

# **CITY OF BUELLTON**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of March 26, 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, Station Commander Lt. Shawn O'Grady, and  
City Clerk Linda Reid

### **REORDERING OF AGENDA**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Minutes of March 12, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved/Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2014-15**
- 3. Resolution No. 15-07 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for Allocation of Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2015-16”**

**4. Revenue and Expenditure Reports through February 28, 2015**

Mayor Sierra requested that Item 5 be pulled for discussion.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Vice Mayor Andrisek, seconded by Council Member Elovitz, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 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

**5. Acceptance of the 2013/2014 Road Maintenance Project**

The Council discussed the striping on the Avenue of Flags and how the green paint on the asphalt is cracking. Public Works Director Hess addressed this issue and said the contractor is aware of this problem and it will be repaired.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Vice Mayor Andrisek, seconded by Mayor Sierra, rejecting the acceptance of the 2013/2014 Road Maintenance Project and directing staff to have the asphalt cracks repaired and bring the 2013/14 Road Maintenance Project back after completion of the repairs.

**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****6. 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”**

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Council Member Baumann continuing the item to the Council meeting of April 23.

**VOTE:**

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0-1.

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Abstain

Mayor Sierra - Yes

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS**

Mayor Sierra announced the Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. and invited everyone to attend.

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that the Buellton Buzz is full of good information for residents.

Mayor Sierra requested that the City Council honor National Prayer Day on the first Thursday in May with a proclamation. The City Council agreed by consensus to present this proclamation at the April 23 meeting.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Baumann announced that he attended the Library Advisory Committee meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

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

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.

**BUSINESS ITEMS****7. Discussion Regarding Funding for a Community Resource Officer****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council discuss possible funding options for the Community Resource Officer (CRO) position and direct staff accordingly.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Bryan McCabe, Ph.D., Superintendent of Buellton Union School District, addressed the Council regarding the potential benefits of adding a Community Resource Officer in Buellton.

Kathy Fayram, Principal of Jonata Middle School, discussed the need for safety personnel on campus.

Lt. Shawn O'Grady addressed the staffing of a CRO at local schools.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The possibility of sharing a CRO with other schools
- Hiring a part-time CRO rather than a full-time CRO
- Adding a layer of safety for students and school staff members both on and off campus
- Hiring a retired deputy or extra-help personnel
- Working with the school district and Sheriff's Department to discuss options for a CRO
- Grant opportunities for funding a CRO

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to meet with Lt. O'Grady to discuss funding options for the CRO and bring this item back for further discussion. The Council also encouraged the Buellton Union School District to discuss options of paying a portion of the costs associated with the CRO position.

**8. Determination of Employee Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Fiscal Year 2015-16****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider approval of a COLA for all City employees for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of 2 percent.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City Council discussed using the CPI index for the COLA.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member Baumann, seconded by Council Member Elovitz, approving employee COLA for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of 2%, effective July 1, 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. Mayor Sierra stated she would be willing to sit on the review panel for the landscape maintenance proposals.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS****9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) City of Buellton, et al. v. Michael Cohen, as Director, etc.; California Court of Appeal Case No. C076121**

The City Council met in closed session to discuss the above referenced case. No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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Holly Sierra  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Reid  
City Clerk