

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of June 11, 2020

City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present via Zoom: Council Members Ed Andrisek, Dave King, John Sanchez, Vice Mayor Art Mercado, and Mayor Sierra

Staff: City Manager Scott Wolfe, Public Works Director Rose Hess, City Clerk Linda Reid, City Attorney Greg Murphy (via Zoom), Finance Director Shannel Zamora (via Zoom), Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom), Recreation Supervisor Kyle Abello (via Zoom), Contract Planner Irma Tucker (via Zoom)

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Sierra read public comment into the record from Mark Preston, Buellton, regarding political sign regulations.

Mayor Sierra read public comment into the record from Larry Bishop, Buellton, Amy Wolfslau, Buellton, James Vollaro, Buellton, and Kelly Gray, Los Olivos, all supporting the City of Buellton joining Central Coast Community Power.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of May 28, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2019/20**

- 3. **Resolution No. 20-18 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Acknowledging the Receipt of and Ordering the Filing of the Annual Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2020-21 with the City Council”**
- 4. **Contract Extension with Kosmont Companies for Economic Development Services**
- 5. **Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Code**
- 6. **Approval of Bond Release for Flying Flags**
- 7. **Acceptance of the Highway 246 & Sycamore Drive Pedestrian Improvements Project**

Mayor Sierra requested and the City Council agreed by consensus to pull Items 5 and 7 for further discussion.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mercado, approving Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King - Yes

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra read public comment into the record from Len Fleckenstein, Buellton, regarding Item 7.

Mayor Sierra questioned the agencies involved with the Conflict of Interest Code changes. City Clerk Reid stated that the agencies involved with the Conflict of Interest Code are the City Council and Planning Commission.

Mayor Sierra confirmed that the City is accepting the Notice of Completion on the Sycamore Drive and Highway 246 lighted crosswalk project.

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member Andrisek, approving Consent Calendar Items 5 through 7 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King - Yes

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. **Resolution No. 20-12 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Regarding the Commitments and Publishing the Report Required by Central Coast Water Authority Resolution Nos. 92-02 and 92-11”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approval of Resolution No. 20-12.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Sierra read public comment into the record from Len Fleckenstein, Buellton, regarding Item 8.

Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

The City Council discussed publication and accessibility of the water report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Andrisek, seconded by Vice Mayor Mercado adopting Resolution No. 20-12 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Regarding the Commitments and Publishing the Report Required by Central Coast Water Authority Resolution Nos. 92-02 and 92-11”

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Andrisek - Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Andrisek thanked Finance Director Zamora for her work in preparing and presenting the Mid-Cycle Budget at the May 28th Council meeting.

Council Member Sanchez thanked Public Works Director Hess for preparing the Annual Water Supply Report and questioned whether the City could use the well located on the newly acquired Willemsen property. City Manager Wolfe stated that staff will look into whether the newly acquired well would be suitable for City usage.

Mayor Sierra requested that staff look into having the candidate remove the political sign on McMurray Road or that staff remove the sign.

Mayor Sierra requested that staff arrange for the City Council to receive a presentation regarding the draft SYV Traffic Circulation and Safety Study.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Mercado provided an update from the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau regarding the Phase 3 reopening in Santa Barbara County.

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**9. Approval of Arts and Culture Project Application:
Nature Inspired Hubcap Public Art Project****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider approving \$3,000 to fund the Nature Inspired Hubcap Public Art Project.

STAFF REPORT:

Recreation Supervisor Abello presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra read public comment into the record from Kiana Beckmen, Buellton and Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, supporting Item 9.

Stacey Thompson, joined the discussion via Zoom and spoke about the proposed project and answered questions from the Council.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Funding Arts and Culture projects that originate in Buellton
- Supporting art projects during the current Pandemic
- Displaying the majority of finished hubcaps in Buellton but inviting local artists throughout Santa Barbara County to help paint the hubcaps

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member King, approving \$3,000 to fund the Nature Inspired Hubcap Public Art Project, while keeping the majority of the finished hubcaps for display in Buellton, with some of the art displayed at the Wildling Museum and at Santa Ynez High School.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

10. Discussion and Direction Regarding Rebranded Landscape Rebate Program: “Buellton Beautiful”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provide direction to staff for proceeding with the “Buellton Beautiful” landscape rebate program.

STAFF REPORT:

Contract City Planner Tucker presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- How the landscape rebate process would work to promote drought tolerant landscaping
- Advertising the landscape rebate program so residents know funding is available
- Planning Department oversight of residential re-landscape proposals
- Adding yard signs that advertise City issued rebates assisted in the re-landscape process

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Council Member King, approving rebranding the landscape rebate program: “Buellton Beautiful”.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

11. Discussion and Direction Regarding Community Cleanup Program**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council provide direction to staff for implementing the community cleanup program and allocate \$2,500 for the initial program to begin in summer 2020.

STAFF REPORT:

Contract City Planner Tucker presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed asking MarBorg Industries and the Chumash Casino Resort to donate resources and supplies for the Community Cleanup Program

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Vice Mayor Mercado, approving implementation of the community cleanup program and allocate \$2,500 for the initial program to begin in summer 2020.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

12. Consideration of Costs for the Reconstruction of the Flagpole on Median 2**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council discuss the costs associated with reconstructing the flagpole on Median 2 and direct staff accordingly.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Negotiating a flagpole currently located on Industrial Way to be installed on Median 2, which was built at the same time as the other flagpoles on the Avenue of Flags
- Delivery of the original Median 2 flagpole for usage elsewhere in the City
- Adding a flagpole at the newly acquired Willemsen property

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to bring back additional estimates and options on how to move forward with replacing the flagpole on Median 2.

13. Resolution No. 20-16 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, for the Purpose of Mid-Cycle Budget Amendments Related to Fiscal Year 2020-21”**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider the adoption of Resolution No. 20-16.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report and provided an updated Fund Balance Summary for the General Fund, which was provided to the City Council and added to the record.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Changes to the Mid-Cycle Budget, specifically Capital Improvement Projects
- Forwarding this item to the Council meeting of June 25 for further review

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to bring back Resolution No. 20-16 for further discussion at the June 25 Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

14. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) Potential Initiation of Litigation

The City Council met in closed session to discuss Item 14. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk