

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of March 24, 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, and City Clerk Linda Reid

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of March 10, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved/Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2015-16**
- 3. Revenue and Expenditure Reports through February 29, 2016**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Vice Mayor Baumann, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 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 stated the Wine and Chili Festival was a very successful event.

Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended the 2016 Green Business Program Luncheon on March 23 at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott.

Mayor Andrisek announced Habitat for Humanity is hosting a golf tournament on April 15 at Vandenberg Village Country Club.

Mayor Andrisek announced that Santa Barbara County Animal Control has appointed Dori Villalon as their new Operations Manager.

Mayor Andrisek announced that March 24 is World Tuberculosis Day.

Council Member Elovitz discussed the duties of an elected mayor and how items are to be placed on a meeting agenda.

Council Member Sierra requested that the engineering services request for proposals be brought back soon.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

BUSINESS ITEMS**4. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding for the Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and direct the City Manager to execute the document.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess introduced Bruce Wales.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Bruce Wales, General Manager of Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District discussed the Memorandum of Understanding for the Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Which agencies will participate in the Buellton Uplands Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
- Estimated timeline for implementation of the GSA

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Vice Mayor Baumann, approving the Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and directing the City Manager to execute the document.

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

5. Presentation and Discussion Regarding MarBorg Contract**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council provide direction to staff on extending the existing MarBorg Industries contract and if extended, identify the number of years associated with the extension.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mario Borgatello, Owner of MarBorg, thanked the Council for the opportunity to provide services for the City of Buellton.

Derek Carlson, Business Manager with MarBorg Industries discussed extending their contract with the City of Buellton. Mr. Carlson submitted documents specifying MarBorg/Buellton highlights, which was provided to the Council and made part of the record.

Mark Davis, Owner of Santa Barbara Koi, spoke about his excellent service experience with MarBorg regarding his property on the Avenue of Flags.

Darin Biamonte, Buellton, spoke about PAWS Park's relationship with MarBorg and their generosity to PAWS Park.

Scott Hadley, Buellton, discussed MarBorg's excellent service in Buellton.

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau spoke about MarBorg's excellent service in Buellton.

Mike Hendrick, Corporate Director of Engineering for the Harrell Hospitality Group, LLC, spoke about the excellent service the Marriott receives from MarBorg Industries.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The excellent service received by businesses and residents in Buellton
- Timeframe of the contract extension

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sierra, seconded by Council Member Connolly, extending MarBorg Industries contract for 10 years and that staff bring the contract back for Council approval in April, 2016.

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

6. Determination of Employee Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Fiscal Year 2016-17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approval of a COLA for all full-time regular City employees for Fiscal Year 2016-17 in the amount of two percent.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Whether surveyed cities are unionized
- A two percent increase is a reasonable level to support

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Baumann, seconded by Council Member Elovitz, approving employee COLA for all full-time regular employees for Fiscal Year 2016-17 in the amount of 2%, effective July 1, 2016.

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. Discussion and Direction on Process to Obtain Surplus Solar/Wind Energy Equipment from the State of California

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Randy Arntson, President/CEO Endelos Energy, Inc. explained the process of obtaining surplus solar/wind energy equipment.

Jefferson Litten, representing Community Environmental Council, discussed the opportunity to acquire free solar panels for the City of Buellton and provided a handout for the record.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Costs and maintenance associated with the surplus solar products
- Space needed for installing the solar panels
- Disposal fees associated with the solar panels, including hazardous materials
- Unsightliness of the solar panels

- Concern over upgrading or repairing the solar equipment in the future
- Why Santa Barbara County declined acceptance of the donated solar panels
- Staff's review of future surplus solar products

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to submit a letter of intent regarding obtaining future surplus solar energy equipment and requested that staff analyze the benefits and risks associated with any proposals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report to the City Council.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM

- 8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
Terravant Wine Company, LLC v. City of Buellton, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 16CV00839
Environment in the Public Interest v. City of Buellton, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 16CV00883**
- 9. 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 existing and anticipated litigation. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Andrisek adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Ed Andrisek
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk