHICH WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND AND ADOPTED IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

- 3.m. ADOPT ORDINANCES RELATED TO WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5-49 (CANNABIS EQUITY PROGRAM) & CHAPTER 14-53 (CANNABIS FACILITIES)**
 - 1) ORDINANCE NO. 1470-24 (CM)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 (CANNABIS EQUITY PROGRAM) OF TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS, AND CONDUCT) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE CANNABIS EQUITY PROGRAM**

 - 2) ORDINANCE NO. 1471-24 (CM)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 53 (CANNABIS FACILITIES) OF TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE CANNABIS EQUITY PROGRAM**

- 4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

5:06 p.m.

- 5. CLOSED SESSION CORRESPONDENCE (None)**

- 6. CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed the meeting to discuss the items that follow at 5:06 p.m.

6.a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 45 Aviation Way (APN: 015-22-101)

Negotiating parties: City (Tamara Vides and Rayvon Williams)

EKB Partners, LLC (Kevin and Brian Dueck)

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

6.b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency negotiator: Mark Wilson - Burke, Williams & Sorensen

Employee organization: Police Management

6.c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code 54956.9)

Pending Litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1):

Name of case: Westia et al v City of Watsonville, et al - Santa Cruz Superior Court (Case No. 23CV00800)

City Council Resumed at 6:06 p.m.

7. ROLL CALL

Mayor Quiroz-Carter, Mayor Pro Tempore Orozco, and Council Members Dutra, Montesino, and Salcido (arrived at 6:09 p.m.) were present. Council Members Clark and Parker were absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Vides, City Attorney Zutler, City Clerk Ortiz, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, Police Chief Zamora, Administrative Services Director Duran, Interim Community Development Director Meek, IT Director Gill, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Library Director Martinez, Airport Director Williams, Deputy City Manager Manning, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Green, Interim Assistant Community Development Director Orbach, Police Captain Radich, Public Works Administrative Services Manager Gordo, Deputy City Clerk Pacheco, and Interpreter Jauregui.

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

MOTION: It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Orozco and carried by the following vote to excuse Member Clark and Member Parker's absences.

AYES: MEMBERS: Dutra, Montesino, Orozco, Quiroz-Carter

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Clark, Parker, Salcido

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

9.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT

9.c. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

10. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, on behalf of Assistant Public Works Director Fontes, invited everyone to attend the World Day of Remembrance on November 17 in honor of road traffic collision victims.

10.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member Dutra spoke about his participation at an Omega Nu Watsonville Chapter event. He wished all veterans a happy Veterans Day. He thanked voters in District 6 for re-electing him.

Member Montesino thanked everyone who participated in the Election, including staff and voters. He spoke in favor of the two City measures that were on the ballot and congratulated Pajaro Valley Unified School District for the potential passing of their bond measure.

Mayor Pro Tempore Orozco wished everyone a happy Veterans Day and thanked veterans for their service. She spoke about various events she attended over the past weeks. She reminded the public of the Buy a Brick fundraiser in support of the Ramsay Park renovation and thanked all who voted and supported City Measures V and W.

Member Salcido expressed support for the two City ballot measures, Measures V and W. She spoke in support of the migrant community.

Mayor Quiroz-Carter spoke about her participation at a press conference reaffirming support for migrants, LGBTQ+, and other community members. She spoke about her attendance at Wine and Roses and the Annual Peace and Unity March. She stated it was her last meeting, as she would be unable to attend the December Council meeting.

10.c. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Zutler stated a Closed Session was held on the items listed on the agenda and no reportable action was taken.

10.d. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CLASSIC CALAVERA TATTOO & ITS OWNER PEPE NUÑEZ

10.e. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SOMOS WATSONVILLE & REVEREND JULIANNE PORRAS-CENTER

10.f. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LA PERLA DEL PACÍFICO

10.g. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MILPA COLLECTIVE

- 10.h. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING POWERHOUSE GYM – Did not attend.**
- 10.i. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OUTGOING POET LAUREATE ROBERT "BOB' GOMEZ**
- 10.j. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING INCOMING POET LAUREATE DR. VICTORIA BAÑALES**
- 11. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 11.a. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & COMMENTS BY MAYOR QUIROZ-CARTER**

1) PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL GAVEL BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OROZCO TO MAYOR QUIROZ-CARTER

Mayor Pro Tempore Orozco expressed appreciation for Mayor Quiroz-Carter's support of the arts, youth empowerment, and community improvement. She thanked her for her advocacy and courage.

2) COMMENTS BY OUTGOING MAYOR QUIROZ-CARTER

Mayor Quiroz-Carter spoke about challenges faced and lessons learned during her year as mayor and thanked Council. She encouraged young people to get involved in their community and foster change and improvement.

3) COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Member Montesino thanked Mayor Quiroz-Carter for her leadership and congratulated her on her growth over the past year.

Member Salcido thanked Mayor Quiroz-Carter for her service and leadership in difficult circumstances and expressed excitement for her reelection and continuing to work together.

Member Dutra thanked Mayor Quiroz-Carter for her leadership and kindness. He spoke positively about her conviction and thanked her for her advocacy in favor of South County as a member of various boards.

Public Input

Bernie Gomez thanked Mayor Quiroz-Carter for her work and her advocacy efforts.

Kitty Mizuno spoke about a state where mass deportations had occurred in the past and requested Council work with the community to protect its residents.

Karina thanked Mayor Quiroz-Carter for her service to the community and her kindness.

12. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA – None

13. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Montesino requested an update on cleaning efforts downtown.

Member Dutra requested a presentation regarding street cleaning and parking enforcement.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk