

# **CITY OF BUELLTON**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of February 11, 2016**  
**City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246**  
**Buellton, California**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ed Andrisek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**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, Contract Planner Irma Tucker, Assistant Planner Andrea Olson, and City Clerk Linda Reid

## **REORDERING OF AGENDA**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau announced several upcoming events.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Minutes of February 3, 2016 Special City Council Meeting**
- 2. Minutes of January 28, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 3. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Vice Mayor Baumann, approving Consent Calendar Items 1, 2 and 3 as listed.

**VOTE:**

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

Council Member Connolly – Yes

Council Member Elovitz – Yes

Council Member Sierra– Yes

Vice Mayor Baumann – Yes

Mayor Andrisek – Yes

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS**

Council Member Sierra thanked staff for cleaning up graffiti in the alleyway off Central and Second Streets.

Mayor Andrisek announced a new monthly news publication in the Valley called the *Santa Ynez Valley Star* published by Raiza Giorgi.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Sierra announced she attended the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) North County Sub-Regional Committee meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

Mayor Andrisek announced he attended the “Growing Possibilities” Ag Forum hosted by the EconAlliance in Santa Maria last week and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

**BUSINESS ITEMS****4. Discussion Regarding Additional Funding for the Buellton Library****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council provide direction to staff regarding additional funding for the Buellton Library.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Marc Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Jessica Cadiente, Library Director for the Santa Barbara Library System, discussed the proposed additional funding for the Buellton Library.

Judith Dale, Buellton, discussed the importance of having the Buellton Library open for additional hours and adding additional programs and services for residents in the community.

Larry Bishop, Buellton, requested that the Buellton Library be reopened on Thursdays.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Adding additional programs and services by adding a supervisor position at the Buellton Library
- Support for additional Library funding
- That staff contact the Buellton Unified School District to determine what support services they offer to students

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to have staff work with the City of Solvang City Manager and the City of Santa Barbara Library staff to work out a proposed schedule and funding to add additional hours to the Buellton Library and bring this item back to the Council during upcoming budget discussions.

**5. Presentation and Direction on the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council provide comments on the Concept Urban Design Plan and direct staff to proceed with formal preparation of the draft Specific Plan document and related environmental analysis.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Bierdzinski and Contract Planner Tucker, together with the project team members Ken Hira and Joe Dieguez of Kosmont Companies and Architect Greg Ravatt presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, thanked the design team for working on the Avenue Specific Plan and provided suggested changes to the Plan.

Larry Bishop, Buellton, provided suggested changes to the Plan including sustainability measures.

Ron Anderson, Buellton, spoke about the Avenue Specific Plan and getting the property owners on the Avenue of Flags involved in the process.

Council Member Connolly had a prior engagement and left the dais at 8:27 p.m.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The uniqueness and scale of the Buellton area needs to be considered
- Eliminating the pavilion/gazebo and possibly adding a children's play area
- The positive economic benefits of the Plan
- Creating a special budget line item for future improvements identified by the Avenue Specific Plan
- Getting the property owners involved in the redesign process

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to have the design team begin work on the Avenue Specific Plan with the goal of having a public workshop in the summer, with adoption of the Plan by the Planning Commission and the City Council by the fall of 2016.

**6. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15 (Revised) and Six-Month Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16 from the Buellton Visitors Bureau**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council review and file the Buellton Visitors Bureau's annual reports.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau discussed the annual reports and answered questions from the Council.

The City Council discussed the possibility of the Chamber having a capped budget.

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to file the Visitors Bureau's annual report for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and the six-month report for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

**7. Review of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receive and file the CAFR for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City Council thanked Finance Director Galloway-Cooper for her hard work in preparing the CAFR.

**DIRECTION:**

The Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to bring the CAFR for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 back at the February 25, 2016 meeting for acceptance and filing.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report to the City Council. City Attorney McEwen provided a brief update on state laws regarding medical marijuana.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

**8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d) (2) (one case).

The City Council met in closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Andrisek adjourned the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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Ed Andrisek  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Reid  
City Clerk