

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of January 26, 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, 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, Station Commander Lt. Shawn O'Grady, and City Clerk Linda Reid

REORDERING OF AGENDA

City Attorney McEwen requested the City Council add an emergency item to the agenda regarding state water allocations that arose after the meeting agenda was posted. Public Works Director Hess described the need to add the emergency item to the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Reif, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek adding the above item for discussion under Business Items.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of January 12, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2016-17**
- 3. Revenue and Expenditure Reports through December 31, 2016**
- 4. Financial Report for the Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2016**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Baumann, seconded by Council Member Connolly 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 Reif – Yes
Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes
Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Ordinance No. 17-02 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Amending Section 8.04.030.C of the Buellton Municipal Code Relating to Parking of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers and Boats” (Introduction and First Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 17-02.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Terry Westfall, Buellton, spoke about RV parking in Buellton and asked the Council to adopt the proposed ordinance.

Lee Owens, Buellton, expressed his opposition to the proposed RV ordinance.

Amy Wolfslay, Buellton, expressed her opposition to the proposed RV ordinance and requested the Council consider grandfathering existing RV's, boats, and trailers stored in front yard areas.

Barbara Knecht, Buellton, requested the Council adopt the proposed ordinance and provided a handout for the record.

Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Number of items stored on the property
- Balancing visual aesthetics versus property rights
- Incorporating a grandfathering clause into the ordinance
- Granting exemptions to property owners on a case by case basis
- Revising the front setback to 2.5 feet from the front property line and keeping the side setback at 5 feet
- Continuing the item and scheduling a workshop

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Baumann, seconded by Council Member Connolly approving the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 17-02 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Amending Section 8.04.030.C of the Buellton Municipal Code Relating to Parking of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers and Boats” and revising the front setback to 2.5 feet from the front property line.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-1, with Vice Mayor Andrisek voting no.

Council Member Baumann – Yes

Council Member Connolly – Yes

Council Member Reif – Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - No

Mayor Sierra – Yes

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Mayor Sierra announced she had dinner at the Buellton Senior Center last week which was well attended. The Hitching Post is providing dinner for the Buellton Senior Center next month. Mayor Sierra announced the City's birthday is February 1 and invited residents to stop by City Hall in the afternoon to have cake. She announced the State of the City luncheon is scheduled for February 21 at 11:30 a.m. and she is holding office hours every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Planning Department.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested that Code Enforcement be performed throughout the City on a proactive basis. Council agreed by consensus to bring this issue back for further discussion.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested that staff agendaize discussion of removing the sign prohibiting U-turns on South Avenue of Flags. Council agreed by consensus to have staff research this issue and report back to Council.

Mayor Sierra questioned how communications are made part of the meeting record. City Clerk Reid provided an explanation of the record process.

Mayor Sierra announced she is requesting a discussion of a forensic audit of the City's private project accounting.

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.

Council Member Connolly provided an update regarding the Valley-wide pool.

Council Member Connolly stated he had a previous meeting engagement and left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS**6. Direction on Downey Circle Water Meter Size Reduction and Costs****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider waiving time and materials to install smaller water meters for Downey Circle property owners.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Rose Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Valerie Van Mullem, Buellton, discussed the importance of having operable fire sprinklers for the houses on Downey Circle and requested the City Council consider reducing their water meter fee.

Janet Hill, Buellton, requested that the City Council charge the residents for the three-quarter inch water meter rate rather than the one-inch rate.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Amount of time involved to change the water meters
- City's liability from reducing water meter sizes
- Residents should hire a fire flow expert to analyze the downsizing of the water meters
- City would install small water meters and waive installation charge if residents agree to sign appropriate waivers

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Baumann, seconded by Mayor Sierra authorizing staff to waive time and materials to install smaller water meters for Downey Circle property owners if residents sign appropriate waivers.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 3-0-1.

Council Member Baumann – Yes

Council Member Reif – Abstain

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

7. Mid-Year Progress Report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau for the Period July 2016 through December 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive the mid-year progress report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau discussed the mid-year progress report in depth.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

EMERGENCY ITEM

8. Approval of Participation Agreement and Binding Agreement with Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) for Water Exchange Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to execute the Participation Agreement and Binding Agreement with CCWA for Water Exchange Program.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess explained the State Water Allocation Agreements and the process for the water exchange with CCWA and provided documents for the record.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Ron Anderson, Buellton, expressed his support for the water storage agreements.

The City Council discussed the state requirements regarding State Water.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Reif, seconded by Council Member Baumann authorizing staff to execute the Participation Agreement and Binding agreement with CCWA.

VOTE:

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

Council Member Baumann – 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

- 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 anticipated litigation. No reportable action was taken.

- 10. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Assessor’s Parcel Number 099-283-001 (480 Central Avenue) and 099-283-010 (495 Avenue of Flags)
Negotiator: Marc Bierdzinski, City Manager
Parties: City of Buellton/Leslie K Houston EGST Trust/Nancy Lee Williams, Williams Revocable Trust
Purpose: Possible Acquisition Terms and Price

The City Council met in closed session to discuss possible property acquisition. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk