



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

**May 13, 2025**

**City of Watsonville  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor**

**5:02 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Orozco, Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, and Council Members Clark, Dutra (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), Montesino, Parker, and Quiroz-Carter (arrived at 5:08 p.m.) were present.

Staff members present were City Manager Vides, City Clerk Ortiz, City Attorney Zutler, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, Assistant Police Chief Rodriguez, Fire Chief Lopez, Community Development Director Brletic, Assistant Community Development Director Meek, I.T. Director Gill, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Library Director Martinez, Airport Director Williams, Deputy City Manager Manning, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, Division Fire Chief Avila, Principal Engineer Theriot, Recreation Supervisor Merolla, Older Adult Services Supervisor Nuñez, Police Captain Radich, Public Works Administrative Services Manager Gordo, Environmental Project Manager VuDuc, Adult Services Librarian Brant, Police Sergeant Trujillo, Deputy City Clerk Pacheco, and Interpreter Landaverry.

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

New employee: David Brletic – Community Development Director

**2. ROLL CALL**

**2.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, seconded by Member Montesino and carried by the following vote to excuse Member Dutra and Member Quiroz-Carter's absences.

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

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**4.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**4.c. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**4.d. 2025 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**5. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Aurelio Gonzalez, District 2, thanked the Council for their service during difficult times and spoke about staying united as a community.

Adult Services Librarian Brant invited the Council and the public to attend the 2025 Santa Cruz County History Fair and provided event details.

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

Member Parker spoke about a meeting held with residents regarding the Vista Montaña Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District (LLMAD) and thanked staff for their efforts to organize other similar community meetings.

Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido spoke in support of Consent Agenda Item 6.i. and expressed concerns with potential cuts to programs including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). She spoke about the importance of these programs for the community.

Member Quiroz-Carter stated her concerns with Council members and other public servants experiencing harassment. She stated threatening behavior was not acceptable and threats would be taken seriously.

Mayor Orozco spoke about events she attended over the past weeks and thanked various organizations and community members for participating in these events.

**5.c. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**5.d. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA GRILL**

**5.e. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

**5.f. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS "PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE" MONTH**

**5.g. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF MONTEREY**

**5.h. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR WATSONVILLE TEEN ACTION COUNCIL**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**At Council Member Clark's request, Mayor Orozco removed Item 6.j. from the Consent agenda to be considered under Item 7.**

In answering Member Dutra, City Manager Vides spoke about the progress staff had made on possible edits to the Project Labor Agreement.

Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, in answering Member Dutra, spoke about the reasons the project listed under Item 6.b. would go out to bid without the Project Labor Agreement.

Member Parker thanked the Monterey/Santa Cruz Building & Construction Trades Council for collaborating with the City and spoke about efforts with the Project Labor Agreement.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Aurelio Gonzalez, District 2, spoke in support of Items 6.c., 6.i. and 6.j. and spoke about the importance of each item for the community.

Jonathan Pilch, Watsonville Wetlands Watch Executive Director, spoke in support of Item 6.i. and commended the Council for their commitment to creating a safer community with less bicycle and pedestrian traffic collisions.

Mark Bibbo, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, thanked Council for their support of the Lee Road Trail project. He provided an update on the Land Trust's slough farm community harvest project.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, seconded by Member Dutra to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Orozco stated her support for Item 6.c. and highlighted the City's continued partnership with Pajaro Valley Unified School District. She requested Council support Item 6.i.

Member Dutra spoke in support of Item 6.c. and congratulated Sylvia Mendez for her potential appointment to the Personnel Commission.

Member Parker stated she was in support of Item 6.i.

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

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

**6.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL 15 & 21, 2025**

**6.b. RESOLUTION NO. 114-25 (CM)  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
CONSIDERING ALL BIDS NON-RESPONSIVE FOR THE MILES LANE SEWER PUMP  
STATION REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. SS-22-14798; AND AUTHORIZING REBID  
OF THE PROJECT WITHOUT THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT AS MUTUALLY  
AGREED BETWEEN THE CITY AND MONTEREY/SANTA CRUZ BUILDING &  
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL**

**6.c. RESOLUTION NO. 115-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE SAFER ACCESS TO PAJARO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PROJECT, NO. ST-25-14859 (ESTIMATED COST OF \$11,700,000 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUND, THE EAST HIGHWAY 1 IMPACT FEES AND SEWER FUND)**

**6.d. RESOLUTION NO. 116-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY BOILER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (ESTIMATED COST OF \$300,000 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND)**

**6.e. RESOLUTION NO. 117-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO SITE SERVICES AGREEMENT / SHORT-TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND THE PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PVUSD), EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**6.f. RESOLUTION NO. 118-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, TO PROVIDE PAVEMENT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES, REVISING SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR PAVEMENT PROGRAM MANAGER; ADDING NCE AS SUBCONSULTANT; UPDATING ENGINEERING HOURLY RATES FOR 2025, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**6.g. HILLCREST ESTATES SUBDIVISION FINAL MAP & PUBLIC & ON-SITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT**

**1) RESOLUTION NO. 119-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION MAP FOR HILLCREST ESTATES SUBDIVISION STAGE 2, TRACT NO. 1607, LOCATED AT 511 OHLONE PARKWAY, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN: 018-372-58)**

**2) RESOLUTION NO. 120-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING PUBLIC AND ON-SITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPER BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND LANDCO HILLCREST, LLC., FOR THE HILLCREST ESTATES SUBDIVISION, TRACT NO. 1607 LOCATED AT 511 OHLONE PARKWAY (APNS: 018-372-58) WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**6.h. RESOLUTION NO. 121-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO SELDEN & SON, A PARTNERSHIP,**

**FOR THE FIRE STATION 1 RESTROOMS/SHOWERS RENOVATIONS PROJECT, NO. ST-24-15065, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$594,831; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$702,779 FROM THE MEASURE Y FUND [526]**

- 6.i. RESOLUTION NO. 122-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING THE \$1.0 MILLION GRANT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEE ROAD TRAIL PHASE 1 PROJECT FEDERAL NUMBER 5031(040) AND DIRECTING SUCH FUNDS BE APPROPRIATED TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)**
- 6.j. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AS CO-APPLICANT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR UP TO \$50,000,000 IN LOANS AND GRANTS WITH \$4,000,000 FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; AND IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND ACCEPTING SUCH FUNDS PERTAINING TO WATSONVILLE OF THE \$10 MILLION GRANT TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND [0260] – Item removed from Consent Agenda. See Item 7.**
- 6.k. RESOLUTION NO. 123-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPOINTING SYLVIA MARGARET MENDEZ TO THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE PERSONNEL COMMISSION**
- 6.l. RESOLUTION NO. 124-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS TO SAFETY NET PROGRAMS THAT HELP PROVIDE BASIC NEEDS TO SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE**

**7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

In answering Member Clark, City Manager Vides spoke about possible uses for the grant funding under Item 6.j. and distribution of funds thereof.

Assistant Community Development Director Meek, in answering Member Clark, spoke about projects eligible for funding through the grant. He spoke about plans for redevelopment of the transit center.

City Manager Vides clarified that the City would be a co-applicant on the grant and stated Council would be given an opportunity to see the transit center's housing project design prior to construction.

In response to Member Clark's concerns regarding use of the grant funding, Assistant Community Development Director Meek provided details regarding potential improvements that could be funded through the grant.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Dutra, seconded by Member Quiroz-Carter and carried by the following vote to Item 6.j.

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

**6.j. RESOLUTION NO. 125-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING  
AS CO-APPLICANT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR UP TO \$50,000,000 IN LOANS AND GRANTS WITH  
\$4,000,000 FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS;  
AND IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS  
THERE TO AND ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE  
COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND ACCEPTING SUCH FUNDS PERTAINING TO  
WATSONVILLE OF THE \$10 MILLION GRANT TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND  
[0260]**

**8. REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No Action Required**

**8.a. CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE REPORT**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.a. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE CHILDREN & YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS**

**1) Staff Report by Recreation Supervisor Merolla**

**The following members of the Teen Action Council, Jóvenes Sanos, and Luna y Sol were also present.**

Teen Action Council

Anahi Cortez-Jacobo

Cristina Nolasco

Daniela Hernandez Herrera

Jóvenes Sanos

Giovanni Melgoza

Melinna Rocha

Mitzel Dodge

Lourdes Lopez-Diaz

Alexandra Rojas-Marcos

Luna Y Sol

Brandon Perrea

Emilio Chavez

**2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**

Anahi Cortez-Jacobo, in answering Member Montesino, stated the importance of youth feeling listened to and acknowledged.

In answering Mayor Orozco, Recreation Supervisor Merolla spoke about current youth programs and potential for expansion. He stated the Parks & Community Services Department was focused on providing career pathways for part-time youth staff.

Mayor Orozco spoke about the potential to amend the City Charter to be more inclusive of youth.

**3) Public Input**

Aurelio Gonzalez, District 2, congratulated the youth present at the meeting for their work and dedication. He spoke about Measure R benefiting youth by providing funding for activities.

Young Adult Librarian Carillo thanked Council and the community for their support. She spoke about Library programs benefitting youth initiatives.

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Dutra, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to approve Item 9.a.6. listed below.

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

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion**

Member Dutra wished the youth present success in the future and encouraged them to return to Watsonville to help implement change.

Member Parker thanked the youth for presenting to Council and expressed her wishes for them to become leaders in the future.

Member Montesino encouraged the youth to continue with their work and lead the community into the future.

Mayor Orozco spoke in support of the proposed Children and Youth Bill of Rights.

**6) RESOLUTION NO. 126-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
FORMALLY ADOPTING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
BILL OF RIGHTS**

**10. PRESENTATIONS**

**10.a. UPDATE BY COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD REGARDING THE TINY HOMES  
PROJECT**

**Presentation by the following Community Action Board (CAB) Staff**

Maria Elena De La Garza – Executive Director

Paz Padilla – Director of Programs and Impact  
Mike Kittredge – Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Services (HPIS) Director  
Amy Ramirez – Tiny Homes Operations Manager

HPIS Director Kittredge, in answering Member Dutra, spoke about the percentage of homeless persons that were residing in Santa Cruz County at the time they lost their housing.

In answering Member Parker, City Manager Vides stated Community Action Board and Police had hosted neighborhood conversations regarding Police response to potential safety concerns.

Executive Director De La Garza stated CAB had met with Police Chief Zamora and Division Fire Chief Avila.

City Manager Vides, in answering Member Parker, stated that staff were conducting building review for the project site, including compliance with applicable fire codes.

In answering Member Parker, HPIS Director Kittredge spoke about plans for initial 24/7 video surveillance and the possibility of progressively reducing the hours to fit the project's needs.

Tiny Homes Operations Manager Ramirez, in answering Member Parker, stated there would be a welcome station and only residents of the project would be allowed inside.

Executive Director De La Garza added there would be a check-in station and a single point of entry.

In answering Member Dutra, Executive Director De la Garza spoke about efforts to continue securing funding for projects, including Tiny Homes and stated they were facing uncertainties with the current Administration. She spoke about the potential impacts of the Governor's recent mandate regarding encampments and continuing to seek solutions for homelessness.

HPIS Director Kittredge spoke about the expiration date for the Encampment Resolution Funding obtained by Monterey County and engaging with staff across counties to provide services and solutions, including reunification. He provided details regarding reunification programs.

Member Montesino thanked CAB for their engagement with the neighborhood.

In answering Member Montesino, HPIS Director Kittredge spoke about the potential timeline for beginning construction on the project.

Director of Programs and Impact Padilla spoke about efforts to start the hiring process for project staff and staying on schedule. She spoke about engagement with the residents living near the project site.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, Tiny Homes Operations Manager Ramirez stated there would be no visitors or minors allowed at the location.



HPIS Director Kittredge, in answering Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, stated drug use in the facility would not be allowed. He spoke about using a housing-first model and helping residents overcome other barriers for permanent housing.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, City Manager Vides spoke about potential for using the City's parking permit system to address a possible increase in vehicles parked in the surrounding residential areas.

Director of Programs and Impact Padilla stated staff would continue to work on addressing parking concerns.

HPIS Director Kittredge stated on-site storage would be available and additional storage would be available if necessary.

## **11. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS**

### **11.a. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER PARKING ORDINANCE**

#### **1) Staff Report by Environmental Project Manager VuDuc**

#### **2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**

In answering Member Dutra, Environmental Project Manager VuDuc spoke about usage of electric vehicle chargers in the downtown area and installation of additional chargers.

Environmental Project Manager VuDuc, in responding to Member Dutra's concerns regarding strain on the power grid, spoke about the California Public Utilities Commission and PG&E's involvement with the Statewide grid. She spoke about advocating with both agencies.

In answering Member Dutra, Police Captain Radich spoke about enforcement of the proposed ordinance.

Police Captain Radich, in answering Member Clark, explained the purpose of the ordinance.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, Police Captain Radich spoke about how the ordinance could be enforced.

City Manager Vides, in answering Member Montesino, stated staff received frequent complaints regarding electric vehicle parking.

In answering Member Parker, Police Captain Radich spoke about enforcing parking regulations on private property. He stated staff was exploring moving to a more modern system for enforcing timed parking.

Member Quiroz-Carter spoke about challenges for electric vehicle owners to find available chargers due to other vehicles parking in designated spaces. She stated her support for the ordinance.

**3) Public Comments – None**

- 4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Quiroz-Carter, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido to introduce the ordinance listed under Item 11.a.6. below.

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion**

Member Dutra stated the reasons he would support the motion.

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

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

- 6) By Motion, Introduce for First Reading, by Title Only, Waiving the Full Reading of the Text, an Ordinance Adding Section 4-5.1021 (Electric Vehicle Parking) to Article 10 (Stopping, Standing & Parking) to Chapter 5 (Traffic) of Title 4 (Public Safety) of the Watsonville Municipal Code Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations & Parking Restrictions**

**11.b. UPDATED FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN WATSONVILLE**

**1) Staff Report by Division Fire Chief Avila**

Fire Chief Lopez was also present.

**2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions – None**

**3) Public Comments – None**

- 4) MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, seconded by Member Clark to introduce the ordinance listed under Item 11.b.6. below.

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion**

In answering Member Parker, Division Fire Chief Avila spoke about areas with very high and moderate severity designations. He provided details regarding the fire service contract area.

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

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

- 6) By Motion, Introduce for First Reading, by Title Only, Waiving the Full Reading of the Text, an Uncodified Ordinance Designating Watsonville Fire Hazard Severity Zones**

**12. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA – None**

**13. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Maria Orozco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk

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