

ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 E. BRANCH STREET ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

In compliance with the State Shelter at Home Order due to the coronavirus pandemic, and as allowed by the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, this meeting was held by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Whitney McDonald, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Bill Robeson, City Attorney Timothy Carmel, Interim City Clerk Annamarie Porter, and Director of Administrative Services Mike Stevens.

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Barneich led the flag salute.

5. AGENDA REVIEW

5.a. Closed Session Announcements.

None.

5.b. Ordinances Read in Title Only.

Mayor Ray Russom moved, Council Member Barneich seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote that all ordinances presented at the meeting shall be read by title only and all further readings be waived.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.a. Update Regarding Countywide COVID-19 Efforts.

Recommended Action: Receive update, accept public comments, discuss, and provide direction, as necessary.

City Manager McDonald provided a brief update on COVID-19 efforts and responded to questions from Council.

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

No action was taken on this item.

6.b. City Manager Communications.

Recommended Action: Receive correspondence/comments as presented by the City Manager and provide direction, as necessary.

City Manager McDonald announced the appointment of the new Community Development Director, Rob Fitzroy, who will be starting with the City on February 11, 2021.

Assistant City Manager Robeson provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on flooding and damage that occurred during the recent storm; provided an update on the repaving of Olohan Alley; and responded to questions from Council.

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

No action was taken on this item.

7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ray Russom asked the Council if there were any questions or any items to be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Council commented on items 8.b, and 8.e. and staff responded to questions and provided brief clarification regarding staffing costs related to the Arroyo Grande Vaccination Clinic.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment on the consent agenda items. No public comments were received.

Action: Council Member Barneich moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.a. through 8.e., with the recommended courses of action. Council Member George seconded, and the motion passed on the following roll-call vote:

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

8.a. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Ratification.

Action: Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period January 16, 2021 through January 31, 2021.

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, 2020

8.c. Consideration of Approval of Minutes.

Action: Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2021, as submitted.

8.d. Adoption of a Resolution Declaring a Continued Local Emergency Related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DECLARING A CONTINUED LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC"***.

8.e. Consideration of Agreements for Reimbursement of Costs Associated with COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts and Authorize City Manager to Execute.

Action: Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement between the County of San Luis Obispo, the Cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach,

Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, and the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) for Countywide Covid-19 Vaccination Effort Assistance (Agreement) and any ancillary agreements required by FEMA or OES to enable reimbursement of the City's costs associated with the COVID-19 vaccine efforts.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ray Russom stated that she joined the California Mayor's Coalition, which includes Mayors from those cities with populations under 300,000. She also referred to and commented on Senate Bill 9 and 10 which were Housing Bills currently in the Senate. Finally, she shared that there was a city in the Los Angeles area that had passed a municipal bond to finance their CalPERS debt at a very low rate, and suggested that this might be something the City would want to look into for its unfunded pension liability.

Council Member Barneich asked for Council consensus to send a letter to the Governor's Office regarding the calculation of the allocation of COVID-19 vaccines. Brief discussion ensued regarding whether it would be more beneficial if all the local cities were to support sending such a letter.

City Manager McDonald stated that she would bring the matter up for discussion at the upcoming City Manager's meeting and report back to the Council.

14. CLOSED SESSION

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

/s/Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Jessica Matson, Deputy City Clerk

(Approved at CC Mtg 02-23-2021)