



# MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 2020

City of Watsonville  
Teleconference/Remote

## 4:01 p.m.

### 1. CLOSED SESSION

(City Council Conference Room, 275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

(a) Public Comments regarding the Closed Session agenda were accepted by the City Council at that time.

#### (b) Closed Session Announcement

The City Council recessed the regular Council Meeting to discuss those items listed on the Closed Session Statement attached to the Agenda.

### 1.A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code § 54954.5 and 54956.8)

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| 1. Property:         | 7 Second Street (APN: 017-781-02)  |
| Negotiating parties: | Tamara Vides (for City as Landlord)<br>Ramanjeet Saini, franchisee for Subway Real Estate Corp., a Delaware corporation, as Tenant |
| Under Negotiation:   | Price, and terms of Lease  |

### 1.B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

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| 1. Agency negotiator:   | Nathalie Manning and Matt Huffaker  |
| Employee organizations: | Clerical Technical<br>Public Safety Mid-Management Unit<br>Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for employees in the Public Works Unit |

## 5:30 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Mayor García, Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez and Council Members Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, and Parker were present via teleconference through Zoom Webinar.

Staff members present via teleconference through Zoom Webinar were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Manager Vides, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Deputy City Manager Manning, Police Chief Honda, Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Airport Director Williams, Community Development Director Merriam, Interim Library Director Martinez, Innovation & Technology Director Boyes, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, and Interpreter Landaverry.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**4.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**4.C. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN ON THEIR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/BOARD MEETINGS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE**

**5. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Steve Trujillo thanked the City for the tree planting program and encouraged the public to plant trees in their yards.

Raeid Farhat stated his project on Marin Street had been stalled by the Community Development Department and spoke negatively about City Manager Huffaker's management of the issue.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez encouraged the public to support Salvation Army Bell Ringing efforts. She asked the public to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Member Gonzalez asked the public to support art in Watsonville and prevent spread of COVID-19.

Member Hurst asked the public to prevent spread of COVID-19 and spoke about the effects it had on the community. He invited the public to the upcoming joint Area Agency on Aging and Seniors Council meeting. He encouraged the public to attend the holiday light show at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.

Member Parker asked the public to follow COVID-19 mandates and prevent the spread of the disease. She encouraged the public to attend the holiday light show at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.

Member Hernandez asked the public to prevent spread of COVID-19. He encouraged the public to shop local and participate in the virtual ribbon cutting for the Coastal Rail Trail.

Member Estrada asked the public to follow COVID-19 mandates and prevent the spread of the disease.

Mayor Garcia spoke about her participation in a Water Education for Latino Leaders' virtual conference. She also spoke about her participation in the Pajaro Valley Saves Lives Committee and their efforts to prevent spread of COVID-19

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

City Attorney Smith reported that Council discussed all items listed on the Closed Session Statement, but took no action.

**5.D. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 3RD, 2020, AS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES & BRENDA GUTIERREZ BAEZA, VICE CHAIR OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES FOR HER WORK TOWARDS ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVITY IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**6. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**6.A. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT**

The report was given by City Manager Huffaker.

Members Hurst and Parker requested that upcoming events be added to Council calendars.

City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Hernandez regarding COVID-19 mandates.

City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding outreach to the community regarding COVID-19.

City Manager Huffaker, in answering Steve Trujillo, spoke about Santa Claus tour dates.

Madhu Brodkey asked the City to make more waste bags available near sloughs and to organize community cleaning days. In answering Ms. Brodkey, City Manager Huffaker asked that the public report gatherings in violation of COVID-19 mandates.

Carmen Herrera-Mansir thanked Council and staff for their work and support during a pandemic. She asked the public to continue supporting local businesses.

City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Liz regarding potential for beach closures, potential implementation of additional restrictions to combat spread of COVID-19, need for appointments to receive COVID-19 tests at Ramsay Park, protection of homeless living near the Pájaro River, and plan for the Santa Claus tour.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

In answering Liz, Mayor Garcia stated the decision on the Porter Building sale had been postponed to a future meeting.

Efren Lopez spoke in support of Item 7.I.

At Member Parker's request, Mayor Garcia removed Item 7.M. from the Consent Agenda, to be considered under Item 8.

Member Hurst asked the public to submit applications for appointments to the City's Board and Commissions. He spoke in support of Item 7.I.

In answering Mayor Garcia, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib spoke about qualifications of Community Agroecology Network to manage a community garden. City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Mayor Garcia regarding timeline for parklet project implementation.

Member Hurst spoke in support of Items 7.K. and 7.L.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Parker, seconded by Member Hernandez and carried by

the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst,  
Parker, García  
NOES: MEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

- 7.A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020**
- 7.B. MOTION AFFIRMING LOCAL APPOINTMENTS LIST FOR CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54970-54974**
- 7.C. RESOLUTION NO. 209-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AWARDED \$611,500 BID TO TOP LINE ENGINEERS, INC., FOR THE CORRALITOS SAND FILTER STRUCTURE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. WA-20-14348 (\$611,500 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND)**
- 7.D. RESOLUTION NO. 210-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AWARDED \$188,000 BID TO K. J. WOODS CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR MADISON ALLEY SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. SS-20-02 (\$188,000 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND)**
- 7.E. RESOLUTION NO. 211-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AWARDED TWO-YEAR CONTRACT TO JOSE PEREZ, DBA UNIFIED BUILDING MAINTENANCE, FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT CITY RECREATION FACILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$415,000 FROM FY 20/21 THROUGH FY 22/23 (\$415,000 WILL BE SPREAD OVER THREE FISCAL YEARS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND)**
- 7.F. RESOLUTION NO. 212-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER WITH ICONIX WATERWORKS (US) INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE (3) CALENDAR YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, FOR PURCHASE OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT MATERIALS**
- 7.G. RESOLUTION NO. 213-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE TO EXISTING PURCHASE ORDER WITH GRANITE ROCK COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2020, FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUILDING MATERIAL & SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PLAN (\$300,000 WILL BE FUNDED BY THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND)**
- 7.H. RESOLUTION NO. 214-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM WESTECH ENGINEERING, INC., OF TWO (2) BIODOCTM ROTATIONAL SPEED CONTROL TRICKLING FILTER DRIVES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$171,500 (\$171,500 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND)**
- 7.I. RESOLUTION NO. 215-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY AGROECOLOGY NETWORK FOR USE OF A PORTION OF CITY PROPERTY**

**ADJACENT TO RIVER PARK LOCATED AT 100 E. FRONT STREET FOR OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVER PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN**

- 7.J. **RESOLUTION NO. 216-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED & RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT & BYLAWS OF CALIFORNIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK AUTHORITY (CIRA), WHICH PERMITS THE MERGER OF PUBLIC AGENCY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA (PARSAC) & THE REDWOOD EMPIRE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FUND (REMIF) CIRA-PARSAC and REMIF**
- 7.K. **RESOLUTION NO. 217-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING \$7,500 AGREEMENT WITH PÁJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PVUSD) VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP TO CREATE, ASSEMBLE, & DISTRIBUTE 150 SCIENCE LEARNING TOOL BOXES & ACCOMPANYING PROJECT MATERIALS DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION ACCOUNT**
- 7.L. **RESOLUTION NO. 218-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$5,000 GRANT FROM SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE TO SUPPORT WATSONVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP'S OUTDOOR LEARNING ACTIVITIES & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION ACCOUNT**
- 7.M. **ITEM REMOVED, SEE ITEM 8.**
- 7.N. **RESOLUTION NO. 219-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION DECLARING CANVASS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020**
- 7.O. **ORDINANCE NO. 1416-20(CM):  
FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 19 (PARKLETS) TO TITLE 7 (PUBLIC WORKS) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR PARKLETS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**
- 8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
- 7.M **RESOLUTION NO. 220-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING TEMPORARY BUSINESS LICENSE LATE FEE WAIVER FOR REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-21**

Member Parker spoke in support of Item 7.M. and the importance of supporting local businesses through a pandemic.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Parker, seconded by Member Gonzalez and carried by the following vote to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.M.

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| AYES:   | MEMBERS: | Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García |
| NOES:   | MEMBERS: | None   |
| ABSENT: | MEMBERS: | None   |

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.A. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE COFFMAN-GOMEZ & COUNCIL MEMBER HERNANDEZ**

**9.D. COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER HERNANDEZ & MAYOR PRO TEMPORE COFFMAN-GOMEZ**

Member Hernandez thanked Council, trustees, and commissioners for their service to the community. He spoke about his many accomplishments while on Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez spoke about the many challenges the City faced and her accomplishments while serving in the City Council.

**9.B. PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO MAYOR GARCIA BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE COFFMAN-GOMEZ**

**9.C. COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING MAYOR GARCIA**

Mayor Garcia thanked City Manager Huffaker and staff for their support during her term as Mayor. She thanked Council Members who sought her advice and collaborated with her. She thanked the community for their civic engagement. She thanked her family for their support, love, and advice. She stated her goals for her term as mayor were to create a Health in All Policy Ordinance, address rental housing, improve the Climate Action Plan, support artists, and address social justice unrest.

**9.E. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY ALICIA MONTESINO TO NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER EDUARDO MONTESINO (DISTRICT 1)**

**9.F. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY CITY CLERK VÁZQUEZ FLORES TO NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AURELIO GONZALEZ (DISTRICT 2)**

**9.G. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CLERK TO ARI PARKER AS COUNCIL MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PURSUANT TO SECTION 500 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE**

**9.H. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY CITY CLERK VÁZQUEZ-FLORES TO JIMMY DUTRA AS COUNCIL MEMBER & MAYOR (PURSUANT TO SECTION 500 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE)**

**9.I. COMMENTS FROM NEW MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PARKER**

Mayor Pro Tempore Parker commended County Clerk Pellerin for her years of service. She spoke about work by City staff and Council to improve living conditions in Watsonville. She asked for collaboration between Council and the community. She thanked all Council Members for their service.

**9.J. COMMENTS FROM NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS MONTESINO & GONZALEZ**

Member Montesino thanked those who supported him in his election to Council. He commended all those who served in Council and those recently elected to serve. He spoke about his goals and priorities during his term on Council.

Member Gonzalez thanked those supported him in his reelection, Council for their collaboration, and staff for their work. He spoke about the challenges the City was facing and

his goals for his next term. He invited the public to submit applications for appointment to the City's Board and Commissions.

**9.K. COMMENTS FROM NEW MAYOR DUTRA**

Mayor Dutra thanked those who supported him in his election to Council. He spoke about the challenges the City was facing and his goals for his term as Mayor. He asked for unity and collaboration across Council and the community. He spoke about the importance of equal rights for the LGBTQ community and his plan to improve living conditions for them. He thanked his family for their love and support.

**9.L. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS ESTRADA & HURST**

Member Estrada congratulated those recently elected to City Council and commended those who ran for office. He spoke about importance of collaboration amongst the City Council. He thanked Mayor Garcia and Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez for their service to the community.

Member Hurst spoke about his work in Council over the past years and spoke about the importance of collaboration amongst Council Members. He encouraged the public to volunteer and serve the community.

**9.M. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Trujillo, District 7, commended Member Garcia for her work as Mayor. He congratulated Mayor Dutra on becoming Mayor. He thanked Trina Coffman-Gomez and Felipe Hernandez for their service.

Valerie congratulated Mayor Dutra on his election and wished him well.

Madhu Brodkey thanked the Council for their work and wished them well.

Gary commended the Council for their work and wished them well.

Edith Ruiz congratulated Mayor Dutra on becoming Mayor and Member Montesino for being elected to Council.

Dr. Nancy A. Bilicich thanked Trina Coffman-Gomez and Felipe Hernandez for their service on Council. She commended Member Garcia for her work as Mayor and commended Council for their work. She congratulated Member Montesino on being elected and Mayor Pro Tempore Parker for being appointed as vice mayor.

Maria Elena de la Garza, Community Action Board, congratulated the recently elected Council Members and commended those leaving office for their work. She thanked Member Garcia for her work as mayor. She expressed her support to Mayor Dutra. She thanked the Council for their support and leadership.

Lori Dutra congratulated Mayor Dutra for his recent election and becoming mayor.

Abril congratulated Mayor Dutra for his recent election and becoming mayor.

Abel Sanchez, District 5, congratulated the Council Members recently elected and thanked the Council for their service. He commended Member Garcia for her work as mayor. He congratulated Mayor Dutra on becoming mayor.

Valentina congratulated Mayor Dutra for his recent election and becoming mayor.

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

### **10.A. CONSIDERATION OF FY 2020-2021 BUDGET UPDATE & RELATED ACTIONS**

#### **1) Staff Report**

The report was given by Administrative Services Director Czerwin.

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

Administrative Services Director Czerwin answered questions from Member Garcia regarding proposed budget appropriations and funding sources.

In answering Member Hurst, Administrative Services Director Czerwin stated shopping local would help the City with budget revenues.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Administrative Services Director Czerwin spoke about budget revenues and sustainability of employment levels.

Administrative Services Director Czerwin and City Manager Huffaker, in answering Member Estrada, spoke about challenges in obtaining tax revenues from online businesses. City Manager Huffaker added that the City's fiber network was reliable and the City was working to make internet accessible to residents.

#### **3) Public Hearing**

Mayor Garcia opened the public hearing:

In answering Steve Trujillo, Administrative Services Director Czerwin spoke about ways closure of Cabrillo College Campus impacted revenues for the City.

Eileen Clark-Nagaoka stated park visitors were not complying with COVID-19 mandates and asked the City to enforce mandates and distribute face coverings. She asked the Council to explore a budget review committee.

Liz asked questions regarding tax collection from pop-up shops; Administrative Services Director Czerwin answered those questions. Liz spoke about displeasure by the public on cuts to the Parks & Community Services budget. Liz asked for more ability for input from the public on budget decisions.

After checking if anyone in the teleconference wanted to speak on the matter, hearing none, Mayor García closed the public hearing.

#### **4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Hurst, seconded by Member Montesino to approve the resolution listed below:

#### **5) City Council Deliberation on Motion**

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



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

**6) RESOLUTION NO. 221-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET TO AUTHORIZE \$1,726,703  
BUDGET APPROPRIATION INTO VARIOUS FUNDS**

**11. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA**

**12. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Member Garcia requested an item to consider a process for processing community complaints against Council. She asked for a report on how the City was supporting organizations addressing mental health.

Member Hurst requested a training for Council on how to deal with the aggressive members of the public.

Member Estrada requested an update report from Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) on their work regarding Social Equity.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Jimmy Dutra, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

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