

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of October 28, 2021
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

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

REORDERING OF AGENDA

City Manager Wolfe requested that Item 10 be reordered to the first Business Item. The City Council agreed by consensus to reorder the agenda as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of October 14, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**
- 3. Monthly Treasurer's Report – September 30, 2021**

4. **Request for Approval of First Amended and Restated Affordable Housing Regulatory Agreement for Village Senior Apartments Project and Termination and Release of Affordable Housing Regulatory Agreement for Village Senior Apartments Project**
5. **Acceptance and Filing of Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Annual Report FY 2020-2021**
6. **Filing of an Amended 2021-22 Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund 2020-21 Apportionments**
7. **Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee for Negotiation of Development Opportunity Reserve Agreements on Avenue of Flags**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Council Member King, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 7 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 King announced that he attended the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) annual conference in San Diego and stated there was a lot of good information provided.

Vice Mayor Sanchez displayed the Proclamation received from the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognizing the efforts of the Arts & Culture Committee and stated he was proud to be involved with this group and the projects they bring forward.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS**10. Discussion of Placement of Temporary COVID-19 Testing Facility at Median 2****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider approval of a temporary COVID-19 Testing Facility on Median 2 of the Avenue of Flags.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Jill Stevens and Mari Baptista joined the meeting via Zoom, representing the Santa Barbara County Education Office and discussed the County's request for a temporary COVID-19 testing facility on Median 2 of the Avenue of Flags.

Kathy Vreeland, Buellton, suggested the Santa Barbara County Education Office rent a vacant property in the City of Buellton to use as their testing facility.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- COVID-19 testing includes unvaccinated school employees who need to be tested weekly in order to perform their jobs
- The testing site on Median 2 will benefit the entire Valley and is open to the general public
- How long the testing facility will be located in Buellton
- Placing the testing facility in the Albertson's shopping center
- Placing the testing facility in one of three locations that include the Park and Ride lot on the south end of the Avenue of Flags, the parking lot behind the City's Planning Department, or the north end of the Albertson's parking lot near the flag poles

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Council Member King, directing staff to determine a location for the testing facility in one of three sites that include the Park and Ride lot on the south end of the Avenue of Flags, the parking lot behind the City's Planning Department, or the north end of the Albertson's parking lot near the flag poles and work with the Santa Barbara County Education Office to get the testing facility in place and operational within the next week.

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. Annual Report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau for the Period July 2020 through June 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider receive the Annual Report from the Buellton Visitors Bureau.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau discussed the Visitors Bureau's Annual Report for July 2020 through June 2021.

The City Council thanked staff and the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for working together to keep businesses operating during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

9. Discussion of City Council Interest in Amending Zoning Ordinance Parking Requirements

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding parking requirements.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Current parking restrictions and not affecting existing businesses with new parking restrictions
- Surveying other cities regarding their parking standards and bring back results in January for discussion
- Working with a planning attorney at Burke Williams and Sorensen to draft a revised parking ordinance

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council directed staff to survey other cities regarding their current parking standards and return to Council in January 2022 for discussion and possible direction to revise the City’s parking ordinance.

11. Discussion Regarding Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider creating a separate fund to use ARPA funds to replace lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Zamora presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed using some of the funding for broadband infrastructure.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to create a separate fund for deposit of the ARPA funding, which will be used to replace lost revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Sanchez adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. A special meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in place of the regular meeting of November 11, 2021 (Veterans Day).

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk