

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 23, 2015
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holly Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Dan Baumann, John Connolly, Leo Elovitz, Vice Mayor Ed Andrisek, and Mayor Holly Sierra

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, City Attorney Steve McEwen, Finance Director Carolyn Galloway-Cooper, Public Works Director Rose Hess, Recreation Coordinator Kyle Abello, Station Commander Lt. Shawn O'Grady, and City Clerk Linda Reid

REORDERING OF AGENDA

Council Member Elovitz requested that Item No. 10 be heard before Item No. 9.

Mayor Sierra requested that Item No. 12 be heard before Item No. 9.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of April 9, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for FY 2014-15**
- 3. Revenue and Expenditure Reports through March 31, 2015**
- 4. Receive and File the 2014 Annual Report on the Status of the General Plan**

5. Extension of Existing Contract with Metro Ventures Ltd. for Irma L. Tucker to Provide Professional Planning Services

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Council Member Connolly, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra - Yes

PRESENTATIONS

6. Presentation of Certificates to Recipients of the Norman and Gale Williams Buellton Education Scholarships

Mayor Sierra presented Lesley Gomez and Gabriel Zepeda with the Norman and Gale Williams Buellton Education Scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year.

7. Proclamation Recognizing National Day of Prayer

Mayor Sierra presented Neil Steadman with a proclamation recognizing National Day of Prayer. Mr. Steadman thanked the Council for their support.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Resolution No. 15-05 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a Circulation Element Amendment (15-GPA-01) Which Removes a New Street from the Circulation Element Map”(Continued from 3/26/15)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that he had a conflict of interest with regard to Item No. 8 due to the proximity of his residence and left the dais at 6:10 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 15-05.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra opened the continued public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Trey Pinner, representing Valley Mobile Park Investments (VMPI), spoke about his opposition to the elimination of the new street designation.

Sid Goldstein, representing VMPI, discussed the access rights and concerns regarding his client's property.

Harry Poor, Buellton discussed his development in relation to the access road and easements.

Morrie Jurkowitz, owner of VMPI, spoke in opposition to the elimination of the new street designation.

Santiago Speceiro, Buellton, discussed the road and easements in relation to the property he is purchasing.

Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Discussion regarding public road versus private road designation
- Discussion of access rights with adjoining properties
- Allowing Council additional time to view the site and gather information

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member Connolly, removing this item from the agenda so that Council can visit the property site and gather more information before they make a decision. This item will be re-noticed for public hearing and brought back to Council at some point in the future.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Mayor Sierra - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek returned to the dais at 6:59 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Elovitz stated he attended the Mendenhall Museum 2015 Gas Up event and he talked to several people about the racing culture in Buellton and how that history should be preserved and made a part of reinventing Buellton going forward.

Mayor Sierra announced that she walked the sidewalk area near Napa Auto Parts and there is overgrown landscaping that is creating a dangerous condition. City Manager Bierdzinski stated that this area is maintained by Caltrans and that staff will notify them and request maintenance in this area.

Mayor Sierra requested that staff draft a letter to Caltrans for the Mayor's signature requesting a speed study on Highway 246 in front of Santa Ynez Valley High School.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended board meetings for Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and provided oral reports regarding the meetings.

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Board Meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

10. Progress Report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau for the Period July 2014 through December 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive the progress report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachment as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, presented a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the Visitors Bureau's activities from July 2014 through December 2014.

The City Council discussed whether the Visitors Bureau should provide funding to various non-profit groups, including the Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation, Botanic Garden, and PAWS Park, and directed staff to agendize this issue at a future meeting for discussion and policy direction.

12. Financial Report for the Third Quarter Ending March 31, 2015**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receive and file the Third Quarter financial report.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report. The City Council received and filed the report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

9. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Requests for Funding from Non-Profit Agencies

Council Member Connolly announced that he sits on the Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation Board of Directors. He announced that this is a purely voluntary position and that he does not receive compensation from the Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider funding requests from non-profit agencies.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments (as listed in the staff report)

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Amy Derryberry, spoke on behalf of the Santa Ynez Valley Fruit and Vegetable Rescue and addressed the City Council and explained her organization's funding request for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Judi Monte, representing the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, addressed the City Council and explained his organization's funding request for Fiscal Year 2015-16. She also provided a handout for the record.

Pam Gnekow and Robin Serritslev, representing the Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation, addressed the City Council and explained the Senior Center's funding request for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Dean Palius, representing Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People, addressed the City Council and explained his organization's funding request for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Bruce Porter, representing Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation, addressed the City Council and explained his organization's funding request for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Puck Erickson, representing Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden, addressed the City Council and explained her organization's funding request for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Darin Biamonte, representing PAWS Park, addressed the City Council and explained his organization's funding request for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, requested that the Visitors Bureau take over funding for the Botanic Garden and PAWS Park. Ms. Brierton also suggested a bond measure be passed for the Valley-wide swimming pool.

Tom Widroe, Buellton, suggested that the Botanic Garden and PAWS Park be funded by the Visitors Bureau and that the Valley-wide swimming pool be funded by a bond measure. Mr. Widroe suggested that the other non-profit agency funding requests be doubled.

Dayana Zepeda, Buellton, stated she works for People Helping People and asked the Council to continue to support this organization.

The City Council discussed their individual funding support for the non-profit agencies.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Baumann, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek, agreeing to fund the non-profit agencies listed below, which will be reflected in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget as follows:

- Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation - \$50,000
- Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People - \$11,400
- Foodbank of Santa Barbara County - \$8,400
- Santa Ynez Valley Fruit and Vegetable Rescue - \$5,300
- Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation - \$3,800
- Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden - \$1,900
- Paws Park - \$3,200

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra - Yes

11. Discussion Regarding Suggested Changes to River View Park Reservation Application, Special Event Permit Application and Limits on Special Events

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provide suggested changes to the River View Park Reservation Application, Special Event Permit Application, and place limits on the number and size of special events allowed annually at River View Park.

STAFF REPORT:

Recreation Coordinator Abello presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, provided suggestions to increase reservation fees and how many events should be allowed.

Tom Widroe, Buellton, discussed the special event permit process and suggested that events not be alcohol related.

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, read a letter into the record requesting changes to the event permit process.

Larry Bishop, Buellton, read a letter into the record regarding his suggested changes to the special event permit process.

Alison Crutchfield, Buellton, provided suggestions for the special event permit process.

Richard Crutchfield, Buellton, provided his suggestions for the special event permit process and stated the park should be used as a park.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The number and types of events at River View Park
- The reservation fee structure and damage deposits
- Having the Parks and Recreation Commission review the special event permit process prior to it being discussed by the City Council
- Minimal nuisance complaints from prior events at River View Park
- Adding commercial rents to the application, discounts for residents, and security needed for events
- Potential code amendment for amplified sound during permitted events
- Revenue generated from special events

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to have the Parks and Recreation Commission review the special event permit process and provide their recommendations to the City Council for further discussion.

- 13. Resolution No. 15-09 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, for the Purpose of Budget Amendments from Operational Changes Related to Fiscal Year 2014-15 through the Third Quarter Ending March 31, 2015”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 15-09.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Council Member Baumann approving Resolution No. 15-09 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, for the Purpose of Budget Amendments from Operational Changes Related to Fiscal Year 2014-15 through the Third Quarter Ending March 31, 2015”

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra - Yes

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 9:32 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk