

# **CITY OF BUELLTON**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of January 11, 2018**  
**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 Ed Andrisek, Art Mercado, Vice Mayor Dave King, and Mayor Holly Sierra

**Absent:** Council Member Foster Reif

**Staff:** City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, Finance Director Shannel Zamora, Public Works Director Rose Hess, City Attorney Steve McEwen (Via Telephone), Lt. Shawn O'Grady, and City Clerk Linda Reid

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judith Dale, Buellton, thanked Lt. O'Grady for his service to the City of Buellton.

Michael Baker, representing United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County provided an update as to their program services in Buellton.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Minutes of December 14, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2017-18**
- 3. Acceptance of City of Buellton Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Financial Statements for Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 with Independent Auditor's Report**
- 4. Quarterly Report for July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 from Visit Santa Ynez Valley (VisitSYV)**

5. **Revenue and Expenditure Reports through November 30, 2017**
6. **Monthly Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2017**
7. **Monthly Activity Report – Enterprise Funds through November 30, 2017**
8. **Monthly Private Project Balance Report through November 30, 2017**

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member Andrisek, seconded by Vice Mayor King approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8 as listed.

**VOTE:**

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

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member Mercado – Yes as to items 2 through 8, abstention as to item 1 due to his absence from the December 14 Council meeting

Vice Mayor King - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS**

Council Member Andrisek stated that directional signs in the City are faded and need replacement. Staff will address the public and private signage in the City.

Council Member Andrisek requested that staff look into the timing of the crossing lights at La Lata Drive and Highway 246. Staff will investigate longer duration for the flashing lights.

Council Member Mercado thanked City Manager Bierdzinski for the updates he provides regarding activities in the City.

Vice Mayor King thanked Lt. O'Grady for his service to the City of Buellton.

Mayor Sierra announced the first Special Olympics basketball game is scheduled for January 21 at 5:00 p.m. and organizers are looking for volunteers to help with Special Olympics activities.

Mayor Sierra thanked staff for contacting Caltrans to install an audible crossing signal at Freear Drive and Highway 246.

Mayor Sierra thanked Lt. O'Grady for his service over the past four and a half years and stated that staff has a plaque for him but due to the mudslides in Montecito, staff was unable to obtain the plaque, so it will be delivered to him in a couple of weeks.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **9. Discussion and Direction Regarding the City-Owned Property at 480 Central Avenue**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council provide direction to staff regarding the future use of 480 Central Avenue.

#### **STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

#### **DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

#### **SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, stated she would like to see a parking lot built on the property at 480 Central Avenue and provided a handout for the record.

Richard Kusmitch, Buellton, questioned why the City purchased the property at 480 Central Avenue. Mayor Sierra explained the reasoning for purchasing the property.

Judith Dale, Buellton, asked for the purchase price and sizes of the property. Ms. Dale does not believe the property should be turned over to a private entity to manage and suggested the property be used for a pocket park.

Joe Dieguez, representing Kosmont Companies answered questions regarding 480 Central Avenue via telephone.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Number and layout of residential units allowed on the property
- How the economic analysis of the parking lot was developed
- The process for partnering with an affordable housing agency to manage the units
- Provide further cost estimates for the parking lot and have Kosmont Companies prepare case studies for a public parking lot

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to pursue the cost of building a public parking lot on the subject property.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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Holly Sierra  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Reid  
City Clerk