

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of March 28, 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, Finance Director Shannel
Zamora, Planning Director Andrea Keefer, Lt. Eddie Hsueh,
Contract Planner Irma Tucker, and City Clerk Linda Reid

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Puck Erickson, representing Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden displayed a video that showed what's happening at the Botanic Garden and provided an events calendar for the record.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Sierra announced she met with the Finance staff and discussed a procedural change to how accounts payable will process payments going forward.

- 1. Minutes of March 14, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2018/19**
- 3. Monthly Treasurer's Report – February 28, 2019**

4. **Resolution No. 19-06 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for Allocation of Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2019-20”**
5. **Receive and File the 2018 Annual Report on the Status of the General Plan**
6. **Extension of City Manager Contract**
7. **Approval of Settlement Agreement Related to California Voting Rights Act**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Mercado, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 and 7 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

8. **Resolution No. 19-05 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Adopting the Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2019/2020 – 2023/2024”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 19-05.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report with some numerical changes to Exhibit A.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Mercado approving Resolution No. 19-05 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Adopting the Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2019/20 – 2023/24”

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 stated that he is working with Randy Endelos on installing solar lights for the flags on the Avenue of Flags.

Vice Mayor Andrisek congratulated the Buellton Chamber of Commerce for organizing the Wine and Chili Festival at Flying Flags RV Resort. The other Council Members who attended said the event was very well done.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested and the Council agreed by consensus to agendize a discussion regarding the Plains All American pipeline project and provided a sample resolution adopted by the City of Santa Maria for the record.

Council Member Sanchez requested and the Council agreed by consensus to agendize discussion regarding the red curb along the south end of McMurray Road.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Sierra announced that she and Council Member Sanchez attended the Library Advisory Committee meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

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

Council Member Andrisek announced that he attended the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Board meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended the California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG) board meeting in Yosemite and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

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.

BUSINESS ITEMS

9. Discussion and Direction Regarding Adding the Buellton Senior Center as a Budget Line Item

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adding the Buellton Senior Center as a budget line item and discuss how much to allocate the non-profit funding if the Buellton Senior Center is removed from this funding source

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Pam Gnekow, representing the Buellton Senior Center asked for support of the budget line item for the Buellton Senior Center.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Support for the Buellton Senior Center
- How much money to allocate for the remaining non-profit agencies

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek, approving the addition of the Buellton Senior Center as a budget line item with a budgeted amount of \$65,000.

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

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to cap the remaining non-profit funding at \$25,000.

10. Determination of Employee Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Fiscal Year 2019-20**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider approval of a COLA for all full-time regular City employees for Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the amount of 4.0 percent.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the appropriate COLA percentage.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The Council agreed by consensus to approve a 3.5% COLA for all full-time regular employees effective July 1, 2019 and staff will present a resolution solidifying the COLA at the April 11 Council meeting.

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

That the City Council review the draft plans and provide staff with additional direction if necessary to move forward towards completion of the Design Plans.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Peggy Brierton, Buellton provided her suggestions for the flex-space median and submitted a handout for the record which was distributed to the City Council and made part of the record.

Ron Milligan, Landscape Architect with MNS Engineers discussed the proposed landscape concept and flex-space area.

Irma Tucker, Contract Planner discussed the proposed flex-space.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Adding rolled curbs
- Replace the two 30 foot flag poles with a 50 foot centrally located flag pole
- Use of drought resistant and low maintenance landscaping
- Provide options of stamped concrete rather than using pavers
- Allowing space for two lanes in each direction per the Specific Plan
- Council support of the alternative design plan presented at the meeting

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to move forward with the alternative design plan for Median Two of the Avenue of Flags and bring back a revised concept plan.

12. Review and Approval of Botanic Garden Entry Pillars at River View Park

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review and approve the design and location of the Botanic Garden entry pillars at River View Park.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council requested that the sign be raised up higher or be placed on pedestals.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to approve the design and location of the Botanic Garden entry pillars at River View Park.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**13. 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 13. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk