

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of January 24, 2019
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 Dave King, Art Mercado, and John Sanchez, Vice Mayor Ed Andrisek and Mayor Holly Sierra

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierzinski, City Attorney Greg Murphy, Public Works Director Rose Hess, Planning Director Andrea Keefer, Finance Director Shannel Zamora, Lt. Eddie Hsueh, and City Clerk Linda Reid

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Arntson, owner of Endelos Energy provided a demonstration of solar lighting for the Flags located on the Avenue of Flags. The City Council took a short recess to go outside and look at the mobile solar lights and reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

Tim Mahoney, representing Southern California Gas Company, spoke about balanced energy through renewable natural gas.

Larry Rankin, Buellton expressed his support for the Meritage Senior Living Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of January 10, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2018/19**
- 3. Financial Report for the Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2018**
- 4. Monthly Treasurer's Report – December 31, 2018**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Mercado, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.
Council Member King – Yes
Council Member Mercado – Yes
Council Member Sanchez - Yes
Vice Mayor Andrisek – Yes
Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. **Ordinance No. 19-01 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Making Findings and Establishing a Moratorium on Electric Scooters within the City Limits for One-Year from January 24, 2019” (4/5 vote required)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Ordinance No. 19-01.

STAFF REPORT:

City Attorney Murphy provided the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed whether the ordinance applies to personal scooters. City Attorney Murphy stated the ordinance will only apply to commercial scooters.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Mercado, seconded by Council Member King approving Ordinance No. 19-01 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Making Findings and Establishing a Moratorium on Electric Scooters within the City Limits for One-Year from January 24, 2019”

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.
Council Member King - Yes
Council Member Mercado – Yes
Council Member Sanchez – Yes
Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes
Mayor Sierra – Yes

- 6. **Resolution No. 19-02 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (18-TE-01) Request for Conditional Use Permit (12-CUP-01) and Tentative Tract Map (TTM 31056) for the Meritage Senior Living Project, Located on Jonata Park Road (Assessor Parcel Numbers 099-400-064, 099-400-065 and 099-400-069 (offsite portion))”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 19-02.

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Keefer presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mark Edwards, Project Applicant spoke regarding his client’s request for a time extension on the Meritage Senior Living Project and the importance of identifying an appropriate operator to run the proposed project.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- If architectural standards are changed, will they apply to the existing project
- Will green energy standards apply to the existing project

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek approving Resolution No. 19-02 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (18-TE-01) Request for Conditional Use Permit (12-CUP-01) and Tentative Tract Map (TTM 31056) for the Meritage Senior Living Project, Located on Jonata Park Road (Assessor Parcel Numbers 099-400-064, 099-400-065 and 099-400-069 (offsite portion))”

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member King - Yes

Council Member Mercado – Yes

Council Member Sanchez – Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Sanchez supported solar lights on the Avenue of Flags.

Vice Mayor Andrisek asked when the artwork on the Avenue of Flags will be moved. City Manager Bierdzinski stated they will be moved on February 1.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested a closed session to discuss hiring a new City Manager. City Manager Bierdzinski stated that issue will be discussed during Item No. 10.

Mayor Sierra stated she met with Supervisor Hartmann, Mayor Toussaint, and others at the first Santa Ynez Valley Leadership Hub meeting to discuss events in the Valley and ways to collaborate on promoting the Valley as a whole.

Mayor Sierra stated that restaurant week runs from January 27 through February 10 and it's a great chance to try new restaurants in the Valley.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Mercado announced that he attended the Buellton Chamber of Commerce Board meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Board Meeting and provided an oral report and handout regarding the meeting.

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended the Quarterly Awards at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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 Sanchez announced that he attended the New Council Members conference in Sacramento and stated he learned a lot and thanked staff for arranging his travel plans.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. Discussion Regarding Speed Hump Policy on Public Roads

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discuss the merits of formalizing a Speed Hump Policy and provide direction to staff.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Lt. Hsueh stated that speed enforcement is more effective than speed humps.

The City Council discussed that adding more speed humps is not a solution to speeding; speed enforcement is what is needed.

DIRECTON:

The City Council agreed by consensus not to develop a speed hump policy at this time.

8. Review of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachment as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Adam Geis from Moss, Levy and Hartzheim stated that City staff was very helpful in providing data for the audit and the CAFR.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018.

9. Consideration of Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Agreement with Santa Ynez Community Services District

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Agreement with the Santa Ynez Community Services District.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report and provided an updated contract to the City Council and for the record.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed keeping the proposed contract active in case additional staff is needed in the future.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Andrisek, seconded by Council Member Sanchez authorizing the City Manager to execute the Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Agreement with the Santa Ynez Community Services District.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member King - Yes

Council Member Mercado – Yes

Council Member Sanchez – Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

10. Discussion and Direction Regarding Recruitment for City Manager**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to retain the services of Ralph Andersen & Associates to perform the recruitment for City Manager and adjust the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget accordingly.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Other recruitment firms were contacted but did not respond back
- Using a recruiting firm would be the most efficient method to recruit a new City Manger
- Legalities of using closed session to hire a recruitment firm

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Mercado authorizing the City Manager to retain the services of Ralph Andersen & Associates to perform the recruitment for City Manager and adjust the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget accordingly.

VOTE:

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

Council Member King - Yes

Council Member Mercado – Yes

Council Member Sanchez – Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - No

Mayor Sierra – Yes

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Threat of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) [Letter
from Kevin I. Shenkman dated September 28, 2018]**

The City Council met in closed session to discuss Item 11. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk