

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Andrisek 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, and Vice Mayor Ed Andrisek

Via Telephone: Mayor Holly Sierra

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Gnekow, representing the Buellton Senior Center thanked City staff, Zaca Creek Golf Center, and the Buellton Chamber of Commerce for their support of the Buellton Senior Center. Ms. Gnekow also requested that the Buellton Senior Center be considered as a line item in the City's biennial budget.

Eric Daniels, representing PG&E, provided a status of the lights on the Avenue of Flags.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of February 28, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Mercado, seconded by Council Member King, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2 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

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Sanchez stated the installation of solar lights for flags on the Avenue of Flags is in progress.

Mayor Sierra requested and the Council agreed by consensus to have staff agendize discussion of the Buellton Senior Center becoming a line item in the biennial budget at the March 28 Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested that staff investigate adding portable generators to light the Avenue of Flags.

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**3. Approval of One-Year Contract Extensions for MNS Engineers Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc.****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approve the additional one-year contract extension for engineering services for MNS Engineers, Inc. and Tetra Tech.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Jason Fussel, representing Tetra Tech stated he will review taking on further tasks associated with water and wastewater.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Adding staff to perform some engineering functions in the future
- Transition water and wastewater projects to Tetra Tech
- Work with Tetra Tech for a long term plan for infrastructure replacement
- Ensuring engineering billing is submitted timely

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Mercado, to extend engineering services with MNS Engineers and Tetra Tech for six months while transferring water, wastewater, and capital improvement tasks to Tetra Tech, formalize the Engineering Contract Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Members King and Sanchez, and staff to provide regular reports on the engineering transition during the six month period.

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

4. Mid-Year Progress Report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau for the Period July 2018 through December 2018

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.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Visitors Bureau, discussed the mid-year Progress Report.

5. Review and Direction to Staff Regarding Avenue of Flags Median Two Design Plan**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommended that this item be continued to the meeting of March 28, so all Council Members can be present for the discussion.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to continue this item to March 28.

6. Review and Direction to Staff Regarding Draft Environmental Impact Report for Proposed Plains Replacement Pipeline Project**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council review and provide direction to staff on the City's formal response to Santa Barbara County regarding the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Plains Pipeline Replacement Project.

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Keefer presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Marcilo Sarquilla, Buellton, discussed his concern that the oil pipeline will be relocated next to Oak Valley Elementary School.

Steve Greig, representing Plains All American Pipeline, spoke about the pipeline relocation.

The City Council discussed the proposed environmental impacts of the project and requested changes to the City's comment letter to include operational safety and air quality issues.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to send a formal response to Santa Barbara County regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Plains Pipeline Replacement Project with the additional comments noted above.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

7. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1):

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Title: City Manager

The City Council met in closed session to discuss Item 7. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Andrisek adjourned the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk