

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of December 10, 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 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)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hudson Hornick, Buellton, submitted written comments concerning the new storm drain grates in the Rancho de Maria subdivision, which impede the flow of storm water.

REORDERING OF AGENDA

The City Council agreed by consensus to reorder the agenda to discuss Item 10 prior to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 10. Resolution No. 20-32 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving an Energy Services Agreement with ENGIE Services, U.S. for the Implementation of Certain Energy Related Improvements to City Facilities in Accordance with these Findings and California Government Code Sections 4217.10 to 4217.18”; and**

Resolution No. 20-35 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with Sterling National Bank for the Financing of Certain Energy Related Improvements to City Facilities”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution Nos. 20-32 and 20-35.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Ashu Jain, Senior Manager at ENGIE Services U.S. stated that equipment maintenance will be conducted by ENGIE for 20 years, except for lighting and air conditioning, with an annual cost built into the contract.

Council Members discussed costs savings over a 20 year period and City Manager Wolfe stated the net savings over a 30 year period will be 3.7 million dollars.

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Sierra closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Mayor Sierra adopting Resolution No. 20-32 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving an Energy Services Agreement with ENGIE Services, U.S. for the Implementation of Certain Energy Related Improvements to City Facilities in Accordance with these Findings and California Government Code Sections 4217.10 to 4217.18”

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

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member Andrisek adopting Resolution No. 20-35 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with Sterling National Bank for the Financing of Certain Energy Related Improvements to City Facilities”

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of November 12, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**
3. **Year 2021 Proposed Calendar of City Council Meetings**
4. **Monthly Treasurer’s Report – October 31, 2020**
5. **Resolution No. 20-31 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Declaring and Certifying the Results of the General Municipal Election Held on November 3, 2020”**
6. **Acceptance of the 2019/2020 Road Maintenance Project**
7. **Financial Report for First Quarter Ending September 30, 2020**
8. **Award of Contract for Storm Drain System Cleaning**
9. **Resolution No. 20-33 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Adopting a Policy for the Management of the City’s Debt”**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 9 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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

11. Council Reorganization

A. Recognition of Vice Mayor Art Mercado for his Service to the City of Buellton

B. Seating of Mayor Sierra and Council Members Lewis and Sanchez

C. Appointment of Vice Mayor

Mayor Sierra presented Vice Mayor Mercado with a City plaque and engraved wine glasses commemorating his service to the City of Buellton. Council Members thanked Council Member Mercado for his service to Buellton.

Mayor Sierra and the City Council welcomed Elysia Lewis to the Council. City Clerk Reid previously issued the Oath of Office to Council Members Lewis and Sanchez and Mayor Sierra in front of City Hall on December 9.

NOMINATION:

Mayor Sierra nominated Council Member Sanchez as Vice Mayor. The Council agreed by consensus to nominate Council Member Sanchez as Vice Mayor for 2021.

Council Member Andrisek thanked staff for reconstructing the speed humps on the Avenue of Flags.

Vice Mayor Sanchez thanked Kathy Vreeland for organizing the Poker Run event last weekend. Vice Mayor Sanchez thanked City Clerk Reid for organizing the Mayor and Council Member swearing in ceremony in front of City Hall. Vice Mayor Sanchez thanked staff for reconstructing the speed humps on the Avenue of Flags.

Vice Mayor Sanchez requested that staff consider scheduling a special meeting to discuss the new state COVID restrictions placed on businesses in Buellton. City Manager Wolfe stated he is drafting a letter to the State of California expressing the Council's opposition to the new COVID restrictions.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended the Library Advisory Committee meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS

12. Consideration of Appointments to the Planning Commission

A. Interviews of Applicants

B. Consideration of Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council make two appointments to the Planning Commission with the terms of office expiring December 2024.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra thanked all the applicants for their desire to serve on the Planning Commission and asked each applicant to state why they would like to be appointed to the Commission. Patty Hammel, Art Mercado, and David Silva each spoke about how they could contribute to the Planning Commission.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Andrisek nominating Art Mercado to the Planning Commission, with term of office expiring December 2024.

VOTE:

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

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Lewis – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Lewis nominating David Silva to the Planning Commission, with term of office expiring December 2024. The motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member King nominating Patty Hammel to the Planning Commission, with term of office expiring December 2024.

VOTE:

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

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Lewis – No

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

13. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- A. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA)**
- B. County Library Advisory Committee**
- C. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)**
- D. Air Pollution Control District (APCD)**
- E. California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA)**
- F. League of California Cities (LOCC) – Voting Delegate**
- G. Buellton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (Ex Officio Member)**
- H. Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group**
- I. Economic Development Task Force**
- J. City/School District Joint Use Committee**
- K. Home for Good SBC**
- L. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority**
- M. Central Management Area Committee for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)**
- N. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)**

The City Council nominated the following Council Members to the following Boards, Commissions, and Committees for 2021:

- A. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA)**
Council Member Andrisek
Vice Mayor Sanchez (Alternate)
Council Member King (Second Alternate)
- B. County Library Advisory Commission**
Mayor Sierra
Vice Mayor Sanchez (Alternate)
- C. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)**
Mayor Sierra
Council Member Andrisek (Alternate)
- D. Air Pollution Control District (APCD)**
Mayor Sierra
Council Member Andrisek (Alternate)

- E. California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA)
Council Member Andrisek
Council Member Lewis (Alternate)**
- F. League of California Cities (LOCC)
Mayor Sierra (Voting Delegate-Annual Conference)
Vice Mayor Sanchez (Alternate Voting Delegate-Annual Conference)**
- G. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (City Liaison Member)
Vice Mayor Sanchez**
- H. Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group
Vice Mayor Sanchez
Council Member Lewis**
- I. Economic Development Task Force
Mayor Sierra
Council Member King**
- J. City/School District Joint Use Committee
Council Member Lewis**
- K. Home for Good SBC (Formerly Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness)
Vice Mayor Sanchez**
- L. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Power Insurance Authority
Vice Mayor Sanchez**
- M. Central Management Area Committee for the Sustainable Groundwater
Management Act (SGMA)
Council Member Andrisek
Vice Mayor Sanchez (Alternate)**
- N. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)
Mayor Sierra**

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to appoint the Council Members as listed above to the respective Boards, Commissions, and Committees for 2021. Vice Mayor Sanchez stated he will remain the representative on the Arts & Culture Committee.

14. Ordinance No. 20-08 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Revising Title 15 and Chapter 15.01 of the Buellton Municipal Code Pertaining to Storm Water Management and Discharge Control” (Second Reading)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Ordinance No 20-08.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Sanchez, seconded by Council Member King adopting Ordinance No. 20-08 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Revising Title 15 and Chapter 15.01 of the Buellton Municipal Code Pertaining to Storm Water Management and Discharge Control” 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 Lewis – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

15. Resolution No. 20-34 - “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 2020-21 Budget through the First Quarter Ending September 30, 2020”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-34.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Council Member King, adopting Resolution No. 20-34 – “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 2020-21 Budget through the First Quarter Ending September 30, 2020”

VOTE:

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

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Lewis - Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

16. Consideration of the Renaming of Damassa Road

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider renaming Damassa Road and direct staff accordingly.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council supported renaming Damassa Road after the Buell family.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to have staff pursue renaming Damassa Road after the Buell family and bring back a resolution specifying the change.

17. Update on Progress toward 2020 City Council Priorities

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review the updated list of 2020 Council priorities and direct staff as appropriate.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to have staff continue to pursue Council priorities into 2021.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:49 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk