

ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 E. BRANCH STREET ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Russom called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Lan George, Keith Storton, Jimmy Paulding, Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Barneich, and Mayor Caren Ray Russom were present.

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Bergman, City Attorney Heather Whitham, Director of Legislative and Information Services/City Clerk Kelly Wetmore, Director of Public Works Bill Robeson, Director of Administrative Services Shannon Esenwein, Director of Community Development Teresa McClish, Director of Recreation Services Sheridan Bohlken, Police Chief Beau Pryor, Human Resources Manager Lisa Christensen, and Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Fire Chief Steve Lieberman.

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. FLAG SALUTE

Loni Kuentzel, representing Central Coast Senior Center, led the Flag Salute.

5. AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Ray Russom deferred to staff regarding changes to the Agenda. City Attorney Whitham referred to Item 13.a. (Closed Session) and reported that the matter had been resolved and therefore, there would be no closed session this evening.

City Clerk Wetmore referred to Item 6.a. (Proclamation Recognizing Rick Blankenburg) and stated that it was requested this item be postponed until the May 28, 2019 meeting as Mr. Blankenburg was participating in a Special Olympics qualifying event today and could not be present to accept the Proclamation.

5.a. Closed Session Announcements.

None.

5.b. Ordinances Read in Title Only.

Mayor Pro Tem Barneich moved, Council Member George seconded, and the motion passed unanimously that all ordinances presented at the meeting shall be read by title only and all further readings be waived.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.a. Honorary Proclamation Recognizing Rick Blankenburg for his 50 Years of Dedication to Special Olympics.

This item was postponed to the May 28, 2019 City Council meeting.

6.b. Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2019 as National Foster Care Month.

Mayor Ray Russom presented an Honorary Proclamation declaring May 2019 as National Foster Care Month. Felipe Gonzalez, County of San Luis Obispo Program Review Specialist for Foster Care Support, accepted the Proclamation.

6.c. Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2019 as Public Service Recognition Month.

Mayor Ray Russom presented an Honorary Proclamation declaring May 2019 as Public Service Recognition Month. Lisa Christensen, Human Resources Manager, accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the City's employees.

7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public were: Sissy Pace, who offered an invocation; and Monica Grant, Chief Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo County YMCA, who thanked the City for the positive changes that have occurred in the City and provided an overview of YMCA programs and services.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

In response to a question by Council Member George regarding Item 8.d. (Temporary Use Permit for Beer and Food Festival), staff explained the criteria for application fee waivers.

In response to questions by Mayor Pro Tem Barneich regarding Item 8.f. (Swinging Bridge Project), staff explained that the proposed amendment is for additional design and environmental work only and that the project cost provided in the report is currently the best estimate for design and construction of the project.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

Action: Council Member Storton moved, and Mayor Pro Tem Barneich seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.a. through 8.k., with the recommended courses of action. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Storton, Barneich, Paulding, George, Ray Russom
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

8.a. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Ratification.

Action: Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period April 16, 2019 through April 30, 2019.

8.b. Consideration of Approval of Minutes.

Action: Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 23, 2019, as submitted.

8.c. Consideration of Appointment to the Arroyo Grande Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board.

Action: Appointed Fred Reed to the Arroyo Grande Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board.

- 8.d. **Consideration of Temporary Use Permit No. 19-002; Authorization to Use City Property for a Beer and Food Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2019, and Waiver of Application Fees; Location – Heritage Square Park; Applicant – Arroyo Grande Village Improvement Association; Representative – Bob Lund.**
Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT 19-002 AND WAIVER OF APPLICATION FEES; AUTHORIZATION TO USE CITY PROPERTY FOR A BEER AND FOOD FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 12, 2019; LOCATED AT HERITAGE SQUARE PARK; APPLIED FOR BY THE ARROYO GRANDE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION”.***
- 8.e. **Consideration to Adopt Resolution Accepting Public Improvements for Parcel Map AG 14-0098 Located at 1079 Farroll Avenue.**
Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR PARCEL MAP AG 14-0098 CONSTRUCTED BY TERENCE AND LINDA FIBICH”.***
- 8.f. **Consideration of an Amendment to the Agreement for Consultant Services with Quincy Engineering for the Swinging Bridge Project.**
Action: Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Consultant Services Agreement with Quincy Engineering to complete the Design and Environmental Phase, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.
- 8.g. **Consideration of a Project Update and Appropriation of a Budget Supplement for the Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR).**
Action: Appropriated \$8,904 from the Community Development Contractual Services account for the scope of services.
- 8.h. **Consideration of Approval of a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Consultant Services with GHD Inc. for the General Plan Circulation Element Update (GPA 19-001).**
Action: Approved Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with GHD Inc. for preparation of the General Plan Circulation Element Update, Transportation Impact Analysis Report Guidelines, Transportation Impact Fee Update, and required environmental review.
- 8.i. **Consideration of an Award of Contract to Lyles Utility Construction, LLC for the Lift Station No. 1 Force Main Replacement Project, PW 2017-07.**
Action: 1) Awarded a contract for the Lift Station No. 1 Force Main Replacement Project to Lyles Utility Construction, LLC in the amount of \$644,281.60; and 2) Authorized the City Manager to approve change orders for 10% of the contract amount, \$64,428.16, for unanticipated costs during the construction phase of the project.
- 8.j. **Consideration of an Award of Contract to R. Burke Corporation for the Sierra Drive Drainage Improvements Project, PW 2018-02.**
Action: 1) Awarded a contract for the Sierra Drive Drainage Improvements Project to R. Burke Corporation in the amount of \$86,700; and 2) Authorized the City Manager to approve change orders for 10% of the contract amount, \$8,670, for unanticipated costs during the construction phase of the project.
- 8.k. **Consideration of a Second and Final Time Extension to the Contract with Waterboys Plumbing, Inc. for the Plumbing Retrofit Program.**
Action: 1) Approved the Second Amendment to the Contract for the Plumbing Retrofit Program with Waterboys Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$51,170; and 2) Authorized the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.a. Discussion by the City Council Related to Visioning and Other Strategic Planning Techniques.

City Manager Bergman presented the staff report and recommended the Council receive information about visioning and other strategic planning options and provide direction to staff.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council regarding the status of the City's General Plan and its associated Elements; how the Strategic Plan works in conjunction with the General Plan and other City policy/plan documents, including the City Budget; whether benchmarks and reporting were put in place for the Strategic Plan; the need to seek community input and formulate a shared vision for the City; and clarification regarding the status of the East Grand Avenue Master Plan as it relates to economic development efforts.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public was: Mike Drees, expressed concern about the Council focusing on the Strategic Plan and General Plan right now when there is a need to focus on funding for current operations. No further public comments were received.

Council comments ensued regarding the need to establish a vision for the City; the need to update the Strategic Plan and set benchmarks so that they can be used to defend decisions that are made; that one of the most important issues for the City is economic development and how to generate revenue; and engaging the public in this process.

City Manager Bergman requested a brief recess in order to confer with the Executive Management Team.

Mayor Ray Russom called for a recess at 8:30 p.m. The Council reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

City Manager Bergman acknowledged Council's comments and recommended the Council direct staff to provide an update of the 2007 Strategic Plan and utilize the categories of short term, medium term, and long term goal with regard to the achievement of each item and bring it back to Council for review and discussion; stated that the City must become financially sustainable; identify where funding is needed to accomplish various goals; identify where staff should focus short term and long term visioning efforts; and that Council provide staff direction to develop a new strategic plan in the future and include community engagement in that process.

The Council unanimously concurred to direct staff to update the 2007 Strategic Plan and bring it back to the Council for review and discussion.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Barneich complimented staff on the increased public outreach efforts on the City's social media platforms.

Council Member Storton referred to the recent notice from PG&E regarding the expansion and enhancement of its Community Wildfire Safety Program (CWSP) to further reduce wildfire risks, and noted that City residents will be receiving information about the expanded Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program. He also thanked the Police Department for implementing the Home Surveillance Camera Registration Program.

Council Member George commented that she attended the Grand Opening of the Matthew Will Memorial Medical Center and shared a story of a woman who lives locally that can now receive medical treatments in Arroyo Grande instead of driving to Santa Maria.

Mayor Pro Tem Barneich suggested inviting Eric Daniels from PG&E to give a presentation at an upcoming Council meeting in order to provide more information to residents about the Public Safety Power Shutoff Program. The Council unanimously concurred.

City Manager Bergman commented on the proposed increase in solid waste fees and that residents will be receiving a public hearing notice in the mail with more information about the upcoming meeting.

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a) **Conference With Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation** - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case

The closed session was cancelled.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

/s/Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Kelly Wetmore, City Clerk

(Approved at CC Mtg 05-28-2019)