

MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING



November 30, 2021

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor

6:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Dutra, Mayor Pro Tempore Parker and Council Members Estrada, Hurst, García, and Montesino were present.

Staff members present were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Manager Vides, , Deputy City Manager Manning, Interim Public Works & Utilities Director Di Renzo, Interim Police Chief Sims, Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Airport Director Williams, Community Development Director Merriam, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Directors Rodriguez and Palmisano, Interim Assistant Chief of Police Zamora, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Executive Assistant Pacheco and Interpreter Landaverry.

1.a. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS (None)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (None)

3.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL (2 MINUTES EACH)

Member Hurst invited the public to the Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting that would take place at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

Member García spoke about her meeting with two directors of local non-profits, who expressed safety concerns due to an increase homeless encampments in the area. She stated she organized a meeting with the director of Housing for Health for Santa Cruz County and several directors of non-profits in order to identify potential solutions and funding to address the issue.

Member Estrada thanked staff for their work in organizing the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. He thanked the community for supporting the Holiday Lights Campaign.

Mayor Pro Tempore Parker thanked staff for their work in decorating the plaza with holiday lights and Mayor Dutra for organizing the Holiday Lights Campaign. She spoke about her meeting with local Eagle and Star Scouts and their discussions around homelessness, housing, and the City's Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Dutra thanked Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib for his work in organizing the holiday lights in the plaza. He spoke about Digital Nest's seventh anniversary and thanked them for their work with youth. He spoke about the proclamation he presented to Lorraine Sandoval.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT

Pedro Castillo asked for Item 4.g. to be removed from the Consent Agenda and further discussion prior to appointing an Interim City Manager.

Item 4.g. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Mayor Dutra, seconded by Member Estrada.

In answering Member Hurst, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano provided details about the location, purpose, and funding of the Poppy Hill Booster Pump Station mentioned in Item 4.b.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Montesino, seconded by Member García, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Dutra stated the reasons he supported the consultant that was selected for Item 4.c.

Mayor Dutra, in answering Member García, stated community engagement was a non-negotiable requirement during the process for selecting the consultant who would conduct the recruitment for a new city manager.

Member Hurst spoke in support of Item 4.c.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS: Estrada, García, Hurst, Montesino, Parker, Dutra
NOES:	MEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS: None

4.a. **MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17 & 22, 2021**

4.b. **RESOLUTION NO. 309-21 (CM)**

A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO MNS ENGINEERS, INC., FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE POPPY HILL BOOSTER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. WA-21-14830, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,638

4.c. **RESOLUTION NO. 310-21 (CM)**

A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO CITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC., DBA PECKHAM & MCKENNEY, TO CONDUCT THE RECRUITMENT FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,500

4.d. **RESOLUTION NO. 311-21 (CM)**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH HYDROSCIENCE ENGINEER, INC., ADDING TO THE SCOPE OF WORK & INCREASING CONTRACT COMPENSATION BY \$43,800, FOR THE FREEDOM BOULEVARD & GREEN VALLEY ROAD WATER & SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. SS-20-14623 [Amends Resolution No. 57-21 (CM)]

- 4.e. **RESOLUTION NO. 312-21 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH TEG OCEANOGRAPHIC SERVICES ADDING TO THE SCOPE OF SERVICES, INCREASING CONTRACT COMPENSATION BY \$12,000, & EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT FOR OFFSHORE OUTFALL INSPECTION PROJECT NO. WW-19-04 QB
- 4.f. **RESOLUTION NO. 313-21(CM)**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A \$300,000 SITE SERVICES AGREEMENT/SHORT-TERM WITH PÁJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE RECREATION STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT'S EXTENDED LEARNING & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM SITES AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS & DAY CAMP SERVICES FOR PVUSD STUDENTS AT CITY FACILITIES DURING SCHOOL BREAKS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND
- 4.g. **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAMARA VIDES CITY MANAGER PRO TEMPORE**
Item removed, see Item 5.
5. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4.g. **RESOLUTION NO. 314-21 (CM)**
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAMARA VIDES CITY MANAGER PRO TEMPORE

Pedro Castillo spoke in opposition of Item 4.g. He asked Council to deny the appointment of Tamara Vides as City Manager Pro Tempore and consider other qualified staff for the position.

MOTION: It was moved my Member Montesino, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Parker, to approve Consent Agenda Item 4.g.

Member Hurst stated Council put a lot of time and effort into searching for a qualified candidate.

Mayor Dutra spoke about the importance of addressing concerns raised by staff during this process and keeping the City moving forward.

Mayor Pro Tempore Parker stated Council invested a lot of time looking at all candidates for the position.

Member Estrada spoke about the importance of appointing a qualified candidate to lead the City during the transition. He stated Council would be requesting the incoming city manager to immediately address the concerns raised by staff during the process. He spoke about the reasons he supported Item 4.g.

MOTION: The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS: Estrada, Hurst, Montesino, Parker
NOES:	MEMBERS: García, Dutra
ABSENT:	MEMBERS: None

6. **EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA**
7. **REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beatriz Vazquez Flores, City Clerk