

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of June 10, 2021

**City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Ed Andrisek, Dave King, Elysia Lewis, Vice Mayor Sanchez, and Mayor Sierra

Staff: City Manager Scott Wolfe, City Clerk Linda Reid, City Attorney Greg Murphy, Finance Director Shannel Zamora (via Zoom), Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom), and Recreation Supervisor Kyle Abello (via Zoom)

REORDERING OF AGENDA

The City Council agreed by consensus to reorder the agenda to have Items 7 and 8 be discussed prior to Item 6.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of May 27, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**
- 3. Resolution No. 21-09 – “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 2021-22 with the City Council”**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Lewis, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3 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

- 4. Resolution No. 21-07 – “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. 21-07.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Andrisek adopting Resolution No. 21-07 – “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 Lewis - Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

5. Public Hearing to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Creation of a District-Based Election System**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receive public input regarding district boundaries and approve the transition timeline.

STAFF REPORT:

City Clerk Reid presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Daniel Phillips, PhD, consultant with National Demographics Corporation discussed the district-based election process and answered questions from the Council.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Mapping tools will be available on the City’s website
- Staff will place an announcement on the City’s Facebook page regarding mapping kits and asking for community input in drawing maps
- Staff has created a dedicated web page for district-based elections, which will evolve as the process moves forward and will be available for 10 years

Mayor Sierra opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Sierra closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The Council agreed by consensus to hold a second public hearing on July 8 to continue discussions regarding drawing district boundaries.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Vice Mayor Sanchez thanked volunteers for arranging the Memorial Day event and artwork display on the Avenue of Flags.

Mayor Sierra requested that the City Manager send a letter to the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors regarding stopping the use of diesel generators outside the city limits, which are said to be creating carcinogenic air pollution to Buellton residents. The City Council agreed by consensus to agendaize discussion and possible action regarding this issue at the June 24 Council meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Lewis announced that she attended the Joint-Use Committee meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

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

Agenda Items 7 and 8 were reordered prior to Agenda Item 6.

7. Discussion and Approval of Arts & Culture Project Applications: Buellton Equals...

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approving \$5,830 to fund the Buellton Equals... project.

STAFF REPORT:

Recreation Supervisor Abello presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Davis Reinhart discussed the Buellton Equals... project and answered questions from the Council regarding the project and the funding request.

Public Comment was received and made part of the record from Diane Byington, supporting the Arts & Culture funding request for Buellton Equals...

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Council Member King, approving the amount of \$5,830 to fund the Buellton Equals... project.

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

8. Resolution No. 21-10 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Adopting the Biennial Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Budget”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider the adoption of Resolution No. 21-10.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachment as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the water and sewer funds and when they might be in balance and whether the Arts and Culture remaining reserve fund can roll over to the next fiscal year budget.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Council Member King approving Resolution No. 21-10 - “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Adopting the Biennial Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Budget” and adding the remaining funds for the Arts & Culture Committee to the \$50,000 funding allocation.

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. Decision on Future Use of Main Residence Building at 202 Dairyland Road (“Willemssen Property”)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discuss the future use of the Willemssen main house, located at 202 Dairyland Road and direct staff accordingly.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Sierra questioned whether the Council would like to continue discussion of how to proceed with the Willemssen property after receiving a formal offer to purchase the upper four acres of the property and the City-owned property located at Second Street and Central Avenue. The Council agreed by consensus not to entertain the sale of the upper four acres of the Willemssen property at this time and to proceed with discussion of Item 6.

Pam Gnekow, Executive Director of the Buellton Senior Center, spoke in support of moving the Buellton Library to the Willemssen property and allowing the Senior Center to expand into the current Library location.

Mimi O’Connor, Buellton, requested the Council consider the Willemssen property being used as an event center for the community and the lower 20 acres be used for horse stables. Ms. O’Connor provided a Property Use and Management Proposal for the record.

The following individuals provided public comments for the record, supporting the Buellton Library relocating to the Willemssen Property, which were read into the record:

- Finn Runge, Buellton
- Ariadne Weaver, PhD., Buellton
- Judith Dale, Buellton
- Kathi Heringer, Buellton
- Irene Covington, Buellton
- Debbie Dameron, Buellton
- Donna Haslett, Buellton
- Lynne Johnson, Buellton
- Carol Sherline, Buellton
- Sharon Parker, Buellton
- Linda Smith, Buellton
- Toni Butner, Buellton
- Shirley Masaitis, Buellton
- Pat Merritt, Buellton
- Camille Locklear, Buellton

- Gina Rheinschild, Buellton
- Mabel Shatavsky, Buellton
- Karen Courville, Buellton
- Vivian Engel, Buellton
- Lenne Grant, Buellton
- Alicia Thomas, Buellton
- Elizabeth St. Andre, Santa Barbara
- Linda Linton, Buellton
- Shara Keller, Buellton
- Rebecca Flynn, Buellton
- Linda Ryles, Buellton
- Julia Crookston, Buellton
- Shoshanah Schwartz, Buellton
- Cathy Head, Buellton
- Louise Kolbert, Solvang
- Rachel Dicks, Buellton
- David Schwartz, Buellton
- Monica Cluff, Buellton
- San Burke, Buellton
- Jonathan Roylance, Buellton
- Richard Nagler, Solvang
- Pat Helton, Buellton
- Elizabeth Valentine, Buellton
- Norma Steele, Buellton
- Christy Nordgren, Buellton
- Patricia Briggs, Buellton
- Gloria Jenkins, Buellton
- Katherine Shaw, Buellton
- Joan Watts, Buellton
- Larry Adams, Buellton
- Lori Oakley, Buellton
- Spencer Dicks, Buellton

Kelsey Cowan, Buellton, submitted comments opposing the Library moving to the Willemsen property based on its location.

Matthew Donahue, Buellton, requested the Council to consider adding a disc golf course at the Willemsen property.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Using the front portion of the residence to rent out for events and using the back portion of the property for the Buellton Library
- Allowing the residence to be used by Zaca Creek Preschool and for events in order to generate income on the property
- Allowing the Buellton Senior Center to move into the Council Chambers and moving the Council Chambers to the Willemsen Barn
- How changing the use of the house will affect the residents in the neighborhood

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Lewis directing staff to continue this item to the Council meeting of June 24, allowing time for staff to schedule Council Member site visits of the property before making a decision on how best to use the property.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:59 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk