

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of July 9, 2020

City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Member King

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), and Contract City Planner Irma Tucker (via Zoom)

Council Member King joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hudson Hornick, Buellton, commented about the spike in vehicle break-ins in the Rancho de Maria subdivision and wanted to know what the City Council was doing to address this issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of June 25, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2019/20**

3. **Consideration of Amended Contract with Wallace Group for Fats/Oils/Grease (FOG), Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP), and Industrial Discharge (ID) Programs Implementation**
4. **Consideration of Amended Contract with Autosys for SCADA/Instrumentation/Electrical Technician Services**
5. **Approve the 2020 Buellton Sewer System Management Plan Update (SSMP)**
6. **Contract Amendment to the Agreement for Animal Control Services between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Buellton – Fiscal Year 2020-21**

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Council Member King, approving Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 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

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

City Council Members all agreed that they would like to be able to attend Council meetings in person rather than virtually.

Mayor Sierra thanked Buellton residents for participating in the Fourth of July vehicle parade that traveled through the streets of Buellton.

Mayor Sierra thanked Council Member Sanchez for helping an injured person on the Avenue of Flags.

Mayor Sierra requested that everyone wear a mask to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Andrisek announced that Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) held their Operational Board meeting via Zoom today and that Public Works Director Hess attended the meeting and she provided an oral report for the record.

Council Member Sanchez announced that he attended an Arts and Culture Committee meeting this week and provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. **Presentation on the Santa Ynez Valley Traffic Circulation and Safety Study**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive the Santa Ynez Valley Traffic Circulation and Safety Study.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Michael Becker and Marjie Kirn with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) joined the meeting via Zoom and presented the Santa Ynez Valley Traffic Circulation and Safety Study.

The City Council questioned the bottleneck of traffic on Highway 246 and ways to help slow vehicle speed on Highway 246.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

8. **Presentation of Avenue of Flags Median 3 Concept Designs; Cal Poly Landscape Architecture Design Studio, Spring 2020**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review the videos and design posters regarding Median 3 Concept Designs presented by Cal Poly Landscape Architecture Design Studio students and provide comments related to the designs.

STAFF REPORT:

Contract City Planner Tucker presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Planning Director Keefer displayed six individual two-minute videos exposing Median 3 Concept Designs that were created by students through the Cal Poly Landscape Architecture Design Studio.

David Watts representing Cal Poly Landscape Architecture Design Studio joined the meeting via Zoom and answered questions from the City Council regarding the Spring 2020 project.

Public comments were received and made part of the record from the Arts and Culture Committee, Peggy Brierton, Buellton, and Annie Yakutis, Buellton.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Council thanked the Planning staff and the Cal Poly students for their creativity and hard work in developing concept designs for Median 3
- Utilizing the amphitheater design on Median 3, adding restrooms, shade sails, and meandering pathways
- Choosing the best elements from each design concept to use in redesigning Median 3

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

9. **Ordinance No. 20-05 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Considering Revisions to Title 19 (Zoning) of the Buellton Municipal Code (20-ZOA-02) Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Expediting, Amending Sections 19.02.030 and 19.12.020, and Adding Section 19.06.280” (Second Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Ordinance No 20-05.

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Andrea Keefer presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council questioned whether there are any pending charging station applications on file with the Planning Department. Planning Director Keefer stated there are no charging station applications currently on file but Ordinance No. 20-05 will expedite the process going forward.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Andrisek adopting Ordinance No. 20-05 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Considering Revisions to Title 19 (Zoning) of the Buellton Municipal Code (20-ZOA-02) Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Expediting, Amending Sections 19.02.030 and 19.12.020, and Adding Section 19.06.280” by title only and waive further reading.

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. Ordinance No. 20-06 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Authorizing the Implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program by Participating in Central Coast Community Energy’s Community Choice Aggregation Program” (Second Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Ordinance No. 20-06.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

J.R. Killigrew, representing MBCPA/CCCE joined the meeting via Zoom and answered questions from the City Council.

The City Council discussed how the Community Choice Aggregation Program would affect residents who have installed solar panels.

Public comments were received and made part of the record supporting Item 10 from the following individuals:

- Amy Wolfslau, Buellton
- Christine Herman, Buellton
- Kelly Gray, Los Olivos
- James Vollaro, Buellton
- Larry Bishop, Buellton

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, adopting Ordinance No. 20-06 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Authorizing the Implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program by Participating in Central Coast Community Energy’s Community Choice Aggregation Program” by title only and waive further reading.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-1, with Council Member King voting no.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – No

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

11. Consideration of City Manager Contract Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2020-21**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider approval of the 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for City Manager Wolfe, effective July 1, 2020 and determine whether there are any other contract amendments that need to be considered at this time.

STAFF REPORT:

H.R. Director Reid presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council thanked City Manager Wolfe for his hard work and approved a 3% COLA and an additional 3 days of Management Leave annually.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Council Member King approving a 3% COLA for City Manager Wolfe and an additional three days of Management Leave (total of eight days annually), effective July 1, 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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**12. 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 12. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The regular City Council meeting of July 23 has been cancelled.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk