



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

November 18, 2025

City of Watsonville  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor

**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b), Council Member Clark was scheduled to participate in the meeting via teleconferencing from: 751 Larkin Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076.**

**4:31 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Orozco, Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido, and Council Members Clark (in person), Dutra, Montesino (arrived at 4:42 p.m.), and Parker were present. Member Quiroz-Carter was absent.

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

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed the meeting to discuss the items that follow at 4:34 p.m.

**2.a. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

(Government Code Section 54957)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: [City Manager]

**City Council Resumed at 5:53 p.m.**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

Staff members present were City Manager Vides, City Attorney Zutler, City Clerk Ortiz, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, Interim Police Chief Rodriguez, Acting Fire Chief Schaefer, Administrative Services Director Duran, I.T. Director Gill, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Airport Director Williams, Deputy City Manager/Interim Community Development Director Manning, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Green, Battalion Chief Schaefer, Building Official DeSante, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Vargas, Senior Administrative Analyst Martinez, Principal Engineer Theriot, Senior Financial Analyst Diaz, Engineering Associate Gregorio, Police Sergeant Uretsky, Police Sergeant Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Pacheco and Interpreter Jauregui.

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

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

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

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

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

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**5.a. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**5.b. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**6.a. WATSONVILLE ACADEMY GRADUATION**

**6.b. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PAJARO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**6.c. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING STRAWBERRY PATCH CAFE**

**6.d. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING**

**6.e. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ST. PATRICK PARISH**

**6.f. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JALISCO RESTAURANT**

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Maria Elena De la Garza, Community Action Board Santa Cruz County (CAB) Chief Executive Officer, shared information regarding rental assistance available for South County residents. She urged Council to share the information with their constituents and invited interested people to call CAB for more information.

Maria Cuca Santana, District 7, thanked Mayor Orozco for the proclamation issued in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cannery strikes. She thanked Member Montesino for presenting the proclamation on behalf the Mayor.

? female, thanked Mayor Orozco for issuing a proclamation in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cannery strikes. She spoke about an issue with speeding in her neighborhood and other traffic safety concerns. She requested a phone number to contact for assistance.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido expressed support for Consent Agenda Item 9.k.

Member Parker stated she would contact the resident that had expressed traffic safety concerns. She thanked City staff for their hard work.

Member Montesino stated he attended the memorial service for former Council Member Manuel Bersamin and spoke about his positive impact on many people.

Mayor Orozco spoke about events she attended over the past weeks.

**8. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Orozco stated no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

Member Parker stated she would like the contribution from the City to Second Harvest Food Bank, listed under Item 9.k., be used to serve Watsonville residents.

Mayor Orozco spoke in support of Item 9.k.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Erica Padilla-Chavez, Second Harvest Food Bank Chief Executive Officer, thanked Council for their leadership and for supporting the Food Bank's efforts. She highlighted the importance of the City's willingness to help.

Heidi Boynton, Jacob's Heart Executive Director, spoke in support of the City's proposed \$100,000 allocation to support Second Harvest Food Bank. She spoke about the effects of interruption of SNAP benefits on the families they serve, and actions taken to support them.

? male, owner of the property listed under Item 9.j., spoke about a bill he received from the City for previous cleaning of a homeless encampment on his property. He stated he had requested the City's assistance with paying the bill.

*City Attorney Zutler responded to the previous speaker and stated someone from her office would contact him.*

Corina, Salud Para la Gente representative, spoke in support of Second Harvest Food Bank. She spoke about the negative effects of food insecurity.

Leticia Tovar, Salvation Army representative, spoke in favor of Second Harvest Food Bank.

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

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

9.a. **MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2025**

9.b. **MOTION ACCEPTING JULY 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT**

9.c. **RESOLUTION NO. 290-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND ELEVATOR SERVICE COMPANY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR CITYWIDE ELEVATOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK; AND ADDING TO THE COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,600; FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$155,600, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

9.d. **RESOLUTION NO. 291-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE SECOND 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; AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDING ADDITIONAL TASKS; INCREASING COMPENSATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,241 FOR A TOTAL REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$570,241; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

9.e. **RESOLUTION NO. 292-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND PAYMENTUS CORPORATION FOR THE ELECTRONIC UTILITY BILL PAYMENT SERVICES; ADDING A CITYBASE KIOSK SERVICE AND INCREASING THE AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT (3) THREE YEARS; DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

9.f. **RESOLUTION NO. 293-25 (CM)**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND KATHLEEN CROCETTI ART, LLC. FOR THE CITY PLAZA REVITALIZATION ART PROJECT "PAGEANTRY & PERFORMANCE", EXTENDING THE CONTRACT TERM FROM JUNE 30, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2028; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

- 9.g. **RESOLUTION NO. 294-25 (CM)**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND WATSONVILLE WETLANDS WATCH, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL CONSULTANTS AND SUBCONTRACTORS PERFORMING SERVICES UNDER GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 4600015400, FOR THE ATKINSON LANE WETLAND HABITAT AND WATER QUALITY PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 9.h. **RESOLUTION NO. 295-25 (CM)**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BEECHER ENGINEERING INC., A CORPORATION, FOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM TREATMENT PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$470,500; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME
- 9.i. **RESOLUTION NO. 296-25 (CM)**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING A \$9,000 GRANT FROM PACIFIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE "PLANT, NURTURE, THRIVE: GROW BOXES AND GARDENING TOOL KITS" PROJECT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND
- 9.j. **RESOLUTION NO. 297-25 (CM)**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE DECLARING THE CONDITION OF THE VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN: 014-021-01, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, LOCATED UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY, A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE BUILDING OFFICIAL TO GIVE NOTICE THEREOF AND FIX A TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 5-17 OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE
- 9.k. **RESOLUTION NO. 298-25 (CM)**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO \$100,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY FOOD PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION FOR SNAP RECIPIENTS DURING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGARDING SAME
- 9.l. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 (PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS) OF TITLE 7 (PUBLIC WORKS) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN CITY FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** -Removed due to Council action taken during the November 18, 2025 Special City Council meeting.

**10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**11.a. 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODES, THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL MAINTENANCE CODE, & THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS**

**1) Staff Report by Fire Battalion Chief Almita Schaefer & Building Official DeSante**

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

**3) Public Comments – None**

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Salcido and carried by the following vote to pass the ordinance listed under Item 11.a.6. below.

AYES: MEMBERS: Clark, Montesino, Salcido, Orozco

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Dutra, Parker, Quiroz-Carter

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

**6) ORDINANCE NO. 1483-25 (CM)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE REPEALING AND REPLACING TITLE 8 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODES IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AND THE UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, 1997 EDITION AND AMENDING THE FIRE CODE AS IDENTIFIED HEREIN, THROUGH EXPRESS FINDINGS OF LOCAL NECESSITY**

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

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Maria Orozco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Irwin I. Ortiz, City Clerk