

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of March 23, 2017
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 and Foster Reif, Vice Mayor Ed Andrisek, and Mayor Holly Sierra

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, Finance Director Carolyn Galloway-Cooper, Public Works Director Rose Hess, City Attorney Steve McEwen, Deputy DeLeon, and City Clerk Linda Reid

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Oquest, Buellton, questioned how the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan is progressing and asked about other projects in the City of Buellton.

Arcelia Sencion, representing Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People, announced a film that will be aired regarding Child Abuse Prevention in April in four different locations within Santa Barbara County and she presented a flyer for the record.

Larry Rankin, Buellton, discussed the petition he's circulating regarding recreational vehicle parking in Buellton.

Judith Dale, Buellton, recognized Council Member Connolly for being Coach of the Year and winning the CIF water polo title.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Sierra requested that Items 1 and 2 be pulled for discussion. She asked that the meeting minutes of March 9, 2017 be amended to include the discussion of trail system funding. Mayor Sierra requested further information on the checks for Nina Powers and MNS Engineering.

1. **Minutes of March 9, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved/Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2016-17**
3. **Revenue and Expenditure Reports through February 28, 2017**
4. **Resolution No. 17-03 – “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 2017-18”**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Baumann, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 as listed, with amendments as noted above.

VOTE:

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

Council Member Baumann – Yes

Council Member Connolly – Yes

Council Member Reif – Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Reif requested that staff provide him with a copy of the MNS contract.

Council Member Baumann congratulated the Visitors Bureau for organizing the Wine and Chili Festival and said it was a great event attended by over 900 people.

Mayor Sierra stated that Bob Jennings, President of the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society is looking for volunteers and donations and recognized Mr. Jennings and the Humane Society staff for all their work.

Mayor Sierra questioned whether it's too early to compare the new water and sewer rates to the old rates. Finance Director Galloway-Cooper said there will be a good analysis during the upcoming budget discussions.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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. Mayor Sierra also announced she attended the Library Advisory Committee and provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Presentation Regarding the City's Emergency Response Procedures

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Judith Dale, Buellton, requested that the City conduct a community workshop to discuss emergency procedures and planning.

The City Council discussed emergency planning and procedures.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

6. Discussion Regarding the City's Code Compliance Procedures

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra thanked Code Enforcement Officer Ben Hernandez for his work on code enforcement throughout the City.

7. Determination of Employee Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Fiscal Year 2017-18

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approval of a COLA for all full-time regular City employees for Fiscal Year 2017-18 in the amount of two percent.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Using the Consumer Price Index for COLA
- How a COLA helps attract and retain good employees at the City

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Andrisek authorizing a 1% COLA for all regular full-time employees. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Council Member Baumann authorizing a 2% COLA for all regular full-time employees. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Council Member Reif, seconded by Council Member Connolly, approving employee COLA for all full-time regular employees for Fiscal Year 2017-18 in the amount of 1.5 percent, effective July 1, 2017.

VOTE:

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

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Reif - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

8. **Closed Session - California Government Code Section 54957 regarding:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (CONTRACT
EXTENSION)**
Title: City Manager

The City Council met in Closed Session regarding the City Manager’s performance evaluation. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk