

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of February 25, 2021
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, Elysia Lewis, Vice Mayor Sanchez and Mayor Sierra

Staff: City Manager Scott Wolfe (via Zoom), Public Works Director Rose Hess, City Clerk Linda Reid, City Attorney Greg Murphy (via Zoom), Finance Director Shannel Zamora (via Zoom), and Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom)

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ashley Jenkins, Executive Director of the Santa Ynez Valley Children's Museum displayed a short presentation and requested Council support to help build an outdoor children's museum in the Valley.

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau announced several upcoming events in Buellton.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of February 11, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**
- 3. Six-Month Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21 from the Buellton Visitors Bureau**
- 4. Financial Report for the Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2020**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Lewis, 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 Lewis – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Lewis and Vice Mayor Sanchez requested that staff assist in slowing vehicle speeds on Second Street. City Manager Wolfe stated he will work with Motor Deputy Alvarez to place the new speed trailer to Second Street and work to slow traffic down.

Mayor Sierra thanked City Manager Wolfe for working to address the proposed increase in Santa Barbara County Sheriff costs.

Mayor Sierra thanked staff, Council, and Planning Commission for conducting the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) meeting on February 24.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended a board meeting for Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

Mayor Sierra stated she attended the League of California Cities Channel Counties Division Zoom meeting today and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. **Ordinance No. 21-02 – “An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Repealing Ordinance No. 20-04 and Establishing New Protections for Commercial Tenants Suffering from Financial Impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve Urgency Ordinance No. 21-02.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe and City Attorney Murphy presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The number of commercial tenants in Buellton unable to pay their monthly rent
- The City’s liability in adopting the proposed Urgency Ordinance
- Support for commercial tenants and providing them relief through August 2021
- City Attorney Murphy advised how the Urgency Ordinance can protect commercial tenants

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Mayor Sierra, seconded by Council Member King approving Ordinance No. 21-02 – “An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Repealing Ordinance No. 20-04 and Establishing New Protections for Commercial Tenants Suffering from Financial Impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic” 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

6. Resolution No. 21-02 - “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Regarding Mid-Year Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2020-21”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-02.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed some of the budget amendments.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Lewis, adopting Resolution No. 21-02 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Regarding Mid-Year Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2020-21”

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

- 8. Closed Session - California Government Code Section 54957 regarding:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Title: City Manager**

The City Council met in closed session to discuss Items 7 and 8. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk