

ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 E. BRANCH STREET ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Russom called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Keith Storton, Jimmy Paulding, Lan George, Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Barneich, and Mayor Caren Ray Russom were present.

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Bergman, City Attorney Tim Carmel, Deputy City Clerk Jessica Matson, Director of Public Works Bill Robeson, and Accounting Manager Nicole Valentine.

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ray Russom led the Flag Salute.

5. AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Ray Russom referred to the supplemental memorandum regarding Item 10.a. (Presentation and Discussion of Strategic Concepts) which recommended that the item be continued to a date to be noticed in January 2020 and requested that the item be moved up on the Agenda before Item 8 (Consent Agenda). The Council concurred.

5.a. Closed Session Announcements.

None.

5.b. Ordinances Read in Title Only.

Mayor Pro Tem Barneich moved, Council Member Storton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously that all ordinances presented at the meeting shall be read by title only and all further readings be waived.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public were: Linda Osty, who offered an invocation; Jamie Sanbonmatsu, spoke regarding the "We Are The Care" initiative of San Luis Obispo County to address the need for local childcare providers, especially during non-traditional work hours; Sharon Sindell, spoke in support of the "We Are The Care" initiative and provided a brief background of her challenges in finding childcare in the County and urged the Council to support the initiative; Julie Tacker, asked for an explanation for the change in legal counsel and expressed concerns regarding the rising costs of the Central Coast Blue project; Colleen Kubel, expressed concern with the rising costs of the Central Coast Blue project; Paul Quinlan, distributed his comments to Council and staff, commented on a proposed water rate increase, asked for information on the cause for the City's consideration of a water rate increase, and asked questions regarding water consumption statistics, the status of the water and sewer

fund, and funding for maintenance; Cheryl Storton, who thanked Council for their work and acknowledged her son, Keith Storton, for consideration as the next Mayor Pro Tem, and referred to the intersection of Alpine and Grand Avenue and the unmarked crosswalk, expressed concern for pedestrian safety, and requested that the City paint crosswalk stripes at this intersection.

No further public comments were received.

In response to Mr. Quinlan's public comments regarding water and sewer rates, Mayor Ray Russom asked Mr. Quinlan to provide his contact information to the City Manager for follow-up.

In response to Ms. Storton's public comments regarding the intersection at Alpine and Grand avenue, Public Works Director Robeson responded that uncontrolled intersections with marked crosswalks can pose a dangerous condition for pedestrians and the City is trying to remove them throughout the City. City Manager Bergman stated that a solution is being proposed in the conceptual design of the Grand Avenue Master Plan.

In response to Ms. Tacker's public comments, City Attorney Carmel explained that the City holds a contract for legal services with the firm of Carmel and Naccasha and that there is a team of attorneys that work on City issues; that the former City Attorney assigned to the City, Heather Whitham, accepted a position as Assistant City Attorney with the City of Santa Maria, and that he is the City Attorney currently providing City services. City Manager Bergman commented on the process for the Central Coast Blue Project and stated that it will be discussed more at a future Council meeting when they discuss water rates.

The next agenda item was heard out of order.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.a. Presentation and Discussion of Strategic Concepts.

Staff recommended that this item be postponed to a meeting to be noticed in January 2020.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comments. No public comments were received.

Action: Mayor Ray Russom moved to postpone this item to a meeting to be noticed in January 2020. Council Member Paulding seconded, and the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ray Russom, Paulding, George, Storton, Barneich
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ray Russom asked the Council if they had any questions or would like to pull any items for further discussion.

City Attorney Carmel requested that Item 8.h. (Consideration of Grant of Access Easement Over the City-Owned Parking Lot Located Behind the 100 Block of E. Branch Street) be pulled due to some last minute changes to the proposed easement requested by the applicant.

In response to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Barneich regarding Item 8.a. (Cash Disbursements) as it relates to Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) overtime, Accounting Manager Valentine explained that overtime is listed by department and that it is for the entire FCFA and not just Arroyo Grande's portion. Mayor Pro Tem Barneich requested including just Arroyo Grande's overtime on the document.

In response to a question by Council Member Storton, Accounting Manager Valentine stated that the FCFA overtime is based on the negotiated 47% and not based on the station where overtime was worked.

In response to a question by Council Member Paulding regarding Item 8.b. [Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)], Accounting Manager Valentine stated that next year's CAFR should be ready by April 2020.

At the request of Mayor Ray Russom, Accounting Manager Valentine provided a brief report on the results of the CAFR and reported that the City received a Clean Opinion.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comments on the Consent Agenda. No public comments were received.

Action: Mayor Ray Russom moved, and Mayor Pro Tem Barneich seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.a. through 8.i., with the exception of 8.h., with the recommended courses of action. City Attorney Carmel read the full title of the Ordinance in Item 8.i. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ray Russom, Barneich, George, Paulding, Storton
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

8.a. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Ratification.

Action: Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period November 16, 2019 through November 30, 2019.

8.b. Consideration of Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Action: Received and filed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

8.c. Consideration of Resolution Accepting the Status Report on Development Impact Fees (AB-1600).

Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ACCEPTING THE STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (AB-1600)"***.

8.d. Consideration of Compensation Adjustments for Part-Time Employees and Approval of the Updated Citywide Combined Salary Schedule.

Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ADOPTING COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED CITYWIDE COMBINED SALARY SCHEDULE"***.

8.e. Consideration of Approval of Minutes.

Action: Approved the minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of November 26, 2019, as submitted.

- 8.f Consideration of a Resolution Accepting Public Improvements and a Public Pedestrian Access Easement Deed for The Agrarian Hotel Located at 325 East Branch Street.

Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND A PUBLIC PEDESTRIAN ACCESS EASEMENT DEED FOR THE AGRARIAN HOTEL LOCATED AT 325 EAST BRANCH STREET”***.

- 8.g. Consideration of Approval for a Two-Year Agreement and Two One-Year Extensions with Venco Power Sweeping, Inc. to Provide Street Sweeping Services.

Action: Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a two-year Agreement with the option to extend the agreement for two one-year extensions with Venco Power Sweeping, Inc. and appropriated \$10,200 to provide street sweeping services for the remainder of FY 2019/20.

- 8.i. Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance Modifying City Council Salary, Effective December 2022.

Action: Adopted an Ordinance entitled: ***“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AMENDING SECTION 2.04.040 OF CHAPTER 2.04 OF TITLE 2 OF THE ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION”***.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.h. Consideration of Grant of Access Easement Over the City-Owned Parking Lot Located Behind the 100 Block of E. Branch Street on the North Side of the Street to Verizon Wireless to Access a New Small Cell Telecommunication Facility on Private Property.

Recommended Action: Grant Verizon Wireless an access easement over the City-owned parking lot located behind the 100 block of E. Branch Street on the north side of the street to access a new small cell telecommunication facility being constructed on private property.

Action: Mayor Ray Russom moved to continue this item to a date uncertain. Council Member Storton seconded, and the motion passed on following roll call vote:

AYES: Ray Russom, Storton, George, Paulding, Barneich
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 9.a. Consideration of Preliminary Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects for Year 2020.

Public Works Director Robeson presented the staff report and recommended the City Council provide preliminary approval of proposed projects to be funded with the City's allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Year 2020. Additionally, it was recommended that \$61,717 from 2019 CDBG funds be reallocated for use with the proposed 2020 CDBG funding allocation for Public Facilities.

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were: Janna Nichols, 5Cities Homeless Coalition, asked the Council what the City anticipates in terms of future needs for ADA funding, if there is a chance to look at other uses if projects are not going to be viable for the near future, and asked the Council to consider how much is being allocated to the Jim Guthrie Community Service Grant program given the variety of needs and processes, and stated that 21% of the clients they have served are from Arroyo Grande; John Keen, stated that small organizations are not able to apply due to the complexity and difficulty of the Jim Guthrie Community Service Grant program application; and Jason Flanagan, representing Peoples' Self Help Housing, noted that they bring in resources to seniors and veterans and the funds help to make opportunities for these individuals to feel valued in the community.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed the public hearing.

Council comments ensued regarding the CDBG program and the Jim Guthrie Community Service Grant program. Council Member George suggested the City add its application to future staff reports and for staff to look at making the Jim Guthrie Community Service Grant application easier to complete.

Action: Council Member Storton moved to provide preliminary approval of proposed projects to be funded with the City's allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Year 2020, and further, that \$61,717 from 2019 CDBG funds be reallocated for use with the proposed 2020 CDBG funding allocation for Public Facilities. Council Member Paulding seconded, and the motion passed on following roll call vote:

AYES: Storton, Paulding, George, Barneich, Ray Russom
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

9.b. Consideration of Introduction of an Ordinance Relating to Delinquent Water Bills and Adoption of a Resolution Establishing a Policy on the Discontinuation of Residential Water Service for Nonpayment in Compliance with the Water Shutoff Protection Act (SB 998).

Accounting Manager Valentine presented the staff report and recommended the Council: 1) Introduce an Ordinance amending Section 13.04.070 of Chapter 13.04 of Title 13 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code related to delinquent water bills; and 2) Adopt a Resolution establishing a policy on the discontinuation of residential water service for nonpayment in compliance with the Water Shutoff Protection Act (California Health and Safety Code Sections 116900 et seq.)

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing, and upon hearing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

Action: Council Member Paulding moved to introduce the Ordinance as proposed. Council Member Storton seconded the motion. City Attorney Carmel read the full title of the Ordinance, as follows: **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AMENDING SECTION 13.04.070 OF CHAPTER 13.04 OF TITLE 13 OF THE ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DELINQUENT WATER BILLS"**. The motion passed on following roll call vote:

AYES: Paulding, Storton, George, Barneich, Ray Russom
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Action: Council Member Paulding moved to adopt a Resolution entitled: ***“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ESTABLISHING A POLICY ON THE DISCONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WATER SHUTOFF ACT (CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 116900 ET. SEQ.)***. Council Member Storton seconded, and the motion passed on following roll call vote:

AYES: Paulding, Storton, George, Barneich, Ray Russom
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.a. Consideration of Selection of Council Member Storton as Mayor Pro Tem.

City Manager Bergman presented the staff report and recommended the Council appoint Council Member Storton as the Mayor Pro Tem for the next one-year period, pursuant to Council policy.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comments. No public comments were received.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Barneich moved to appoint Council Member Storton as the Mayor Pro Tem for the next one-year period. Council Member Paulding seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Barneich received information that the Kompogas Digester Plant has shut down and that there is concern if Arroyo Grande residents are paying into it and requested staff to look into the matter; announced that she participated in a ride-along with the FCFA and thanked the firefighters for their service; announced the upcoming Breakfast with Santa on December 14th and the Holiday Cookie Decorating class on December 22nd.

Council Member George announced that on December 14th Wreaths Across America will be held at the Arroyo Grande Cemetery, and the Santa Cop Breakfast will also be held that morning. She stated that she attended the Elegant Christmas in the Village event and urged everyone to shop local.

Council Member Storton commented on his participation in shopping for the Santa Cop program and stated that it was very rewarding.

Mayor Ray Russom stated that childcare is a huge problem in the community and that help is available by dialing 211 for all non-emergency needs and is a resource for a variety of needs; announced that tonight there is an exhibition of art by Arroyo Grande High School students at the Arroyo Grande Clark Center, and thanked the Council for their service.

13. CLOSED SESSION

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Matson, Deputy City Clerk

(Approved at CC Mtg _____)

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 E. BRANCH STREET
ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Russom called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Lan George, Jimmy Paulding, Kristen Barneich, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Storton, and Mayor Ray Russom were present.

Staff members present were City Manager Jim Bergman, City Attorney Timothy Carmel, and City Clerk Kelly Wetmore.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ray Russom led the flag salute.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

- a) Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1):
Title: City Manager

Adjourned to closed session.

6. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

The Council reconvened to open session at 9:28 p.m. City Attorney Carmel announced that the Council discussed the City Manager's performance and performance expectations. No reportable action was taken.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Wetmore, City Clerk

(Approved at CC Mtg _____)