

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of August 8, 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 Scott Wolfe, 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

Daniel Lahr, Executive Director of the Central Coast Film Society thanked the City Council for their funding support and discussed the upcoming Star Wars film event scheduled for August 25, where the Buellton Senior Center will be catering the event and will receive 25 percent of the proceeds from the event.

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, stated she attended the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission meeting regarding Cannabis cultivation in Santa Barbara County and thanked City Manager Wolfe for his attendance at the meeting. Ms. Brierton requested the City Council consider revising the City's Nuisance Ordinance to include regulations concerning Cannabis.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of July 25, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Years 2018/19 and 2019/20**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek, 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**3. Proclamation Recognizing Boy Scouts of America (BSA) - Buellton Scout Troop 42**

Mayor Sierra presented Buellton Scout Troop 42 with a proclamation honoring their dedicated community service. Scout Master John Deleon thanked the Council for honoring Scout Troop 42.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested and the Council agreed by consensus to agendaize an item to discuss efforts to enhance energy efficiencies in Buellton.

Mayor Sierra requested and the Council agreed by consensus to agendaize an item to discuss improving aesthetics on the Avenue of Flags.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Buellton resident, Larry Rankin sent an email to City Manager Wolfe complimenting the City on the Buellton BBQ Bonanza event, and thanking the City, volunteers, and those who brought food for helping to make the event a success.

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**4. Discussion and Direction Regarding Allowing Cannabis Testing/Analysis Facilities and CBD Product Sales****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council review and discuss the regulatory options and provide direction to staff on the potential amendment of the City's existing cannabis regulations as they pertain to testing laboratories and/or the sale of CBD-containing products.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the types of Cannabis testing and a desire that laboratory testing not create a public nuisance for Buellton residents.

Jaime Dietenhofer, owner of Figueroa Mountain Brewery, stated his company would like to produce and package a hemp-derived seltzer at their Buellton Brewery. Mr. Dietenhofer stated he has no plans for retail sales of the hemp-derived seltzer in the City of Buellton.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to amend and agendize the City's current Cannabis Ordinance to allow testing laboratories in the City of Buellton but not to amend the City's Cannabis Ordinance to allow the sale of Cannabis-derived CBD-containing products in the City of Buellton after learning that hemp-based CBD-containing products are already legal and regulated by the State.

5. Discussion and Direction Regarding Arts and Culture Committee Description and Possible Budget Amendment**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider the creation of the Buellton Arts and Culture Committee and consider allocating \$50,000 to be memorialized as a future budget adjustment through resolution by the City Council.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, stated the Arts and Culture Committee description is well written and clearly explains how the Committee can move forward. Ms. Brierton stated that including members from outside Buellton will create a stronger and more diverse Committee.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Whether Committee members should be limited to Buellton residents or allowing the Committee to include talents from the entire Valley
- Council consensus to allow Committee members from outside of Buellton
- The City Council will have final say in any decisions regarding the Arts and Culture Committee

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member Sanchez allocating \$50,000 for the Arts and Culture Committee for Fiscal Year 2019/20 and \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2020/21, which will be approved by the City Council through a future budget adjustment resolution.

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. 19-19 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, for the Purpose of Budget Amendments from Operational Changes Related to Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget through the Fourth Quarter Ending June 30, 2019”**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Council Member King approving Resolution No. 19-19 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, for the Purpose of Budget Amendments from Operational Changes Related to Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget through the Fourth Quarter Ending June 30, 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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- 7. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the Agency but which the Agency believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs**

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The Council meeting of August 22, 2019 has been cancelled.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk