

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of March 12, 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, Contract Planner Irma Tucker, Station Commander Lt. Shawn O'Grady, and City Clerk Linda Reid

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lew Adkins, Buellton, discussed the vehicle openings at Albertsons.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of February 26, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved/ Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2014-15**
- 3. Acceptance of City of Buellton Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Financial Statements for Years Ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 with Independent Auditor's Report**
- 4. Approval of Amended City Manager Employment Agreement**
- 5. Approval of Updated Joint-Use Facility Agreement**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek, 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

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Elovitz discussed the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) figures from last year and this year as a reference point for upcoming budget discussions.

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that he visited PAWS Park and indicated it looks outstanding but there is a need for volunteers at the Park to help with maintenance. Staff agreed to include the request for volunteers in the Buellton Buzz.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested that parcel sizes be listed on the cumulative projects list.

Mayor Sierra announced that elderly residents in Buellton are being targeted by phone and internet schemes and requested that staff put an article in the Buellton Buzz regarding this issue.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) held a joint meeting between the Operating Committee and the Board and he provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS**6. Consideration of Scope and Budget for Avenue of Flags Specific Plan/Development Opportunity Reserve****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider directing staff to begin preparation of the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan and include the consultant costs in the next fiscal year budget, and authorize the City Manager to amend the consultants' contracts accordingly.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Larry Bishop, Buellton, read a letter into the record supporting the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan and provided a copy for the record.

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, stated there should be 5 to 7 members on the ad-hoc committee and requested that staff create a committee of no more than 9 members.

Pete Robertson, Buellton, expressed concerns regarding the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan process prohibiting certain land uses and delaying property development.

Judi Stauffer, Buellton, suggested that a Steering Committee is not necessary at this point in the process and that the project team of experts should use previously prepared studies to develop the new Specific Plan and present it during public workshops.

Judith Dale, Buellton, asked that staff use prior studies to develop the Specific Plan and development options.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Interviewing ad-hoc committee members to ensure they are still interested in working on the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan
- Concerns over reliance on prior studies
- Concerns of having such a large ad-hoc committee
- Making sure the public is notified about all workshops and public meetings
- Involving the Avenue of Flags property owners in the Specific Plan process

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek directing staff to begin preparation of the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan and include the consultant costs in the next fiscal year budget, and authorize the City Manager to amend the consultants' contracts accordingly.

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

7. Consideration and Award of Bid for Reservoirs 1 and 2 Improvement Project**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider staff's recommendations for award of bid for the Reservoirs 1 and 2 Improvement Project.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Judi Stauffer, Buellton, questioned whether solar panels could have been used at the reservoir sites.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Holding the contractor to bid specifications and costs
- Types of materials being used for the reservoir roofs
- Concern over potential construction noise on the weekend
- Clarification of the estimated contingency figure
- Clarification of the bid protest

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Council Member Baumann approving the plans and specifications, denying the bid protest, waiving the minor irregularities in the bid, deem GLR Construction lowest responsible bidder and award GLR Construction with the contract in the amount of \$461,194.99, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

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

8. Discussion Regarding Council Member Comments at Planning Commission Meetings

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council direct staff whether to modify the existing City Council procedures.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski and City Attorney McEwen presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed Council Members speaking at Planning Commission meetings.

DIRECTION:

The Council agreed by consensus that Council Members should generally refrain from speaking at Planning Commission meetings on specific land use projects and entitlement applications.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk