

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of October 8, 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)

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rachael Cardoza, Buellton, submitted public comment regarding banning the sale of flavored tobacco products in Buellton.

Mary Conway, representing Santa Ynez Valley Youth Coalition, submitted public comment regarding banning the sale of flavored tobacco products in Buellton.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of September 24, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 and Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

3. **Filing of an Amended 2020-21 Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund 2019-20 Apportionments**
4. **Financial Report for the Fourth Quarter Ending June 30, 2020**

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Council Member Andrisek, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 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

5. **Resolution No. 20-25 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Finding and Determining that the Public Interest, Convenience and Necessity Require the Acquisition of Property Interests for Public Purposes”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approval of Resolution No. 20-25.

STAFF REPORT:

City Attorney Murphy provided background information pertaining to Resolution No. 20-25.

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Correspondence was received from Douglas Gravelle of Hinson, Gravelle & Adair LLP, together with Exhibit A, dated October 6, 2020, which was distributed to the City Council and added to the record.

Correspondence was received from Kevin Brogan of Hill, Farrer & Burrill, LLP, together with a site photo, dated October 6, 2020, which was distributed to the City Council and added to the record.

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Eric Phillips of Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, spoke about the environmental effects related to the proposed project.

Alan Sozio of Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, spoke about the proposed project and minimizing impacts to the property owner during construction.

Douglas Gravelle of Hinson, Gravelle & Adair LLP, discussed his client's position and the impacts of the proposed construction project.

Kevin Brogan of Hill, Farrer & Burrill, LLP, discussed his client's position and the impacts of the proposed construction project.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Discussions with Caltrans regarding the project
- Conducting work at night to lessen travel impacts
- Construction timeframe being estimated at three months
- Alternative solutions to widen McMurray Road
- Mitigating impacts to the property owner, while allowing construction to move forward
- Removing the block wall in order to allow more construction space

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Council Member King adopting Resolution No. 20-25 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Finding and Determining that the Public Interest, Convenience and Necessity Require the Acquisition of Property Interests for Public Purposes”

VOTE:

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

Council Member Andrisek - Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Sanchez - No

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Andrisek stated the speed bumps on the Avenue of Flags are a hazard for motorists.

Council Member Sanchez requested that staff seek an alternative solution to the current speed bumps on the Avenue of flags.

Council Member Sanchez stated he visited all flavored tobacco vendors in Buellton and announced that all vendors said they are aware of the laws associated with selling flavored tobacco products to minors.

Council Member King requested that staff seek an alternative solution to the current speed bumps on the Avenue of flags.

City Manager Wolfe stated the speed bumps were approved by the City Council during project approval but that staff will look into alternative solutions to the current speed bumps and bring this issue back for Council for further discussion and possible changes.

Mayor Sierra stated that she's been approached by a local non-profit group who would like to build a community garden on the City-owned property located at 480 Central Avenue.

Mayor Sierra stated she is attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference virtually this week.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

6. Consideration of a New Contract with Metro Ventures Ltd. for Irma L. Tucker to Provide Professional Planning Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a new contract for Contract Planning Services with Metro Ventures Ltd. for a period of one year, at a rate of \$81.00 per hour, for a maximum of 710 hours.

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Keefer presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed whether the City should consider hiring another planning employee rather than paying contract staff. City Manager Wolfe stated that staff will look into staffing needs in the Planning Department.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member King, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a new contract for Contract Planning Services with Metro Ventures Ltd. for a period of one year, at a rate of \$81.00 per hour, for a maximum of 710 hours and the City Manager and Planning Director will monitor the contract with Metro Ventures on a quarterly basis.

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

- 7. **Resolution No. 20-27 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Expressing Support for Actions to Further Strengthen Local Democracy, Authority, and Control as Related to Local Zoning and Housing Issues”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approval of Resolution No. 20-27.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Len Fleckenstein, Buellton, submitted written comments for the record asking the City Council not to adopt Resolution No. 20-27.

Larry Bishop, Buellton, submitted written comments for the record asking the City Council not to adopt Resolution No. 20-27.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member King adopting Resolution No. 20-27 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Expressing Support for Actions to Further Strengthen Local Democracy, Authority, and Control as Related to Local Zoning and Housing Issues”

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

8. Approval of Use of 202 Dairyland Road (“Willemsen Property”) for City-Sponsored Recreational Event

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the use of the Willemsen Property at 202 Dairyland Road for a special film event to be sponsored by the City.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Raiza Giorgi, representing the Central Coast Film Society, discussed the proposed City-sponsored recreational event at the Willemsen property.

Steve Benson, Buellton, submitted written comments for the record concerning the use of the Willemsen property, located at 202 Dairyland Road.

Len Fleckenstein, Buellton, submitted written comments for the record asking the City Council not to hold events at 202 Dairyland Road during 2020, except for tours of the property to gather residential input.

Kady Fleckenstein, Buellton, submitted written comments for the record regarding potential use impacts from the property located at 202 Dairyland Road.

The City Council discussed using traffic control/cones to route vehicles down Sycamore Drive rather than Valley Dairy Road in order to access the lower section of the Willemsen property, which should lessen impacts to residents.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to move forward with planning the City-sponsored special film event at 202 Dairyland Road and report back to the Council with formalized plans.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk