

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of October 14, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EMERGENCY APPROVAL TO ALLOW COMMENTS VIA TELEPHONE AND ZOOM

City Attorney Murphy announced that the City Council can continue the emergency resolution to allow Council Members and the public to participate at Council meetings via telephone and electronically and read portions of Assembly Bill 361 into the record.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Andrisek, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanchez, approving the emergency resolution for one month, allowing Council Member Lewis and the public to take part in the Council meeting via Zoom.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Ed Andrisek, Elysia Lewis (Via Zoom), Vice Mayor John Sanchez, and Mayor Holly Sierra

Excused Absence: Council Member Dave King

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

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, thanked the fire fighters battling the Alisal Fire and spoke about different ways to support and thank the fire fighters.

Christina Mendoza, representing Avenue Heights Apartments, thanked all the fire fighters and discussed their difficulty in locating meals in our area.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of September 30, 2021 Special City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**
3. **Financial Report for the Fourth Quarter Ending June 30, 2021**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanchez, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member Lewis – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

4. **Presentation Recognizing November as Family Court Awareness Month**

Mayor Sierra read the proclamation recognizing November as Family Court Awareness month and thanked Tina Swithin for her dedication to this issue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Lewis thanked City Manager Wolfe for keeping the Council informed on all the local events over the past few weeks.

Vice Mayor Sanchez thanked all the fire fighters assisting with the Alisal fire.

Vice Mayor Sanchez requested and the Council agreed by consensus to agendize discussion regarding new regulations prohibiting the use of natural gas in future developments.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Sanchez announced he attended the Arts and Culture Committee board 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.

Council Member Andrisek announced that he attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) Annual conference in Sacramento and said it was a successful event.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of Fall Fest Carnival on the Avenue of Flags

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approval of the Fall Fest event application.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Applicant Andres Nunos discussed the Fall Fest application and answered questions from the Council regarding the event.

Christina Mendoza, representing Avenue Heights Apartments, discussed her support for Fall Fest but stated there are concerns for parking, safety, and cleanup on the Avenue of Flags.

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, discussed her support for Fall Fest and possibly issuing a parking pass to residents so they are able to park during the event.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Concerns over traffic flow on the Avenue of Flags and staffing issues for street closures and public safety
- Notifying residents in the Meadow Ridge subdivision if Fall Fest is held at River View Park
- Impacts to River View Park from the carnival rides and foot traffic
- The importance of using the Avenue of Flags to host events

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Lewis, approving the Fall Fest event on the Avenue of Flags.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member Lewis – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

6. Impact of CalPERS 2021 Investment Return Presentation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive an update from the City's independent consultant regarding the impact of the 21.3% investment return for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Dan Matusiewicz, GovInvest, Inc. shared a presentation with the City Council regarding the impact of the CalPERS 2021 Investment return.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to receive the updated impact of the CalPERS 21.3% investment return.

7. Consideration of Contract with The Valley Gardener for Citywide Landscape Maintenance Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the City Manger to enter into a contract with The Valley Gardener for Citywide Landscape Maintenance services in the amount of \$312,705 per fiscal year for a period of twenty months with possible four one-year extensions.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council thanked The Valley Gardener for doing an excellent job for the City of Buellton.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Andrisek, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanchez, authorizing the City Manger to enter into a contract with The Valley Gardener for Citywide Landscape Maintenance services in the amount of \$312,705 per fiscal year for a period of twenty months with possible four one-year extensions.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member Lewis – Yes

Vice Mayor Sanchez - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

8. Resolution No. 21-14 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving Temporary Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) for all Regular Full-Time Employees Due to COVID-19”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-14.

STAFF REPORT:

City Clerk/H.R. Director Reid 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 Andrisek, approving Resolution No. 21-14 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Buellton, California, Approving Temporary Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) for all Regular Full-Time Employees Due to COVID-19”

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Council Member Andrisek – 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 8:27 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk