

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 11, 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 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

Caroline Abate, spoke about the results of the Mueller Investigation and her support for President Trump.

Brent Fletcher, Santa Ynez, requested the City Council consider changing the City's Municipal Code to allow outdoor commercial recreation in the industrial zone.

Shelby Sim, President and CEO of Visit Santa Ynez Valley, spoke about their annual report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of March 28, 2019 City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2018/19**
- 3. Resolution No. 19-08 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a 3.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all Regular Full-Time Employees, Effective, July 1, 2019”**

4. Annual Report for July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 from Visit Santa Ynez Valley (VisitSYV)

MOTION:

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

5. Proclamation Recognizing National Donate Life Month

Mayor Sierra presented Scott Burns, representing Donate Life with a proclamation recognizing April 2019 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 Sanchez stated that four solar lights are operational on the Avenue of Flags.

Vice Mayor Andrisek thanked Council Member Sanchez for his efforts to help install solar lights on the Avenue of Flags.

Mayor Sierra announced she was a moderator at the Santa Ynez High School Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Sierra requested and the Council agreed by consensus to begin meetings with engineering staff and Caltrans regarding safety calming measures on Highway 246.

Mayor Sierra announced the City’s Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. at River View Park.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

6. Fiscal Year 2019-20 & 2020-21 Requests for Funding from Non-Profit Agencies

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider funding requests from non-profit agencies.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Sierra increasing the funding limit for non-profit agencies from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

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

Dean Palius, representing Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP), addressed the City Council and explained PHP’s non-profit funding request.

Junita Jethmalani, representing the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, addressed the City Council and explained the Foodbank’s non-profit funding request.

Amy Derryberry, representing the Santa Ynez Valley Fruit and Vegetable Rescue, addressed the City Council and explained her organization’s non-profit funding request.

Sue Eisaguirre, representing NatureTrack, addressed the City Council and explained her organization’s non-profit funding request and provided a handout for the record.

Leanna Watson, Buellton, representing Zaca Center Preschool, addressed the City Council and explained her organization's non-profit funding request and provided a handout for the record.

Sergeant Sandy Fausto, representing California Organization for Public Safety, Inc., addressed the City Council and explained his organization's non-profit funding request.

The City Council discussed funding for each of the non-profit organizations and agreed to allocate funding for Fiscal Year 2019-20 & 2020-21 as follows:

- Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People - \$8,600
- Foodbank of Santa Barbara County - \$5,400
- Santa Ynez Valley Fruit and Vegetable Rescue - \$4,600
- NatureTrack - \$1,100
- Zaca Center Preschool - \$6,100
- California Organization for Public Safety, Inc. - \$4,200

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Mercado, seconded by Council Member King approving the non-profit funding amounts as referenced above for Fiscal Year 2019-20 & 2020-21.

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

7. Consideration of Reinstating Employer Contribution to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) for Employees Hired after January 1, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider reinstating the employer paid 6% contribution into DCP for all regular full-time employees hired after January 1, 2012.

STAFF REPORT:

H.R. Director Reid presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The overall benefits of reinstating the employer paid 6% contribution to DCP
- Various contribution options were discussed

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Mercado, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, approving reinstatement of the employer paid 6% contribution to DCP for all regular full-time employees hired after January 1, 2012 and requested that staff bring back a resolution confirming this decision for Council approval.

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

8. 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 8. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk