

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 12, 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, Sgt. Mark Williams, and City Clerk Linda Reid

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Baker, representing the United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County provided an update on the local United Boys and Girls Clubs and announced their fundraiser at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott on April 20.

Arcelia Sencion and Mary Conway, representing Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People discussed Child Abuse Prevention Month and presented the Council with pin wheels to mark the event.

Sandy Lincoln, Buellton, asked about the Commons project, future sidewalks and street signs for Vineyard Village Circle. City Manager Bierdzinski responded to Ms. Lincoln's questions.

Philip Reed, Buellton, discussed his inability to get permits for his project. City Manager Bierdzinski addressed Mr. Reed's concern.

Giszelle Hrehor, Peyton Lishman, and Riley Vannasap, representing Jonata Middle School, discussed their drought tolerant landscaping project at Jonata Middle School. Council Members and City Manager Bierdzinski each personally donated \$20 for a total of \$100 for project materials.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Dave King requested and the Council agreed by consensus to pull Item 4 for discussion.

Mayor Sierra requested and the Council agreed by consensus to pull Item 5 for discussion.

1. **Minutes of March 22, 2018 City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2017/18**
3. **Resolution No. 18-07 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a 2.7% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all Regular Full-Time Employees, Effective, July 1, 2018”**
6. **Receive and File the 2017 Annual Report on the Status of the General Plan**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Andrisek, seconded by Council Member Mercado approving Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, and 6 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

4. **Extension of Existing Contract with Metro Ventures Ltd. for Irma L. Tucker to Provide Professional Planning Services**

Vice Mayor King requested this contract be extended for six months rather than one year.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor King, seconded by Council Member Mercado approving Consent Calendar Item 4 as amended.

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

5. Approval of Extension of City Manager Employment Agreement

City Attorney McEwen provided revised wording for Section 3 of the City Manager's contract, which was made part of the record.

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Vice Mayor King approving Consent Calendar Item 5 as listed, with revised wording in Section 3 of the City Manager's contract.

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**7. Proclamation Recognizing National Donate Life Month**

Mayor Sierra presented Scott Burns, representing Donate Life with a proclamation recognizing April 2018 as National Donate Life Month. Mr. Burns accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council for their support.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Andrisek announced he attended the solar panel dedication at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Mayor Sierra thanked Mr. Bierzinski for providing a balanced budget for the City.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments North County Sub-Regional Committee meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. Discussion of Future Public Art Locations in the City of Buellton

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discuss the cost and location for public art within the City of Buellton and provide direction to staff on how to proceed.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director of the County Office of Arts and Culture discussed bringing the public art project to the City of Buellton.

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, expressed her support for the public art project.

Richard Kusmitch, Buellton, asked how long the public art would stay in Buellton.

The City Council discussed their support for displaying public art along the Avenue of Flags.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to allow the public art project to be displayed on the Avenue of Flags. City Manager Bierdzinski and City Attorney McEwen will work with Ms. Rubin to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and discuss potential liability with the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA).

9. Review of Engineering Charges in the City of Buellton Pursuant to Resolution No. 94-10

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discuss the development deposit and confirm the reduction of reduced initial deposit amounts for single family homes/additions for property owners.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed engineering fees.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

10. Discussion and Direction Regarding Ordinance and Local Policy for Commercial Cannabis Activities

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review the regulatory options and provide direction to staff on the amendment of the City’s existing cannabis regulations.

STAFF REPORT:

City Attorney McEwen presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mary Conway, representing the Valley Youth Coalition expressed her support for banning commercial marijuana activities in Buellton and provided a handout for the record.

Richard Kusmitch, Buellton, questioned whether a commercial cannabis business could be run out of a residence.

Sergeant Mark Williams discussed the complexities associated with marijuana sales and cultivation.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to prepare an ordinance prohibiting commercial cannabis activities in the City of Buellton; prohibiting private outdoor cannabis cultivation but allowing private indoor cannabis cultivation in accordance with state cannabis laws; and allowing cannabis deliveries in accordance with state cannabis laws but now allowing such businesses to be based within the City limits.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk