



MINUTES JOINT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL & SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

February 25, 2025

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor

NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b), Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido participated in the meeting via teleconferencing from: 65 Peppertree Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076. Councilmember Montesino participated in the meeting via teleconferencing from: Hilton Garden Inn El Paso 6650 Gtwy Blvd E, El Paso, TX 79915

4:42 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Orozco, Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, and Council Members Clark, Dutra, Montesino, Parker (arrived at 4:44 p.m.) and Quiroz-Carter (arrived at 4:50 p.m.) were present.

Vice Chair Radin and Planning Commissioners Hurst, Rojas, Sencion, and Veitch-Olson were present. Chair Acosta and Commissioner Dodge were absent.

**1.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL OR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER(S)
(None)**

2. REPORTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION – No Action Required

2.a. AB 1234 (ETHICS) TRAINING BY CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

City Council Resumed at 6:47 p.m.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present were City Manager Vides, City Attorney Zutler, City Clerk Ortiz, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, Police Chief Zamora, Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Duran, Interim Community Development Director Meek, IT Director Gill, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Airport Director Williams, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, Assistant Police Chief Rodriguez, Police Officer Mercurio, and Interpreter Landaverry.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

5.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT

5.c. CEIBA QUARTERLY REPORT

6. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (2 MINUTES)

Marta Bulaich, District 1, expressed concerns with land use issues regarding Ceiba School and ethics with City government. (She submitted a letter to the Council)

Mr. Katsuyama, District 6, stated that he and his family were being harassed by a neighbor. He expressed concerns with that neighbor continuously parking multiple vehicles along the street. He requested Council's assistance. (He submitted photos to Council)

Tina Katsuyama stated her concerns with signage on Logan Street being removed and with the City's response to her concerns regarding parking violations.

Bernie Gomez, District 1, spoke about racial disparity affecting people of color. He requested the City allocate funding and identify a plan to address the issue.

Kelly Siefke expressed concerns with Council Member Dutra's legal issues and inquired whether money received by Council was considered compensation or a stipend. (She submitted a document to Council.)

6.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member Dutra stated his concerns with the City's response to an issue brought forward by residents of Logan Street and requested a different solution be explored. He responded to a member of the public who expressed concerns about him. He requested the City explore alternative ways to respond to resident concerns.

Member Parker spoke about budget and position vacancy issues faced by Public Works & Utilities. She stated there would be a District 7 meeting the following Thursday and spoke about flooding concerns in areas of her district.

Member Montesino stated it was necessary to explore available resources to address street cleaning concerns.

Mayor Orozco provided updates regarding various meetings she participated in and proclamations she presented. She invited the public to participate in the Citywide District Based Survey and to submit nominations for the Cesar Chavez Community Awards. She thanked Library staff for organizing BiblioVan tours throughout the City.

6.c. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PAJARO VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

7. CONSENT AGENDA

In answering Member Clark, City Manager Vides provided additional information regarding Item 7.j.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

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

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

- 7.a. **MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025**
- 7.b. **RESOLUTION NO. 44-25 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO EURO STYLE MANAGEMENT, A CORPORATION, FOR THE RIDER TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT, NO. WA-25-14826, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$579,250; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 7.c. **RESOLUTION NO. 45-25 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND ONPOINT GENERATORS DBA POWERGEN, INC., FOR THE GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES PROJECT, NO. WW-23-01-QB, INCREASING CONTRACT COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,234.80, FOR A REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$150,056.74, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT TO DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 7.d. **RESOLUTION NO. 46-25 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE WITH FUSION CONNECT, FOR A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR PHONE SERVICE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$138,000 (FUNDED FROM ACCOUNT 210-7222 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)
- 7.e. **RESOLUTION NO. 47-25 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER WITH PAPE MACHINERY, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR FLEET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE (3) FISCAL YEARS; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME
- 7.f. **RESOLUTION NO. 48-25 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF A POTENTIAL UPDATE TO THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED UPDATE TO THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND CORRESPONDING ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
- 7.g. **RESOLUTION NO. 49-25 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF THE GREEN ROOF FROM THE SCOPE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT RAMSAY PARK AND DIRECTING THE CITY

MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY PER GRANT AGREEMENT UG2101-0

7.h. APPROVE NEW & REVISED WATSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

1) RESOLUTION NO. 50-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR POLICE CIVILIAN MANAGER (MANAGEMENT) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$50.30-\$67.41 PER HOUR OR \$8,719.34-\$11,684.77 PER MONTH

2) RESOLUTION NO. 51-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR INVESTIGATIVE SPECIALIST (MID-MANAGEMENT) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$31.95-\$42.81 PER HOUR OR \$5,537.26-\$7,420.40 PER MONTH

3) RESOLUTION NO. 52-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR POLICE SERGEANT (PSMM) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$59.17-\$75.52 PER HOUR OR \$10,256.59-\$13,090.31 PER MONTH

7.i. APPROVE NEW & REVISED PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

1) RESOLUTION NO. 53-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR WASTEWATER OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR (MID-MANAGEMENT) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$49.22-\$65.95 PER HOUR OR \$8,530.80-\$11,432.07 PER MONTH

2) RESOLUTION NO. 54-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR UTILITIES MAINTENANCE MECHANIC III (OE3) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$32.20-\$41.10 PER HOUR OR \$5,581.57-\$7,123.70 PER MONTH

3) RESOLUTION NO. 55-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PRINCIPAL ENGINEER (MANAGEMENT) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$62.58-\$83.86 PER HOUR OR \$10,846.74-\$14,535.67 PER MONTH

7.j. APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION OF NEW & REVISED CLASSIFICATIONS & SALARIES IN THE CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1) RESOLUTION NO. 56-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER (EXECUTIVE) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$79.42-\$106.43 PER HOUR OR \$13,766.07-\$18,447.89 PER MONTH

2) RESOLUTION NO. 57-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT ANALYST (MANAGEMENT) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$50.23-\$67.31 PER HOUR OR \$8,706.69-\$11,667.78 PER MONTH

3) RESOLUTION NO. 58-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PRINCIPAL HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST (MANAGEMENT) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$50.23-\$67.31 PER HOUR OR \$8,706.69-\$11,667.78 PER MONTH

4) RESOLUTION NO. 59-25 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR (EXECUTIVE) AT THE ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGE OF \$73.84-\$98.96 PER HOUR OR \$12,799.41-\$17,152.42 PER MONTH

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No Action Required

9.a. NETHERLANDS TRANSPORTATION STUDY VISIT PRESENTATION BY ECOLOGY ACTION MOBILITY TRANSFORMATION DIRECTOR MATT MILLER

In answering Member Parker, Ecology Action Mobility Transformation Director Miller stated that Ecology Action had paid costs of the visit for the City's delegates.

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, in answering Member Parker, spoke about various causes of traffic collisions and community engagement efforts.

In answering Member Parker, Ecology Action Mobility Transportation Director Miller spoke about required pedestrian and bicycle safety education in the Netherlands. He stated the layout and infrastructure of streets and roads in the Netherlands encouraged safer behaviors.

Interim Community Development Director Meek, in answering Member Parker, spoke about the infrastructure of a Netherlands city comparable in size to Watsonville.

Member Quiroz-Carter provided additional details regarding differences between road infrastructure in the Netherlands versus the United States, specifically in Watsonville.

9.b. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT

In answering Member Dutra, City Manager Vides spoke about the current street sweeping program and related signage. She stated there was no planned reduction to street sweeping services and spoke about exploring changes to signage as needed.

City Manager Vides, in answering Member Parker, spoke about potential concerns with Federal and State funding for housing efforts. She also spoke about the upcoming District 7 community meeting.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

10.a. CONSIDERATION OF COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT & MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORT FOR FY 2024-25

1) Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Duran

2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Member Clark, City Manager Vides stated reasons the Wayfinding Project would be funded by the General Fund instead of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, as originally planned.

Administrative Services Director Duran, in answering Member Quiroz-Carter, stated the City was already recruiting an economic development position.

In answering Member Parker, Administrative Services Director Duran spoke about the Hospital Reserve fund balance.

City Manager Vides provided additional details regarding the City's responsibility as a co-signer on a loan requested by Watsonville Community Hospital.

In answering Member Parker, Administrative Services Director Duran spoke about the tax revenue received from eligible hotels in the City.

City Manager Vides spoke about the status of two planned hotel developments.

In answering Member Parker, Administrative Services Director Duran provided details regarding Measure R funds.

Member Parker highlighted the importance of industrial businesses as job providers in the community. She requested information regarding the decrease in supplemental tax collections, the increase in median age of City residents, and changes in amounts of building application reviews and inspections.

In answering Member Parker, City Manager Vides spoke about the changes in building application review and building inspection requests.

City Manager Vides answered Member Montesino's question regarding the status of the Wayfinding Program and reopening of the City's landfill.

In answering Member Clark, City Manager Vides stated there was already a contractor selected for the Wayfinding Program.

Member Clark expressed concerns regarding the amount of funding dedicated to the Wayfinding Program and potential to utilize funds for other purposes.

City Manager Vides stated staff was exploring additional areas and projects in which to invest funding.

Mayor Orozco thanked staff for meeting with her to answer questions regarding the budget and efforts to plan for investment in the community.

In answering Mayor Orozco, Police Chief Zamora provided details regarding functions of the Police Civilian Manager position that was approved earlier.

Administrative Services Director Duran answered Member Parker's questions regarding legal fees paid through December, allocated funding for that purpose, and recovering legal fees regarding Ceiba School litigation.

3) Public Comments

Bernie Gomez, District 1, spoke about the possibility of directing funds towards community activities and considering the quality of life of residents.

- 4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member Dutra and carried by the following vote to accept the reports listed in Item 10.a.6 through 10.a.9. and approve the resolution listed under Item 10.a.10.

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

5) City Council Deliberation on Motion – None

6) Motion Accepting Audited Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2023-24 & a Mid-Year Financial Report for FY 2024-25

7) Motion Accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 2024-25

8) Motion Accepting the Mid-year Financial Report for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year

9) Motion Accepting the Annual Measure Y Audit Report for FY 2023-24

10) RESOLUTION NO. 60-25 (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
AMENDING THE 2024-25 BUDGET TO AUTHORIZE \$6,398,664 BUDGET
APPROPRIATION INTO VARIOUS FUNDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THREE ADDITIONAL
POSITIONS**

11. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA – None

12. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Orozco requested a presentation on funding to support the lighting assessment. Member Parker and Member Montesino supported the request.

Member Montesino requested a standing item to explore the potential impact of the Federal Government on infrastructure and housing through June.

Member Quiroz-Carter requested exploration of a community participatory budget.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Maria Orozco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk