

**MINUTES  
REGULAR JOINT CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SUCCESSOR  
HOUSING AGENCY, & THE WATSONVILLE PUBLIC FINANCE  
AUTHORITY**

June 10, 2025

City of Watsonville  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor

**4:31 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**2.a. PUBLIC ARTS MASTER PLAN STUDY SESSION PRESENTED BY DEPUTY CITY MANAGER/PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB**

In answering Member Clark, Deputy City Manager/Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib spoke about proposed timeline for implementing the Public Art Master Plan, exploring hiring of an art coordinator, and potential for supporting redevelopment of the Fox Theater and Porter building.

City Manager Vides, in answering Member Dutra, stated Pajaro Valley Arts would provide an update to the Council regarding the Porter building renovation in September. She spoke about seeking opportunities to support redevelopment of specific venues around the City.

Member Dutra expressed concerns with creating a Public Art Advisory Committee due to vacancies on current committees. He suggested having the Parks & Recreation Commission perform those duties.

In answering Member Parker, Deputy City Manager/Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib spoke about engagement from members of the art community and the importance of having their input on the Public Arts Master Plan.

Member Quiroz-Carter stated she was looking forward to seeing the Arts Master Plan implemented.

Mayor Orozco stated she did not believe it would be difficult to fill an art advisory committee and spoke positively about the community engagement and input for the master plan. She spoke in support of various aspects of the plan and looked forward to its adoption.

**3. CLOSED SESSION CORRESPONDENCE – (None)**

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed the meeting to discuss the items that follow at 5:05 p.m.

**4.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

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

2. Name of case: Westia et al v City of Watsonville, et al - Santa Cruz Superior Court (Case No. 25CV01311)

**4.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

(Government Code Section 54956.9)

1. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: [2 potential cases]

2. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) of Section 54956.9: [2 potential cases]

**City Council Resumed at 6:30 p.m.**

**5. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Orozco, and Council Members Clark, Dutra, Montesino (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Parker, and Quiroz-Carter were present. Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido was absent.

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, Community Development Director Brletic, I.T. Director Gill, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Library Director Martinez, Airport Director Williams, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, Principal Engineer Theriot, Assistant Police Chief Rodriguez, Housing Manager Landaverry, Principal Human Resources Analyst Florez, Parks Superintendent Medina, Police Corporal Gonzalez, Deputy City Clerk Pacheco, and Interpreter Jauregui.

**5.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER(S)**

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

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

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**7.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**8. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Steve Trujillo, Cabrillo College Governing Board Area VII Trustee, thanked Police for their efforts in confiscating illegal fireworks. He expressed concern over the sale of fireworks and the dangers of utilizing them. He spoke about the Santa Cruz Pride parade and equity, diversity, and inclusion. He stated the Cabrillo Board was in the process of hiring a new President due to President Wetstein's retirement.

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

Member Dutra spoke about a Vision Zero Corridor Study meeting he participated in and spoke about the community's input regarding Freedom Boulevard. He stated it was Portuguese Heritage Month and spoke about fundraising to send a queen to sister city of Velas. He spoke about the upcoming National Night Out and wished everyone happy Pride Month.

Mayor Orozco spoke about various events and meetings she participated in over the past weeks, with many held by local organizations that provide services to the community.

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

City Attorney Zutler provided the following report regarding the Closed Session:

Regarding Items 4.a. and 4.b .2, No reportable action.

Regarding Item 4.b.1., Direction was given to the City Attorney to initiate litigation in one matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1 (a)(2). Reporting particulars of the litigation would jeopardize the City's ability to effectuate service of process or conclude settlement agreements. Information will be available as requested when it is available and will no longer cause such jeopardy. The vote on that item was unanimous.

Regarding Item 4.b.1.: Direction was given to the City Attorney to join on behalf of the City of Watsonville, as a plaintiff, the lawsuit of the City and County of San Francisco, et al. v Donald J Trump, et al., Case No. 25-CV-01350-WHO in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The vote was unanimous.

**8.d. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WATSONVILLE FILM FESTIVAL**

**8.e. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PAJARO VALLEY ARTS**

**8.f. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ESTRELLAS DE ESPERANZA**

**8.g. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE AS NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC INPUT – None**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Clark, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**9.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2025**

**9.b. RESOLUTION NO. 144-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER WITH VEOLIA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PROPRIETARY PARTS INCLUDING MANUFACTURER'S SERVICE FOR THE THREE (3) EXISTING DISC FILTERS IN THE RECYCLED WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$523,023.38, PLUS ANY FINAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR ACTUAL FREIGHT AND TAX COSTS CHARGED AT THE TIME OF SHIPPING; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT INCLUDING ANY EXTENSIONS OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT CONTRACT**

**9.c. RESOLUTION NO. 145-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND SCHAAF & WHEELER, CONSULTING CIVIL ENGINEERS, A CORPORATION, FOR CONTINUED DESIGN SERVICES THROUGH CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MILES LANE SEWER PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT, NO. SS-22-14798, INCREASING COMPENSATION TO CONTRACT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,100 FOR A CONTRACT TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$193,800, TO BE FUNDED BY THE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND; EXTENDING THE CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**9.d. RESOLUTION NO. 146-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH K&D LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR THE 2023-2026 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AMENDING SCOPE OF SERVICES AND INCREASING COMPENSATION, IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$50,284 FOR A REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$273,342 PER YEAR; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

9.e. **RESOLUTION NO. 147-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY (CDT), FOR THE PURCHASE OF MICROSOFT 365 SOFTWARE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$259,000 (FUNDED FROM ACCOUNT 285-7360 HOSTED SERVICES)**

9.f. **RESOLUTION NO. 148-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING CONSULTANT SERVICE CONTRACT WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR ON-CALL STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$254,960; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

10. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None**

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

11.a. **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT**

In answering Member Dutra, City Manager Vides stated Council would receive a report on Pavement Management Plan projects for year one, including costs. She stated implementation of the five-year plan depended on available resources.

Mayor Orozco stated Council provided previous direction to receive a report on the five-year Pavement Management Plan to include a list of projects and cost for each. She spoke about concerns with equity that had been previously expressed by Council.

City Manager Vides spoke about challenges with providing costs for the full five-year paving plan due to factors such as available funding and staffing.

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS**

12.a. **CITY VACANCIES, RECRUITMENT, & RETENTION EFFORTS – AB 2561 REPORT**

1) **Staff Report by Principal Human Resources Analyst Florez**

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

In answering Member Clark, Principal Human Resources Analyst Florez spoke about the vacancies in the report and stated staff on leave were not included in that list.

3) **Public Comments – None**

4) **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Dutra, seconded by Member Montesino and carried by the following vote to accept and file the staffing/vacancy report.

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

5) **City Council Deliberation on Motion – None**

## **12.b. RECOMMENDED BUDGET PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2027 & RELATED ACTIONS**

### **1) Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Duran**

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

Administrative Services Director Duran answered questions from Member Clark regarding staffing, the proposed purchase order for a fire engine, tax revenues, and the transient occupancy tax.

Member Dutra commended Watsonville voters for approving Measures D, R, and Y, which provided funding for various projects. He spoke favorably about the proposed budget and its limited impact on staffing.

In answering Member Dutra, Administrative Services Director Duran spoke about the Manabe-Ow Project Impact fees.

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, in answering Member Dutra, spoke about the status of the roundabouts planned for the Ohlone Parkway area and challenges with constructing them.

In answering Member Dutra, City Manager Vides spoke about the progress of certain housing developments, challenges and status of fiber optics projects, and efforts to focus on economic development.

Member Montesino spoke positively about the investment in infrastructure, potential for the return of school resource officers, and about improvements planned for streetlights.

In answering Member Montesino, City Manager Vides stated there was a contract in place for the Wayfinding Project.

Member Montesino suggested holding celebratory events for completed projects.

In answering Member Clark, City Manager Vides spoke about the potential for adding more streetlights in areas around the city.

Member Clark spoke about previous discussions regarding upgrades to Fire Station 2.

Mayor Orozco thanked staff for their work on the budget and taking community input into account.

### **3) Public Comments**

Bernie Gomez , District 1, stated community members had requested investment in streetlights and road infrastructure. He spoke about his advocacy against having school resource officers at schools.

- 4) **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to approve the resolutions listed under Items 12.b.6 and 12.b.7. below.

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

5) **City Council Deliberation on Motion – None**

6) **RESOLUTION NO. 149-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) ROSENBAUER 100' TRACTOR DRAWN TILLER ON A COMMANDER CHASSIS AND SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,710,699.70; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDER WITH BURTON FIRE INC., INCLUDING ANY EXTENSIONS OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN NECESSARY CHANGE ORDERS NOT EXCEEDING FIFTEEN (15%) PERCENT OF THE \$2,710,699.70 BASE PRICE (FUNDED BY THE MEASURE Y [0310] FUND AND GENERAL FUND [0150])**

7) **RESOLUTION NO. 150-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF LED STREETLIGHT MODULES AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INSTALLATION SERVICES, PROJECT ESTIMATE IS \$1.9M AND WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE MEASURE R FUND (0201)**

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

13.a. **WATSONVILLE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY APPROVE/AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000,000 TO FINANCE PORTION OF RAMSAY PARK & CITY PLAZA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

1) **Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Duran**

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

3) **Public Input – None**

- 4) **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member Quiroz-Carter and carried by the following vote to approve the resolution listed under Item 13.a.6. below.

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

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion – None**

**6) RESOLUTION NO. 1-25 (WPFA)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATSONVILLE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY THE AUTHORITY OF A GROUND LEASE, LEASE AGREEMENT, INDENTURE, ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT, AND BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF WATSONVILLE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000,000, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS**

**13.b. APPROVE 2025-2027 CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN**

**1) Staff Report by Deputy City Manager/Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib**

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

Member Montesino spoke about exploring avenues for increasing revenue through transient occupancy tax and development fees. He spoke about working on developing a downtown parking plan.

Mayor Orozco spoke in support of the Strategic Plan.

**3) Public Input – None**

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member Quiroz-Carter and carried by the following vote to approve the resolution listed under Item 13.b.6. below.

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

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Salcido

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion – None**

**6) RESOLUTION NO. 151-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE 2025-2027 CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN**

**13.c. APPROVE PROJECT LISTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY MEASURE D & SB 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26**

**1) Staff Report by Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes**

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



In answering Member Dutra, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes spoke about specific road construction projects including pavement maintenance, lighting improvements, increased costs for reconstruction projects, continuation of road striping, and the Lee Road Trail project.

Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes, in answering Member Clark, spoke about challenges with the Pennsylvania Street Trail Repair project. He spoke about the future hiring of a consultant to assist with project management.

Mayor Orozco thanked staff for including costs of projects in their presentation and spoke positively of efforts to include projects in every district.

**3) Public Input**

Aurelio Gonzalez, District 2, thanked staff for their efforts, spoke about uncertainty with Federal funding, the importance of local tax measures and challenges with potentially decreasing sales.

- 4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Dutra, seconded by Member Quiroz-Carter to approve the resolutions listed under Items 13.c.6 and 13.c.7. below.

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion**

Member Dutra spoke about the importance of Measures D, Y, and R in helping sustain the budget.

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

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

**6) RESOLUTION NO. 152-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
APPROVING THE 2025 MEASURE D 5-YEAR PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (FY  
25/26 - FY 29/30) FOR THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE FUNDED BY MEASURE D  
APPROVED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**7) RESOLUTION NO. 153-25 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
APPROVING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE – SB1 PROJECT LIST FY 25/26 TO BE  
FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 FUNDS**

- 14. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA – None**

- 15. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Maria Orozco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk