

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of March 8, 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

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, Public Works Director Rose Hess, City Attorney Steve McEwen, Finance Director Shannel Zamora, Lt. Eddie Hsueh, and City Clerk Linda Reid

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Oquist, Buellton, discussed the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan and requested the Council create priorities for development of the Avenue of Flags. City Manager Bierdzinski provided an update regarding the progress of the Specific Plan.

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau announced the Wine and Chili Festival is scheduled for Sunday, March 18th from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. at Flying Flags RV Resort.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of February 22, 2018 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 Public Waterline and Trails Easements for Buellton Apartments – 90 Second Street**
- 4. Reduction of Bond for Buellton Apartments – 90 Second Street**

5. Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with the Buellton Historical Society to Place Historical Markers on Public Property to Commemorate Significant Events and People in Buellton History

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor King, seconded by Council Member Mercado approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5 as listed.

VOTE:

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

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member Mercado – Yes

Vice Mayor King - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Ordinance No. 18-01 – “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. 18-01.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Finn Runge, Buellton, spoke about the safety of front yard setbacks when backing out of driveways.

Debbie Oquist, Buellton, discussed RV parking and potential offsite storage locations.

Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- No grandfathering of existing recreational vehicles
- Six-month grace period for residents to find storage if needed
- Safety issues associated with a 2.5-foot versus 5-foot setback from the front property line
- Clarification of the side yard setback of 2.5 feet

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Mercado, seconded by Council Member Andrisek, approving the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 18-01 – “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”

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 3-1, with Vice Mayor King voting no.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member Mercado – Yes

Vice Mayor King - No

Mayor Sierra – Yes

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Mayor Sierra stated that she, Vice Mayor King, and City Manager Bierdzinski attended the Solvang Rotary breakfast and accepted a Beautification award on behalf of the City of Buellton for its drought tolerant landscaping at City Hall.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 7. Mid-Year Progress Report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau for the Period July 2017 through December 2017**

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.

The Council thanked the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for all they do to promote Buellton.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

- 8. Resolution No. 18-05 - “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Designating the Lowest City Council Vote Recipient of those Elected in the November 2018 Election to Serve a Two-year Term Pursuant to Government Code Section 34906”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 18-05.

STAFF REPORT:

City Attorney Steve McEwen presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Andrisek, seconded by Mayor Sierra approving Resolution No. 18-05 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Designating the Lowest City Council Vote Recipient of those Elected in the November 2018 Election to Serve a Two-year Term Pursuant to Government Code Section 34906”

VOTE:

- Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0
- Council Member Andrisek - Yes
- Council Member Mercado – Yes
- Vice Mayor King - 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
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4) (one case)**

The City Council met in closed session to discuss Item No. 9. Direction to initiate an action was given. Once the action commences, the name of the action, identity of the defendants and other particulars will be provided upon request unless to do so would jeopardize the City’s ability to effectuate service.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk