

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of September 12, 2019
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:05 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, Deputy Joe Parker, and City Clerk Linda Reid

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Barbara County Fire Battalion Chief Chris Childers briefed the Council regarding the status of the McMurray Fire. The Council thanked all the fire fighters for their efforts to put out the fires.

Eric Daniels, External Affairs and Public Policy representative from Pacific Gas and Electric Company provided a presentation regarding potential public safety power shutoff in the City of Buellton.

Caroline Abate, spoke about stopping mass public murders in the United States.

Judy Pedersen, Buellton, asked the City Council to consider adding street lights on the west side of Central Avenue and installing sidewalks on the east side of Central Avenue. Ms. Pedersen also requested the City clean up the slurry staging lot on Central Avenue.

Peggy Brierton requested the City Council pull Item 3 for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of August 8, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and 2019/20**
3. **Quarterly Report for April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 from Visit Santa Ynez Valley (VisitSYV)**
4. **Monthly Treasurer's Report – July 31, 2019**
5. **Rejection of Bids for Stormwater Catch Basin Cleaning**
6. **Filing of an Amended Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for Revised Allocation of Transportation Development Act Funds (TDA) for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Mercado, approving Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 and pulling Item 3 for discussion.

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

The City Council briefly discussed the quarterly report from Visit Santa Ynez Valley and requested that going forward, this item be listed under Business Items and that Shelby Sim be invited to attend Council meetings to answer any questions the Council may have.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek, approving Consent Calendar Item 3.

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

7. Recognition of Bobby Covarrubias's Dedicated Service to the City of Buellton

Mayor Sierra presented Bobby Covarrubias with a gift and thanked him for his dedicated service to the City of Buellton and wished him much happiness in retirement. Mr. Covarrubias thanked the City Council for the opportunity to work for the City of Buellton for the past 17 years.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested the City put an emphasis on flag etiquette for all residents and businesses in Buellton.

Council Members Mercado and King thanked City Manager Wolfe for the fire updates during the McMurray Fire.

Mayor Sierra stated she and City Manager Wolfe attended the Fire briefings this week and discussed the precision of how the Fire Department is run.

Mayor Sierra stated she attended the 9/11 Ceremony at Station 31 and that it was very well done.

Mayor Sierra received Council consensus to have staff coordinate a community meeting regarding the effects of cannabis grows outside Buellton's City limits.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Andrisek announced that he attended the Sustainable Groundwater Management Committee meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

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.

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended the Santa Ynez Valley Traffic Survey meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS**8. Discussion and Direction Regarding One-Year Contract Extensions for Engineering Services with MNS Engineers Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc.****RECOMMENDATION:**

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

STAFF REPORT:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Bruce Porter, Santa Ynez, spoke in support of MNS Engineers and described the many services they provide their customers. Mr. Porter thanked staff for helping to get the crosswalks installed across Highway 246 at Sycamore Drive.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Having staff study the City's engineering tasks and splitting the work between MNS Engineers and Tetra Tech
- Appointing an ad hoc committee of two Council Members, City Manager, and City Engineer to determine what engineering functions can be grouped together in order to prepare two engineering services request for proposals and extending the two engineering services contracts through the end of the fiscal year of June 30, 2020

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Mercado, extending engineering services with MNS Engineers and Tetra Tech until the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2020) and tasking the ad hoc committee, City Manager, and City Engineer to study and prepare the appropriate request for proposals for engineering services to be awarded before June 30, 2020.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk