



MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT

DECEMBER 14, 2021

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December 1, 2021

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APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

ABC 211 (6-99)

TO: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
1137 WESTRIDGE PARKWAY
SALINAS, CA 93907
(831) 755-1990

File Number: **633495**
Receipt Number: **2696620**
Geographical Code: **4403**
Copies Mailed Date: **December 1, 2021**
Issued Date:

DISTRICT SERVING LOCATION: **SALINAS**

DEC 8 '21 PM 5:04

First Owner: **CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC**
Name of Business: **CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL STORE #3419**

Location of Business: **1075 MAIN ST**
WATSONVILLE, CA 95076-3731

County: **SANTA CRUZ**Is Premises inside city limits? **Yes** Census Tract: **1104.02**

Mailing Address: (If different
from
premises address) **PO BOX 182566**
COLUMBUS, OH 43218-2566

Type of license(s): **41** Dropping Partner: Yes ☐ No ☒

Transferor's license/name:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>Master</u>	<u>Secondary LT And Count</u>
41 - On-Sale Beer And Wine - Eating P ORI		Y	

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Fee Code</u>	<u>Dup</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Application Fee	ADD PRIMARY LICENSE TYPE	NA	0	12/01/21	\$905.00
41 - On-Sale Beer And Wine - Eat	ANNUAL FEE	NA	0	12/01/21	\$455.00
Total					\$1,360.00

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? **No**

Have you ever violated any provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, or regulations of the
Department pertaining to the Act? **No**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of **SANTA CRUZ**Date: **December 1, 2021**

Applicant Name(s)

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC

MINUTES**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE****October 11, 2021****6:04 PM**

In accordance with City policy, all Planning Commission meetings are recorded on audio and video in their entirety and are available for review in the Community Development Department (CDD). These minutes are a brief summary of action taken.

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Jenni Veitch-Olson, Vice-Chair Veronica Dorantes-Pulido and Commissioners Ed Acosta, Gina Cole, Daniel Dodge, Anna Kammer, Lucy Rojas were present.

Staff members present were City Attorney Alan Smith, Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Principal Planner Justin Meek, Principal Planner Matt Orbach, Associate Planner Sarah Wikle, Environmental Sustainability Manager Jackie McCloud, Environmental Projects Manager Alex Yasbek, City Interpreter Carlos Landaverry, Administrative Analyst Maria Elena Ortiz, and Executive Assistant Deborah Muniz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Veitch-Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Kammer shared that she attended the National Night Out event and thanked all those that participated. Additionally, she invited the public to participate in various art events such as the Open Studios Art Tour, Watsonville Brillante project in Muzzio Park, and the Pajaro Valley Art Gallery exhibits.

Commissioner Cole encouraged everyone to ride their bicycle and participate in a number of events being offered by Ecology Action as part of Biketober.

Commissioner Rojas announced a number of events for the public to attend, including the annual Our Lady of Fatima Festival, Evening with the Mayor and Friends of Watsonville Parks and Community Services Christmas Lights event.

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Commissioner Dodge commented on a letter sent to the editor of the Register Pajaronian. He invited the public to continue having open discussions on issues such as racism, housing, and growth in the City.

Vice-Chair Dorantes-Pulido thanked those that attended Watsonville's first comic-con event and hopes to see more events like these in the future.

Chair Veitch-Olson shared that she attended the Dog Costume Nature Walk in the Struve Slough, and thanked all of the Commissioners for sharing all of the upcoming community events.

Commissioner Cole added that the Watsonville Nature Center will be hosting a Guided Wetlands Bike Ride on Sunday, October 24, 2021, and invited everyone to attend.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 2243) TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ART GALLERY AND STUDIO IN AN EXISTING 1,183± COMMERCIAL TENANT SPACE LOCATED AT 430 MAIN STREET (APN 017-022-33)

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Associate Planner Sarah Wikle.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Dodge, Associate Planner Wikle clarified that art studios fronting Main Street in the Central Commercial Core Area (CCA), are conditionally permitted, therefore, a Special Use Permit is required.

Associate Planner Wikle answered questions from Commissioner Rojas regarding the hours of operation and revisions to the conditions of approval.

3) Applicant Presentation

Judy Gittlesohn, applicant, introduced herself to the Planning Commission and recited a poem.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Commissioner Cole thanked Ms. Gittlesohn for her poem and for bringing her business to Watsonville.

In response to Vice-Chair Dorantes-Pulido, Ms. Gittlesohn shared her recent art teaching experience.

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In answering Commissioner Dodge, Ms. Gittlesohn spoke about her experience working with special needs children.

Commissioner Rojas thanked Ms. Gittlesohn for her art and poetry. She asked for further information on the three phases listed in her business plan, the projected timeline for each of those phases, and if children's art classes would be offered.

Ms. Gittlesohn described what she anticipates each phase to look like and shared that she does not teach children's art classes, but did not rule out the idea of it.

Commissioner Acosta thanked Ms. Gittlesohn for her work and looks forward to seeing this business in downtown.

In response to Chair Veitch-Olson, Ms. Gittlesohn replied that she still has preparations to work on before she opens her studio to the public.

5) Public Hearing

Chair Veitch-Olson opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comment, Chair Veitch-Olson closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Kammer, seconded by Commissioner Dodge, to approve the following resolution, and remove Condition of Approval No. 11 regarding the Hours of Operation and No. 16 regarding Sewer Lateral Inspection:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-21 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (APPLICATION NO. 2243) TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ART GALLERY AND STUDIO IN AN EXISTING 1,183± SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL TENANT SPACE LOCATED AT 430 MAIN STREET, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN 017-022-33)

Project Specific Conditions:

~~**11. Hours of Operation.** The hours of operation for Why Watsonville shall be Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00PM to 5:00PM, with extended hours to be considered for special events through the granting of a Temporary Use Permit from the Community Development Department. (CDD-P)~~

Building and Engineering-related Conditions:

~~**16. Sewer Lateral Inspection.** Within 90 days of approval of this Use Permit, the application shall obtain a permit to conduct a video sewer lateral inspection~~

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~~to verify that the sewer lateral meets the City of Watsonville's Public Improvement Standards. WMC §6-3.506. (CDD-E, PW)~~

7) Deliberation

None

8) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Cole, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: None

B. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) AND AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CHAPTER OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO INCLUDE THE CAAP

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Environmental Projects Manager Alex Yasbek and Principal Planner Justin Meek.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In response to Commissioner Dodge, Environmental Projects Manager Yasbek and Principal Planner Meek, clarified that the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) replaces the existing Climate Action Plan.

Principal Planner Meek also clarified that language for the proposed text amendment in the 2005 General Plan, was derived from policy language included in the 2030 General Plan, which was rescinded in the past.

In answering Commissioner Dodge regarding greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector and housing, Manager Yasbek went over the various ways they are working to meet the City's goal to reduce GHG emissions by 2030, including a transition to all-electric buildings.

Commissioner Kammer expressed support for the goals, measures and supporting efforts listed in the CAAP. She suggested a number of strategies she would like to see included as part of the CAAP, including bicycle/pedestrian improvements in the middle of the City in order to reach trails at the periphery of the City.

In response to Vice-Chair Dorantes-Pulido's comments regarding organic food waste, Manager Yasbek shared that the City is working to create programs

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aimed to meet the State mandates. Additionally, he shared that the Public Works outreach team is actively looking for ways to disseminate the information and keep the community engaged on these issues. Principal Planner Meek added that City staff has met with youth groups and high school students as part of outreach efforts on environmental issues to help further educate on ways to reduce GHG emissions.

Commissioner Rojas asked if the City has received any Federal or State support; and if the City currently requires that all new constructions and remodels incorporate all-electric components.

In answering Commissioner Rojas, Manager Yasbek stated that they are looking into State programs to help fund some of the costs associated with transitioning to energy efficient. He added that the City currently does not require new construction or remodels to incorporate an energy efficient component, but hopes to emulate what other cities are doing and introduce an ordinance to the City Council.

3) Public Hearing

Chair Veitch-Olson opened the public hearing.

Watsonville resident Judy Gittlesohn asked staff if the passenger rail service would reduce emissions, and if by adopting the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, funds could be acquired from the State.

In addressing Ms. Gittlesohn's questions, Principal Planner Meek mentioned that although the City passed two resolutions in support of the passenger rail service, it is under ownership of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and not the City.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Veitch-Olson closed the public hearing.

4) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dodge, seconded by Vice-Chair Dorantes-Pulido, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-21 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN – SEPTEMBER 2021, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND CEQA GUIDELINES

RESOLUTION NO. 15-21 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL

TO ADOPT THE DRAFT CITY OF WATSONVILLE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN- SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 16-21 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH (27TH) AMENDMENT TO THE WATSONVILLE 2005 GENERAL PLAN AMENDING CHAPTER 9 (ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT) TO INCLUDE THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

5) Deliberation

In answering Commissioner Kammer's inquiry regarding the public comment period for the Initial Study/Negative Declaration, Principal Planner Meek stated that the commenting period was available for 45 days, commencing in September, and commenting for the CEQA document is still available through October 18, 2021.

6) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Cole, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Community Development Director Suzi Merriam gave the report.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veitch-Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

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Jenni Veitch-Olson, Chair
Planning Commission

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE



November 2, 2021

6:04 PM

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1. ROLL CALL

Chair Jenni Veitch-Olson, Vice-Chair Veronica Dorantes-Pulido and Commissioners Ed Acosta (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Gina Cole, Daniel Dodge, Anna Kammer, Lucy Rojas were present.

Staff members present were City Attorney Alan Smith, Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Interim Assistant Police Chief Jorge Zamora, Principal Planner Justin Meek, Principal Planner Matt Orbach, Associate Planner Ivan Carmona, City Interpreter Carlos Landaverri, City Interpreter Angelica Jauregui, Administrative Analyst Maria Elena Ortiz, and Executive Assistant Deborah Muniz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Veitch-Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Dodge congratulated City Manager Matt Huffaker on his new job with the City of Santa Cruz.

Commissioner Kammer thanked City Planning staff for their work and effort they do on a daily basis.

Commissioner Cole reported on the outcome of the "Bike, Walk & Roll to School Day" held on October 21. Thirty-eight schools County-wide including 11 Watsonville schools and over 2,500 school children participated. She commended Ecology Action for organizing the event and thanked the schools for their participation.

4. CONSENT AGENDA**A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021, JULY 13, 2021, AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETINGS**

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Kammer, seconded by Commissioner Rojas, and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Cole, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 1829) TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING FACILITY LOCATED AT 123 LEE ROAD SUITES C-G (APN: 018-391-03)****1) Staff Report**

Staff report was given by Associate Planner Carmona.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Dodge, Associate Planner Carmona confirmed the residency requirement is one of the nine criteria and the applicant only has to meet three. The Cannabis Equity Program was established in 2017 and the nine criteria were created.

In answering Commissioner Dodge, Associate Planner Carmona clarified that the same stockholders for DFFK currently operate Crème de Canna Collective, a cannabis manufacturing and distribution facility at another location within the City. Crème de Canna Collective currently does not possess a cannabis cultivation license; however, DFFK is applying for the cannabis cultivation license.

Director Merriam stated that during the cannabis interview process, staff pays close attention that the businesses do not own more than one license for manufacturing, distribution or cultivation.

In acknowledging Commissioner Dodge's concern regarding the Indian burial site located behind the project site and adjacent to the slough, Associate Planner Carmona stated he did research the project site and discovered an agreement was made between the City and the Ohlone Indian tribe to not disturb the burial site.

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City Attorney Smith stated the owner of the property is well aware of the burial site and was also included in the agreement.

In answering Commissioner Rojas, Associate Planner Carmona stated that three of the nine criteria can be met by either the cannabis owners, their employees or customers.

In answering Chair Veitch-Olson regarding the equity program benefits, Director Merriam replied presently the City can only offer the waiver of the permit fees.

3) Applicant Presentation

Co-owners Allan Flores, Mark Davis and Jacob Ferrar were present.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Dodge regarding the right for workers to organize a union, Mr. Davis replied he agrees.

In answering Chair Veitch-Olson regarding the co-owners' business background, Mr. Flores, Mr. Davis and Mr. Ferrar each gave a brief summary of their business background.

In answering Chair Veitch-Olson regarding what type of community benefits would be provided, Mr. Davis stated working with advocacy groups that support child development such as the Police Activities League and Friends of Watsonville Parks and Community Services. Mr. Flores stated they are donating 1% to the community.

In answering Commissioner Rojas regarding what percentage of employees at Crème de Canna reside in Watsonville, will they give preference to Watsonville residents when hiring new employees and how do they recruit new employees, Mr. Flores replied half of the employees reside in Watsonville, they hire Watsonville residents first and employ standard recruiting sites.

In answering Commissioner Rojas, Mr. Flores stated the entire property has on-site security.

In answering Commissioner Rojas regarding feedback from the surrounding businesses, Mr. Flores stated the building is currently vacant; however, they are in good standing with their neighbors at their current business.

Commissioner Cole asked if the cultivation permit for 123 Lee Road is approved then what would be the total number of cultivation permits in the City and what is the cap. Associate Planner Carmona replied the total would be 6 cultivation permits and the cap is 7.

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Commissioner Rojas asked if there are any other cultivation applicants. Associate Planner Carmona replied there are no new proposed cultivation applicants until we reopen the cannabis cultivation process.

In answering Commissioner Dodge regarding the business' maximum production goals, Mr. Ferrar replied 5,000 square feet can produce 100 pounds per month.

Commissioner asked if this amount is normal in this industry. Mr. Ferrar replied yes.

Commissioner Rojas asked if the cultivation business provides revenue for the City. Director Merriam replied there is no revenue from the sales; however, the City receives tax revenue per square footage.

Commissioner Dorantes-Pulido suggested that some of the charitable contributions be provided to the native people.

Mr. Davis stated they are very open to working with any advocacy group that the City prefers.

5) Public Hearing

Chair Veitch-Olson opened the public hearing.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Veitch-Olson closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion (s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dodge, seconded by Kammer, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-21 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 1829) TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITY WITH PROPOSED TENANT IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 123 LEE ROAD SUITE C-G, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN: 018-391-03)

7) Deliberation

Commissioner Dodge thanked the applicant for bringing their business to Watsonville.

Chair Veitch-Olson thanked the applicants for doing business in Watsonville.

8) Chair calls for a Vote on Motion (s)

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AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Cole, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido,
Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None

B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 1825) TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANNABIS RETAIL STORE WITH DELIVERY AND PROPOSED TENANT IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 1324 WEST BEACH STREET (APN: 018-304-05)

1) Staff Report

The staff report was given by Associate Planner Ivan Carmona.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Associate Planner Carmona answered questions from Commissioner Dodge regarding the floodplain zone, parking, and video surveillance.

In answering Commissioner Rojas, Associate Planner Carmona stated there were only two equity applicants being approved by the Planning Commission and a third one for a license for distribution and processing is being approved by the Zoning Administrator and not the Planning Commission.

In answering Commissioner Cole regarding fees for a retail license, Associate Planner Carmona stated during the pre-application process the applicant had to submit a non-refundable check for \$3,600 and then pay \$4,000 prior to the interview process. Once selected and to continue the process for a Special Use Permit the applicant must pay \$3,600.

3) Applicant Presentation

Applicant Jonathan Kolodinski thanked the Planning staff for their support and assistance. Mr. Kolodinski stated he and his business partners have been involved in the cannabis development within the City of Watsonville for several years prior to the establishment of any of the ordinances. He gave a brief summary of his business background.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Mr. Kolodinski answered questions from Chair Veitch-Olson regarding the delivery aspect of the operation.

In answering Commissioner Dodge regarding the right for workers to organize a union, Mr. Kolodinski stated he and his business partners support that right.

Commissioner Dodge asked Assistant Chief Jorge Zamora how does the Police Department feel about how these cannabis businesses fit into the community.

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Assistant Chief Zamora stated his personal experience with the cannabis businesses has been very positive. They are very accommodating and are willing to listen. It is very important that any business owner should be responsible and consider the future of the Watsonville as opposed to benefitting just themselves.

5) Public Hearing

Chair Veitch-Olson opened the public hearing.

Hearing no further comment, Chair Veitch-Olson closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Rojas, seconded by Dodge, to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-21 (PC):
RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 1825) TO ALLOW
ESTABLISHMENT OF CANNABIS RETAILER AND DELIVERY FACILITY
WITH PROPOSED TENANT IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 1324 WEST
BEACH STREET, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN 018-304-05)**

7) Deliberation

None

8) Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Cole, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

Chair Veitch-Olson thanked the applicants for doing business in Watsonville.

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Community Development Director Suzi Merriam gave her report.

In answering Commissioner Cole, Director Merriam replied the City currently does not have the appropriate technology to run a hybrid meeting; however, the I.T. Department is working on this issue.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veitch-Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

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Planning Commission



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1716

Veteran of the Year

U.S. Air Force Airman 2nd Class

Antonio B. Rojas

November 11, 2021

- WHEREAS,** as a young boy Antonio “Tony” Rojas approached the principal at his elementary school to ask if he could play Call to the Colors and, from then on, played it every morning; and
- WHEREAS,** Tony’s father, who worked at the cemetery, then gave him the task of playing taps for the fallen veterans, a job Tony accepted with great pride; and
- WHEREAS,** Tony later joined the Boy Scouts and became Troop 24’s bugler, after which he enlisted in the Arizona National Guard 158th Infantry and played the bugle for them as well; and
- WHEREAS,** Tony next ventured to Fort Huachuca, where he served almost three years, joined the Air Force in 1952, and was deployed to the Far East, Africa, Azores, and French Morocco, ending his term at Forbes Air Force Base in Kansas; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, Tony retired as a professional musician, playing at restaurants, clubs, and venues along the Bay Area, and had the privilege of playing at the Western White House for President Nixon; and
- WHEREAS,** Tony was honored with the Military Award from Red Cross as well as the Quilts of Valor from Post 7265 in Livermore, CA; and
- WHEREAS,** for 65 plus years, Tony has played his bugle in honor of veterans from both World Wars as well as the Korean and Vietnam Wars; and
- WHEREAS,** Tony and his wife Valie have been married for over 66 years, and they are parents and grandparents to four daughters, one granddaughter, and one grandson; and
- WHEREAS,** Tony feels every single veteran is deserving of a bugle call, a fact he believes we must never forget.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Antonio B. Rojas on being honored as the 2021 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1716 Veteran of the Year and thank him for his service to our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 11th day of November, Two thousand and twenty one.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor



WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Dr. Lorraine Sandoval Vigil

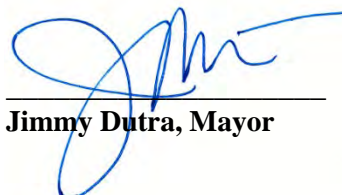
November 17, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Dr. Lorraine Sandoval completed her undergraduate studies at UCLA and obtained her Masters from Northern Arizona University before pursuing her Ed.D. at BYU; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Sandoval has long worked in the education system, including Gilroy High School and later came to Watsonville High School, where she has been an academic counselor and administrator; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Sandoval has been a consistent champion for advanced education and financial aid options for local students; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Sandoval participated in the early work and advocacy for creating a Pájaro Valley Unified School District Scholarship Coordinator position; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Sandoval is the founder of Watsonville Ivy League Project and was the first chaperone for the tour of prominent East Coast universities and colleges with Wendy San Juan; and
- WHEREAS,** Ivy League Project is a collaborative effort by high school counselors, retired teachers, administrators, and parents who all volunteer their time; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Sandoval has graciously given of her resources and energy to this program for several years; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Sandoval is involved with various other organizations, including MAIA Foundation, Monterey Bay Counseling Collaborative, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Santa Cruz County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Dr. Lorraine Sandoval Vigil for her years of dedication and work on behalf of students and their parents through the Watsonville Ivy League Project and her commitment to opening pathways for pursuing higher education.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 17th day of November, Two thousand and twenty one.


Jimmy Dutra, Mayor

WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Gina Pye

November 12, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Gina has been a member of Santa Cruz METRO's Administrative Department for seven years, serving in the capacity of Executive Assistant to the CEO/General Manager; and
- WHEREAS,** Gina has also acted as Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors, managing all processes, web and other public postings, documents and reports leading up to each meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** Gina was the representative for Santa Cruz METRO at various internal and public functions, with a sensitivity to the political, diversity, and equality values of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Gina communicated with governmental agencies, stakeholders, attorneys, and other groups to exchange information, schedule meetings, and coordinate activities; and
- WHEREAS,** Gina aided the senior leadership team and oversaw and developed her administrative support; and
- WHEREAS,** Gina welcomed all visitors to Santa Cruz METRO and took genuine interest in interacting with people at every level within the organization; and
- WHEREAS,** Gina has a heart of gold, never hesitating to share it with others, and will be dearly missed by everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Gina Pye for her years of dedicated service to the Santa Cruz METRO and the community, and wish her much success in the next phase of her career.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 12th day of November, Two thousand and twenty one.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor



P r o c l a m a t i o n

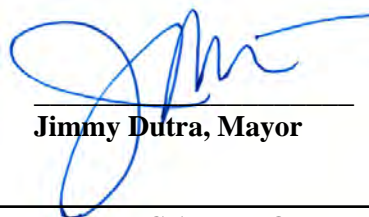
Rhea DeHart Memorial Dedication

November 9, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Rhea Wood DeHart, longtime educator, community leader, and activist died on August 5, 2019 at the age of 96; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea graduated from Julia Richman High School in 1938, then obtained her B.A. and M.A. degrees in History from Mount Holyoke College; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea met her husband Thad James DeHart in Brunswick, Georgia where he was stationed as a Navy lieutenant, and they were married on August 7, 1945; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea and Thad eventually settled in Bryson City, North Carolina, where they both taught at local schools, built a home, raised Angus cattle, and started their family; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1963, Rhea and Thad moved their family to Santa Cruz, with Thad teaching in the city and Rhea in Watsonville, including her longest tenure at Watsonville High School; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea was a leader in unionizing teachers, including the formation of Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea moved to Watsonville following her husband's death, and in 2002 she was elected to a four year term as a trustee for Pajaro Valley Unified School District's Board, being president for two; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea was always willing to serve, and was part of both the Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions, as well as a trustee on the Library Board at the time of her passing; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea was Catholic, and a highlight of her later years was attending a weekly prayer group; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea loved to travel and, during her 96 years of life, visited all 50 states and every continent except Antarctica; and
- WHEREAS,** Rhea believed in the importance of giving back and, and spent her life doing just that in various ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby honor Rhea DeHart's legacy of hard work and service through the dedication of this memorial, which serves as a reminder that each one of us can make a difference in the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 9th day of November, Two thousand and twenty one.



Jimmy Dutra, Mayor



WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA



P r o c l a m a t i o n

American Legion Post 121

Veteran of the Year

U.S. Marine Lance Corporal

Rick Sanchez

November 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Rick enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1982 and did his basic training at Camp Pendleton in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Rick was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina where he specialized in the M60 rifle and fifty caliber machine gun, and was deployed to Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Rick further honed his skills in Japan, Korea, Titian (Mariana Islands), Guam, and the Philippine Islands; and

WHEREAS, Rick then did jungle training in Panama and cold weather training in both Norway and New York; and

WHEREAS, Rick served in the Marines for three years, after which he lived in Santa Clara, CA where he enrolled in a carpentry apprentice program; and

WHEREAS, Rick moved to Watsonville 26 years ago, and has been a member of the local American Legion Post 121 for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Rick has twice served as Commander of Post 121, as well as Second Vice, Adjutant and Finance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Rick Sanchez on being honored as the 2021 American Legion Post 121 Veteran of the Year and thank him for his service to our country.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 11th day of November, Two thousand and twenty one.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor

WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Watsonville Community Band

December 10, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Watsonville Sciots Band, as it was known in its beginnings, held its first rehearsal in the Watsonville High School band room in February of 1947; and
- WHEREAS,** Watsonville Band's debut performance took place during the local Independence Day Parade on July 4, 1947; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1959, Watsonville Community Band made its first performance as an independent organization at the California State Fair in Sacramento; and
- WHEREAS,** they operated Watsonville Band French Fried Artichoke Booth at all local fairs, community events, Watsonville Fly-In, and the world famous Gilroy Garlic Festival for over 28 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Watsonville Community Band traveled to Mexico City in 1979, where they performed the Mexican National Anthem for raising of the flag in front of the Presidential Palace and the National Cathedral, being the first foreign band bestowed with such an honor; and
- WHEREAS,** the Band took home First Place Honors in the Calgary Stampede Parade and field competition in Canada; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1988, Watsonville Community Band represented the California State Fair and the United States at the U.S. Pavilion during the World's Fair, Expo 88 in Brisbane; and
- WHEREAS,** the Band remained active despite the COVID-19 quarantine, holding weekly Zoom meetings and sending out monthly newsletters, among other things.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Watsonville Community Band for their commitment to quality performances locally and throughout the Tri-County area, and wish for them to be a part of the community for many more years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 10th day of December, Two thousand and twenty one.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor