

# CITY OF BUELLTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 14, 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 Art 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), Recreation Supervisor Kyle Abello (via Zoom), Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom), Contract Planner Irma Tucker (via Zoom), and Youth Recreation Coordinator Paul Smith (via Zoom)

### REORDERING OF AGENDA

The City Council agreed by consensus to reorder the agenda to move Item 6 after Item 11.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were received and read into the record from the following Buellton residents:

Guy Ewen, submitted comments regarding speeding and reckless driving on River View Drive.

Rachael Cardoza, submitted comments regarding reducing the speed limit on Highway 246 from Industrial Way to River View Drive.

Blake Cardoza, submitted comments regarding reducing the speed limit on Highway 246 and adding speed bumps in residential areas.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Minutes of April 27, 2020 Special City Council Meeting**
- 2. Minutes of April 23, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 3. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2019/20**
- 4. Financial Report for the Third Quarter Ending March 31, 2020**
- 5. Approval of Inter-Regional Transit Service – Breeze Route 200**

### **MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5 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**

- 7. Presentation of Certificates to Recipients of the Norman and Gale Williams Buellton Education Scholarships**

Mayor Sierra requested that the scholarship recipients read their essays via Zoom and she and the Council congratulated Jasmine Enciso and Davis Reinhart, recipients of the Norman and Gale Williams Buellton Education Scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. Gale Williams also joined the meeting via Zoom and congratulated the scholarship recipients and wished them well in their academic endeavors.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS**

Mayor Sierra requested and the Council agreed by consensus to have staff provide a presentation to Council regarding the financial impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the City of Buellton.

Council Member Andrisek thanked Caltrans for cutting the weeds near the Highway 101 on-ramps and off-ramps.

Mayor Sierra requested and the Council agreed by consensus to have an arborist survey the oak trees on Highway 246 for insect infestation.

Mayor Sierra thanked the musicians who provided the Bach and Bluegrass Stroll along the streets of Buellton and stated that it was fantastic.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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.

Mayor Sierra announced that the Green Team met via Zoom today and provided an oral report for the record regarding upcoming events.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **8. Approval of Bike Skills Course Design and Volunteer Led Project Funding**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider approval of the Bike Skills Course design and funding of \$6,000 for this volunteer led project.

#### **STAFF REPORT:**

Recreation Supervisor Abello presented the staff report.

#### **SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Public comments were received and read into the record supporting the Bike Skills Course from the following individuals:

- Cindy Douglas
- Kent Yankee
- Mike Hecker
- Christine Bourgeois
- Kirk Nordgren
- Shawn Knight
- Drew Hunter
- Zachary Ulrick
- Nathan Giacinto
- Christopher Rydman

The City Council expressed their support for the bike skills course.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Vice Mayor Mercado approving the Bike Skills Course design and funding of \$6,000 for this volunteer led project.

**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

- 9. Approval of Arts & Culture Project Applications:**  
**A. Mosaic Pillars and Main Entry Sign at Botanic Garden**  
**B. SYV Teen Arts Workshop**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider approving \$15,000 to fund the Mosaic Pillars and Entry Sign at Botanic Garden Project and \$2,500 to fund the SYV Teen Arts Workshop Project.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Recreation Supervisor Abello presented the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

**A. Mosaic Pillars and Main Entry Sign at Botanic Garden**

Puck Erickson, representing the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden, discussed the mosaic pillars and main entry sign at the Botanic Garden and announced that the contractors are all local craftsmen.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Council Member King, approving \$15,000 to fund the Mosaic Pillars and Entry Sign at Botanic Garden Project.

**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

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:****B. SYV Teen Arts Workshop**

Shana Deleon, representing SYV Teen Arts Workshop, discussed the Teen Arts Workshop.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member Andrisek, seconded by Council Member King, approving \$2,500 to fund the SYV Teen Arts Workshop Project.

**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

**10. Contract for Law Enforcement Services between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Buellton for Fiscal Year 2020-21**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receive and file the Contract Cost Summary for Sheriff's Department services for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and direct staff to appropriate these costs in the upcoming budget adjustment for the coming fiscal year.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Lt. Jason Grossini, Lt. Brad Welch, and Kristie Velasco joined the meeting via Zoom and addressed the City Council regarding the law enforcement services contract for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Assigning the same deputies to the Buellton station rather than rotating them so that the community can get to know the deputies
- Increased costs for the motor deputy

The City Council thanked the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for their continued service to the City of Buellton.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member King receiving and filing the Contract Cost Summary for Sheriff's Department services for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and directing staff to appropriate these costs in the upcoming budget adjustment for the coming fiscal year.

**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

**11. 2025 Buellton General Plan - Land Use & Circulation Element Update; Consideration of Professional Services Agreements**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council authorize updating the Land Use & Circulation Element of the 2025 Buellton General Plan and direct the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for services outlined in Attachment 1, at a cost not to exceed \$138,050 and direct the City Manager to enter into an agreement with KOA Corporation for services outlined in Attachment 2, at a cost not to exceed \$61,950.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Contract City Planner Tucker presented the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Public comments were received and read into the record supporting public safety needs in Buellton from the following Buellton residents:

- Kady Fleckenstein
- Len Fleckenstein

Joel Falter, representing KOA Corporation, discussed Buellton's long-term planning needs and what type of circulation improvements can be made in Buellton.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- The Lan Use & Circulation Element update would start next week, with estimated completion in 15-18 months
- Concern that current study results could be skewed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- That a speed survey can potentially raise speed limits rather than lower them
- Safety issues associated with reduced lanes on the Avenue of Flags

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Vice Mayor Mercado, seconded by Mayor Sierra authorizing updating the Land Use & Circulation Element of the 2025 Buellton General Plan and direct the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for services outlined in Attachment 1, at a cost not to exceed \$138,050 and direct the City Manager to enter into an agreement with KOA Corporation for services outlined in Attachment 2, at a cost not to exceed \$61,950.

**VOTE:**

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

Council Member Andrisek – Yes

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Sanchez - No

Vice Mayor Mercado – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

**6. Acceptance of the Highway 246 & Sycamore Drive Pedestrian Improvements Project**

**STAFF REPORT:**

Public Works Director Hess announced that this item will be brought back for Council approval at a later date.

Public comments were received and read into the record addressing safety concerns on Highway 246 and Sycamore Drive, from the following Buellton residents:

- Jonathan Roylance
- Kady Fleckenstein
- Len Fleckenstein
- Lenne Grant
- Ted Hansen
- Marge Ewen

**12. Discussion Regarding Flag Pole on Median 2****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council discuss the removal and replacement of the flag pole on Median 2 and direct staff accordingly.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

A letter of support for the flag poles on the Avenue of Flags was received and read into the record from Hans Duus.

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Rewelding the original flag pole and checking it for structural integrity before it could be reinstalled on Median 2 of the Avenue of Flags
- Maintaining the original eight flag poles on the Avenue of Flags
- Safety and potential liability of reinstalling the original flag pole on Median 2 of the Avenue of Flags

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**MOTION:**

Motion by Council Member King, seconded by Vice Mayor Mercado directing staff to get cost estimates to reweld the original flag pole and have the pole inspected for structural integrity and bring the cost estimates back for Council consideration at a future meeting within 30 days.

**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

**13. Reconsideration of City Participation in Community Choice Aggregation for Electrical Service****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council consider the City's participation in Community Choice Aggregation for Electrical Services.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Wolfe presented the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Representation in the Community Choice Aggregation and which cities currently participate in the group
- Reliability of receiving electricity from the Community Choice Aggregation

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**DIRECTION:**

The City Council agreed by consensus to seek additional information regarding Community Choice Aggregation and bring this item back for further discussion at a future Council meeting.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- 14. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
Property: 264 La Lata Drive, Buellton, CA (APN: 099-450-012)  
Agency Negotiator: Scott Wolfe, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: ECCUMENICAL III, LLC, Property Owner  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**
- 15. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
Potential Initiation of Litigation**

The City Council met in closed session to discuss Items 14 and 15. No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Holly Sierra  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Reid  
City Clerk