

MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2017

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, 4th Floor

6:35 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Rios, Mayor Pro Tempore Hurst and Council Members Bilicich, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Garcia, and Hernandez were present.

Staff members present were City Manager Montoya, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Manager Huffaker, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Police Chief Honda, Airport Manager Williams, Fire Chief Barreto, Parks & Community Services Director Espinoza, Library Director Heitzig, Acting Community Development Director Merriam, Acting Administrative Services Director Hays, Assistant Parks & Community Services Director Blachly, Solid Waste Division Manager Lockwood, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, and Interpreter Landaverry.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INFORMATION ITEMS—Written Report(s) Only

- A. Report of Disbursements
- B. Miscellaneous Documents

4. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

4.A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CITY COUNCIL

Steven Trujillo spoke about the struggles low income families face and asked Council to pursue more affordable housing options and aid for those in needs. He expressed interest in running for Council in District 6.

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Juanita Martinez asked Council for a proclamation declaring the season Strawberry Shortcake Season.

Maria Elena de la Garza, Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, thanked Council for organizing the immigration forum. She gave an update on the status of the Santa Cruz County Immigration Project (SCCIP).

Member Hernandez spoke about his participation in several community events.

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Member Garcia spoke about her attendance at several community events and emphasized what she learned at the Community Water Dialogue of the Pájaro Valley.

Member Dutra gave a report regarding his lobbying efforts at Washington D.C. on behalf of Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. He invited the public to the Egg-travaganza event at Davis Avenue Park.

Member Coffman-Gomez asked for a moment of silence in honor of Patricia McQuade

who had recently passed. She announced that Senate Bill 1 had been approved and would help with transportation funding. She stated Council would be attending the upcoming League of California Cities Conference and invited the public to visit the Pájaro Valley Arts Gallery Witness Photojournalism exhibit.

Member Bilicich spoke about her attendance at several community events. She expressed her condolences regarding the passing of Patricia McQuade. She spoke about her meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss maintenance of the Pájaro River Levee. She spoke about Council's upcoming trip to the League of California Cities Conference.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hurst expressed interest in pursuing strawberry shortcake as a City signature dish. He spoke about challenges minorities and seniors face in paying for utilities and dealing with scams. He spoke about issues mobile home owners faced as a result of rent increases.

City Manager Montoya spoke about plans for workshops to help seniors apply for utility discounts and credits.

Mayor Rios spoke about the Fourth of July Airport Open House. He congratulated Mas Hashimoto for being awarded the KSBW Jefferson Award. He spoke about challenges residents face in finding affordable homes. He stated his concerns regarding potential war.

Member Garcia thanked the Finance Department for sending with utility bills a form that seniors could fill to be exempted from taxes on PG&E bills.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Member Coffman-Gomez gave a brief report regarding Item 5.C.

Member Bilicich spoke about the success of the Landscaping & Lighting Maintenance Assessment Districts.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hurst spoke in support of Items 5.C., 5.D., 5.E., and 5.F. He encouraged the public to read the report from Item 5.H. He stated Council had received an invitation to attend the Silicon Valley leadership activities.

Airport Manager Williams answered questions from Member Dutra regarding the Lease Agreement for the property located at 240 Airport Boulevard. Member Dutra stated his concerns regarding the lease rate and the improvement allowance.

Airport Manager Williams answered questions from Member Coffman-Gomez regarding lease rate for the property located at 240 Airport Boulevard. In answering Member Coffman-Gomez, Assistant City Manager Huffaker and City Manager Montoya explained potential for Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities.

Airport Manager Williams invited the Council to visit the Municipal Airport.

Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item (None)

MOTION: It was moved by Member Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Dutra and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

AYES: MEMBERS: Bilicich, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Garcia, Hernandez, Hurst, Rios
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

- 5.A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017
- 5.B. RESOLUTION NO. 53-17 (CM):
RESOLUTION APPROVING A TWO-YEAR LEASE WITH ONE (1) ONE-YEAR OPTION TERM WITH SAGE INSTRUMENTS, INC., FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 240 AIRPORT BOULEVARD, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 2017, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2019 4890
- 5.C. RESOLUTION NO. 54-17 (CM):
RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCESSING OF SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLABLES AGREEMENT WITH GREENWASTE RECOVERY, INC., FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIAL PROCESSING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$96,000; & AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$96,000 FROM SOLID WASTE FUND 5522
- 5.D. RESOLUTION NO. 55-17 (CM):
RESOLUTION DIRECTING FILING OF 2017-18 ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR GONZALES STREET ALLEYWAY SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. PK-94-1 (LLMAD) 5099
- 5.E. RESOLUTION NO. 56-17 (CM):
RESOLUTION DIRECTING FILING OF 2017-18 ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR BAY BREEZE SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. PK-03-02 (LLMAD) 5714
- 5.F. RESOLUTION NO. 57-17 (CM):
RESOLUTION DIRECTING FILING OF 2017-18 ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR VISTA MONTAÑA SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. PK-03-03 (LLMAD) 5714
- 5.G. ORDINANCE NO. 1350-17 (CM):
ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9 ENTITLED ELECTRONIC & PAPERLESS FILING OF FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS OF WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR FILING CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS, CANDIDATES, OR COMMITTEES ELECTRONICALLY 5390
- 5.H. MOTION ACCEPTING WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE—As Required by AB 1234—Building Livable Communities 2017 Yosemite Policy Makers Conference (March 16-19, 2017—Yosemite) (Mayor Rios, Mayor Pro Tempore Hurst, and Council Member Hernandez) 5103

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5.I. MOTION ACCEPTING WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE—As Required by AB 1234—Water Education for Latino Leaders (March 22-24, 2017—San Diego) (Council Member Garcia)

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

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7.A. CONSIDERATION OF UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY'S PROCEDURES CONCERNING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW & REAFFIRMING ITS DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AS A SANCTUARY FOR ALL ITS RESIDENTS

1) **Staff Report**

The report was given by Project Manager Vides.

2) **City Council Questions**

In answering Member Garcia, City Attorney Smith stated the State's move to become a sanctuary state could affect the City's proposed ordinance.

3) **Public Hearing**

Mayor Rios opened the public hearing.

Steve Trujillo spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Maria Elena de la Garza, Community Action Board, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Seeing no one else approach the podium, Mayor Rios closed the public hearing.

4) **City Manager's Comments (None)**

5) **City Council Discussion**

Member Hernandez stressed the importance of reassuring immigrant families that they City would stand by them throughout Trump's immigration reform.

Member Dutra stressed the importance of reassuring undocumented workers and providing for safety for all residents despite their legal status.

Member Coffman-Gomez spoke about the benefits immigrants have on the local economy and need to stand by them.

Mayo Rios spoke about racism throughout history and issues resulting from the recent election of President Donald Trump.

6) **UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION RELATING TO THE CITY'S PROCEDURES CONCERNING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW & REAFFIRMING ITS DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AS A SANCTUARY FOR ALL ITS RESIDENTS**

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MOTION: The above ordinance was introduced by Member Garcia, seconded by Member Hernandez, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Bilicich, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Garcia, Hernandez, Hurst, Rios
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

7.B. CONSIDERATION OF UNCODIFIED EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 45-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF NEW OR EXPANDED GLU 66 MEDICAL OR HEALTH SERVICE USES IN THE CNS AND CT (NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING CENTER AND THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE (Recommended by City Attorney Smith)—Requires 4/5 Vote 5238

1) Oral Report

The report was given by City Attorney Smith and Assistant City Manager Huffaker.

2) City Council Questions

Acting Community Development Director Merriam and Assistant City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Garcia regarding zoning, noticing requirements for urgency ordinances, and the proposed study.

City Attorney Smith Acting Community Development Director Merriam, and Assistant City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Coffman-Gomez regarding length of moratorium, hearing requirements, types of medical businesses that would be affected, potential for new retail shopping centers, a study regarding benefits of tax revenue versus job creation and other benefits brought from medical facilities, public outreach, interest from medical facilities to create business, and communication between the City and landowners.

City Attorney Smith, in answering Member Hernandez, stated the moratorium did not prohibit applications from being submitted.

In answering Member Dutra, Assistant City Manager Huffaker stated if Council chose not to approve the moratorium, retail space could be occupied by medical facilities at any time.

Mayor Rios spoke about the importance of sales tax revenue and providing medical services to residents. He asked Council to support the moratorium to further study the situation.

Member Bilicich stated her concerns in restricting landowners on how they can use their properties. 5238

In answering Member Garcia, Acting Community Development Director Merriam stated that staff did not have the authority to deny applications if they met all requirements.

3) Public Hearing

Mayor Rios opened the public hearing.

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Mr. Trujillo asked Council to support the moratorium.

Seeing no one else approach the podium, Mayor Rios closed the public hearing.

4) City Manager’s Comments (None)

5) City Council Discussion

Member Dutra listed the reasons he would support the moratorium.

Assistant City Manager Huffaker, in answering Member Garcia, explained the goal of the moratorium and listed the actions Council could take after the study was conducted.

Member Hernandez listed the reasons he would support the moratorium.

Assistant City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Coffman-Gomez regarding retail space vacancies, balancing sales tax revenues, and availability of medical services.

Member Dutra spoke about the importance of property maintenance and façade improvements.

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**6) ORDINANCE NO. 1351-17 (CM):
UNCODIFIED EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 45-DAY
MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF NEW OR EXPANDED GLU 66 MEDICAL
OR HEALTH SERVICE USES IN CNS & CT (NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING
CENTER & THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICTS**

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Hurst, and carried by the following vote to introduce and approve the above ordinance 7.A.6.:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Bilicich, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Garcia, Hernandez, Hurst, Rios
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

8. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Coffman-Gomez asked for an update on the Sesquicentennial celebration. Mayor Rios stated he would provide an update at the following meeting.


Member Bilicich asked staff to report to Council on the status of creating a third fire station.

Member Dutra asked Police Chief Honda to create a plan to address increase of graffiti crimes during the summer.

9. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.


Oscar Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

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