

# CITY OF BUELLTON

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of August 9, 2018**  
**City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246**  
**Buellton, California**

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Council Members Ed Andrisek and Art Mercado, Vice Mayor Dave King and Mayor Holly Sierra

**Staff:** City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, City Attorney Steve McEwen, Finance Director Shannel Zamora, Public Works Director Rose Hess, Senior Deputy Jose Alvarez, and City Clerk Linda Reid

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Caroline, spoke in support of President Trump.

Barbara Knecht, Buellton Recreation Center invited the public to purchase tickets from City of Buellton or the Buellton Recreation Center for the Crab Feast Gala on Friday, September 7 at Zaca Creek Golf.

Randall Haggard, Ph.D., Superintendent of Buellton Union School District discussed the increase of new students attending Buellton schools and announced a parcel tax (Measure A) will be on the November 6 ballot to help fund Buellton schools.

City Manager Bierdzinski introduced Senior Deputy Jose Alvarez as the City's new motor officer.

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, stated she witnessed a plane advertising for the Chumash Casino and expressed her displeasure with this activity.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Minutes of July 26, 2018 City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2018/19**
- 3. Reduction of Bond for Hampton Inn – 600 McMurray Road**

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member Mercado, seconded by Vice Mayor King, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3 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**

None

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS**

Vice Mayor King and Mayor Sierra thanked Buellton Recreation and all the volunteers who helped to make the Buellton BBQ Bonanza a success.

Mayor Sierra requested and the Council agreed by consensus that staff agendize truck parking on McMurray Road.

City Manager Bierdzinski announced there are no items for the August 23 Council meeting, so the City Council agreed by consensus to cancel that meeting.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**BUSINESS ITEMS****4. Appointment of Ex-Officio Member to the Buellton Chamber of Commerce****NOMINATION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to appoint Council Member Mercado as the Ex-Officio Member to the Buellton Chamber of Commerce.

**5. Visitor's Bureau Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and Request for Additional Funding****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receive the Buellton Visitor's Bureau Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and provide direction on their request for additional funding.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

**DISCUSSION:**

Kathy Vreeland, representing the Buellton Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce discussed the proposed budget and request for additional funding.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The proposed budget and request for additional funding
- Reevaluate using a percentage allocation for the Visitors Bureau
- Agreement for additional funding to help with traffic control for Winterfest
- Future discussion regarding funding for specific events
- Contract amendment is only for Fiscal Year 2018/19

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, discussed surplus funds and requested the Visitors Bureau present a balanced budget before additional funding is granted.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Vice Mayor King, seconded by Council Member Mercado, approving City funding for the Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$450,000 for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and bring back a contract amendment at the September 13 Council meeting. Future event funding shall be determined on a case by case basis.

**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

**6. Discussion of City Manager Duties****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council discuss the City Manager's responsibilities and provide direction to staff as deemed appropriate.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Attorney McEwen presented the staff report.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Mayor and City Manager to continue to meet and review Council agendas
- Ramifications of City Council involvement in personnel issues, specifically, individual City Council liability and legal issues involving discovery of confidential information
- City Manager to continue to alert the City Council regarding major purchases including those previously approved through the budget process
- City Attorney to research Rancho Palos Verdes ordinance regarding City Manager duties

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to leave the City Manager title and duties as listed in the City's Municipal Code.

**7. Discussion and Direction Regarding School Traffic Safety Improvements****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council discuss the School Traffic Safety Improvements and provide direction to staff.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- When the last speed study surrounding the schools was conducted
- Adding additional crosswalks
- Reducing the speed limit around the schools
- Schools to add crossing guard volunteers
- Adding additional speed limit signs

Randy Haggard, Ph.D., Superintendent of Buellton Union School District spoke about School traffic safety and the speed limit surrounding the schools.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to continue to work with the Buellton Union School District to implement traffic safety improvements around the schools.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

**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, August 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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Holly Sierra  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Reid  
City Clerk