

MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BILL ROBESON, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR
MICHAEL MARTINEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO RENAME POLICE TRIBUTE PARK
TO "CHIEF BEAU D. PRYOR MEMORIAL PARK"

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Consideration of a request to rename Police Tribute Park to "Chief Beau D. Pryor Memorial Park."

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

The cost for replacing the Police Tribute Park sign with a new Chief Beau D. Pryor Memorial Park sign will cost \$2,850, plus materials and staff time for removal and installation. The cost will be funded through a \$10,000 Non-Departmental Miscellaneous account that pays for similar public improvement and repair projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the City Council adopt a Resolution renaming Police Tribute Park to "Chief Beau D. Pryor Memorial Park," in honor of Chief Pryor's service to the City of Arroyo Grande.

BACKGROUND:

On February 14, 1967, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 735 (Attachment 1), which established policies for the naming of public parks. This policy guided the naming of public parks until June 24, 2014, when the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4603 amending the policy (Attachment 2).

Former Chief of Police Beau D. Pryor retired June 9, 2020, after serving 26 years of dedicated law enforcement service to our community. Chief Pryor started his law enforcement career with the Arroyo Grande Police Department (AGPD) in September 1994 as a Reserve Officer. During his career with AGPD, he held the positions of Police Officer, Senior Police Officer, Sergeant, and Commander until accepting the position as Chief of Police in 2017. He also held a variety of specialized assignments including

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Motorcycle Traffic Officer, Field Training Officer, member of the Special Response Team, Property/Crimes Detective, and Detective Sergeant.

Because former Chief Pryor provided invaluable leadership to the Arroyo Grande Police Department, he ensured the City's law enforcement agency as a leader in the community and that the highest standards of performance were carried out during his tenure and into the future.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

The current park naming policy for the City of Arroyo Grande is guided by the following policies:

1. Parks and recreation areas of sufficient size, which are to be used for recreational purposes shall be given Spanish names and identified as a park.
2. Park areas which are too small to provide recreational facilities, are located or designed primarily to serve purposes other than recreation, shall be called "Pocket Parks."
3. In cases where a "Park" or "Pocket Park" has been donated in part or in its entirety for park purposes to the City of Arroyo Grande, if so recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, said "Park" or "Pocket Park" may commemorate the name of the person or person's instrumental in said gift to the City.
4. In cases where land is already owned by the City and a majority of funds have been donated for the purpose of developing or renovation the park and the donor has made important contributions to the Arroyo Grande community, upon recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission, said "Park" or "Pocket Park" may commemorate the person or persons instrumental in said gift to the City.
5. In cases in which public property cannot be identified as set forth in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 hereof, upon recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said property may be identified by other appropriate names.

"Important contributions" stated in Section 4 of the park naming policy may include, but are not limited to, the following: a) Enhances the lives of the members of the community, b) Fosters a sense of community identity and pride, c) Promotes the preservation and use of historic resources, d) Engages in actions to improve the environmental health and aesthetics of the community, and e) Improves the local economy by attracting tourism or other businesses to the community.

Section 4 listed above, is applicable in this case where there is an existing City-owned Pocket Park at the corner of N. Halcyon Road, Bennet Way and N. Rena Street. A majority of funds for the new sign have been donated on behalf and in memoriam of Chief Beau D. Pryor, who made important contributions to the Arroyo Grande community during his 26 years of dedicated law enforcement service to our community, culminating in his role as Chief of Police from 2017-2020.

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Due to the disbandment of the Parks and Recreation Commission and adoption of Ordinance No. 695 (Attachment 3), this item is coming directly before the City Council for consideration. At a future date, staff will propose an amendment to the current park-naming policy to remove the reference to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

ADVANTAGES:

Approval of renaming Police Tribute Park in memoriam of Chief Beau D. Pryor will provide recognition to a very dedicated and service-minded member of the Arroyo Grande Police Department and the Arroyo Grande community. These actions also support the City's organizational values by honoring individuals who have demonstrated pride in their community through service, professionalism, teamwork, and commitment.

DISADVANTAGES:

No disadvantages are identified at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution to rename Police Tribute Park the "Chief Beau D. Pryor Memorial Park";
2. Do not adopt the Resolution; or
3. Provide other direction to staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

No environmental review is required for this item.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Resolution No. 735
3. Resolution No. 4603
4. Ordinance No. 695
5. Resolution No. 1823

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ARROYO GRANDE RENAMING POLICE TRIBUTE PARK
THE “CHIEF BEAU D. PRYOR MEMORIAL PARK”**

WHEREAS, it has been determined by Resolution No. 735 that public open spaces, beauty areas, small and large park areas and such other uses of land in the City of Arroyo Grande should be identified; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that in cases where land is already owned by the City and a majority of funds have been donated for the purpose of developing or renovating the park and a donor has made important contributions to the Arroyo Grande community, the Park may commemorate the person instrumental in providing the gift to the City; and

WHEREAS, Chief Beau D. Pryor served the community of Arroyo Grande since 1994 when he began as a Reserve Officer and promoted through the ranks to Chief of Police in 2017; and

WHEREAS, over 26 years, Chief Beau D. Pryor ensured the City's law enforcement agency as a leader in the community and that the highest standards of performance were carried out during his tenure and into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande as follows:

1. That the Police Tribute Park officially be renamed the “Chief Beau D. Pryor Memorial Park” to acknowledge the important contributions of Chief Beau D. Pryor to the safety of the entire Arroyo Grande community.

On motion of Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 14th day of September, 2021.

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CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JESSICA MATSON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

WHITNEY McDONALD, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TIMOTHY J. CARMEL, CITY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 735RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF ARROYO GRANDE CONCERNING THE NAMING OF
PUBLIC PARKS

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Arroyo Grande that public open spaces, beauty areas, small and large park areas and such other uses of land should be identified, and:

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has, by Resolution, recommended that certain public places be named to commemorate certain persons who have contributed land to the City of Arroyo Grande and to commemorate the Spanish heritage of the City of Arroyo Grande;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Such parks or recreation areas of sufficient size to be used for recreational purposes by neighborhoods or by the entire community shall be given Spanish names and identified as a "Park".

Section 2. Such areas which are too small to provide recreational facilities, or are located or designed primarily to serve purposes other than recreation, shall be called "Pocket Parks".

Section 3. In cases where a "Park" or "Pocket Park" has been donated in part or in its entirety for park purposes to the City of Arroyo Grande, if so recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, said "Park" or "Pocket Park" may commemorate the name of the person or persons instrumental in said gift to the City.

Section 4. In cases in which public property cannot be identified as set forth in Sections 1, 2 and 3 hereof, upon recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said property may be identified by other appropriate names.

On motion of Councilman Burt, seconded by Councilman Schlegel and by the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: Councilmen Levine, Schlegel, Burt and Mayor Wood.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Thompson.

the foregoing Resolution was adopted this 14th day of February, 1967.

ATTEST:

Polly S. Miller
City Clerk

Richard Blood
Mayor

I, Polly S. Miller, City Clerk of the City of Arroyo Grande, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 735 is a true, full and correct copy of said Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande at a regular meeting of said Council on the 14th day of February, 1967.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the City of Arroyo Grande affixed this 15th day of February, 1967.

Polly S. Miller
City Clerk of the City of Arroyo Grande

RESOLUTION NO. 4603**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF ARROYO GRANDE AMENDING THE POLICY
CONCERNING THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Arroyo Grande that public open spaces, beauty areas, small and large park areas and such other uses of land should be identified, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended that certain public places be named to commemorate certain persons who have contributed lands to the City of Arroyo Grande and to commemorate the Spanish heritage of the City of Arroyo Grande; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1967, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 735 approving the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation concerning the naming of public parks; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of an amendment to the park naming policy to allow for the naming of a "Park" or "Pocket Park" to commemorate the name of the person or persons who has donated a financial gift to the City that funds a majority of the costs for the purposes of developing or renovating a "Park" or "Pocket Park" and the donor has made important contributions to the Arroyo Grande community, upon recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission, said "Park" or "Pocket Park" may commemorate the person or persons instrumental in said gift to the City."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande hereby approves the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the park naming policy is established as follows:

1. Such parks or recreation areas of sufficient size to be used for recreational purposes by neighborhoods or by the entire community shall be given Spanish names and identified as a "Park."
2. Such areas which are too small to provide recreational facilities, or are located or designed primarily to serve purposes other than recreation, shall be called "Pocket Parks."
3. In cases where a "Park" or "Pocket Park" has been donated in part or in its entirety for park purposes to the City of Arroyo Grande, upon recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission, said "Park" or "Pocket Park" may commemorate the name of the person or person's instrumental in said gift to the City.

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4. In cases where land is already owned by the City and a majority of funds have been donated for the purpose of developing or renovating the park and the donor has made important contributions to the Arroyo Grande community, upon recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Commission, said "Park" or "Pocket Park" may commemorate the person or persons instrumental in said gift to the City.
5. In cases in which public property cannot be identified as set forth in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 hereof, upon recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said property may be identified by other appropriate names.
6. This Resolution supersedes all past Resolutions concerning the naming of public parks, including but not limited to Resolution 735.

On motion of Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Brown, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:


AYES: Council Members Costello, Brown, Barneich, Guthrie, and Mayor Ferrara
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 24th day of June 2014.



TONY FERRARA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KELLY WETMORE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



STEVEN ADAMS, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



TIMOTHY J. CARMEL, CITY ATTORNEY

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

I, **KELLY WETMORE**, City Clerk of the City of Arroyo Grande, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the attached Resolution No. 4603 is a true, full, and correct copy of said Resolution passed and adopted at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande on the 24th day of June, 2014.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande affixed this 26th day of June, 2014.



KELLY WETMORE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 695

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE REPEALING CHAPTERS 2.21, 2.24 AND 2.32 OF TITLE 2 OF THE ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE TO DISBAND THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE; AMENDING CHAPTER 2.18 OF TITLE 2 RELATING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND HISTORIC DESIGNATION; AND ADDING SECTION 1.04.140 TO TITLE 1 TRANSFERRING THE DUTIES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapters 2.21, 2.24 and 2.32 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 2. Section 1.04.140 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

1.04.140 – Former Duties of Traffic Commission, Historical Resources Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission.

Any duties previously assigned by the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code to be performed by the Traffic Commission or Historical Resources Committee will be performed by the Community Development Director or referred by the Community Development Director to the Planning Commission or City Council and any duties assigned to the Parks and Recreation Commission will be performed by the Director of Recreation Services or Director of Public Works or referred by the Director of Recreation Services or Director of Public Works to the Planning Commission or City Council after the effective date of Ordinance No. 695 adopted on August 28, 2018.

SECTION 3. Chapter 2.18 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code is hereby amended to add Sections 2.18.090 and 2.18.100 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code to read in their entirety as follows:

2.18.090 – Historic Designation.

The planning commission may nominate places, properties, structures or areas, which they recommend be considered for local, state or national historical designation or considered as an important setting or contributing to the historic character of the surrounding environment.

2.18.100 - Guiding purposes in reviewing projects and Historic Designations.

In reviewing potential designations, the planning commission shall be guided by the following purposes and intent:

- A. To ensure consistency with the general plan and compliance with the provisions of Title 16 of this code;

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- B. Promote the designation, preservation, restoration, safety and use of historic structures to enrich the lives of future generations, providing opportunities to enjoy and learn about the community's history;
- C. Improve the local economy by attracting tourism and other business to the community;
- D. Foster a sense of community identity and pride;
- E. Stabilize and improve the economic value of historic properties and neighborhoods;
- F. Enhance the community's aesthetics, interest, and unique historic character;
- G. Encourage and provide incentives to property owners to preserve and restore historic properties, and to sensitively rehabilitate them for adaptive re-use when necessary.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) which is the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and CEQA does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 5. A summary of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper published and circulated in the City of Arroyo Grande at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting at which the proposed Ordinance is to be adopted. A certified copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk. Within fifteen (15) days after adoption of the Ordinance, the summary with the names of those City Council members voting for and against the Ordinance shall be published again, and the City Clerk shall post a certified copy of the full text of such adopted Ordinance. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage.

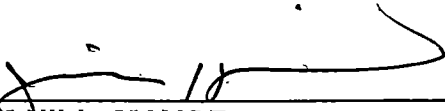
SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

On motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Harmon, and by the following roll call vote to wit:

- AYES:** Council Members Brown, Harmon, Barneich, and Mayor Hill
- NOES:** Mayor Pro Tem Ray
- ABSENT:** None

the foregoing Ordinance was adopted this 28th day of August, 2018.



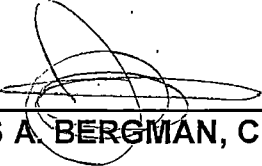
JIM HILL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KELLY WETMORE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



JAMES A. BERGMAN, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

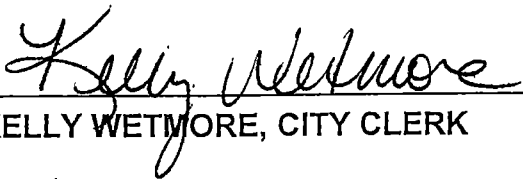


HEATHER K. WHITHAM, CITY ATTORNEY

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

I, **KELLY WETMORE**, City Clerk of the City of Arroyo Grande, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the attached Ordinance No. 695 which was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on August 14, 2018; was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 28th day of August 2018; and was duly published in accordance with State law (G.C. 40806).

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande affixed this 29th day of August 2018.



KELLY WETMORE, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 1823

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE HONORING MARK M. MILLIS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, MARK MILLIS has served the City of Arroyo Grande and the community since 1972; and

WHEREAS, MARK MILLIS first served on the City Council in 1972, and during the ensuing twelve years made significant contributions to effect changes and improvements to the City of Arroyo Grande; and

WHEREAS, he held the position of Mayor from 1978 through 1980; and

WHEREAS, he was the Mayor Pro Tem from 1974 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, he served as President, Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities; as Board Member, South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District; as Chairman, Underground Utility Coordinating Committee; and as Board Member, Zone 3 Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, MARK MILLIS did strive to preserve the unique quality of life in Arroyo Grande by working for slow, well planned growth and the preservation of prime agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, MARK MILLIS created a Parks and Recreation Program in Arroyo Grande second to none; and

WHEREAS, MARK MILLIS has been involved in various other activities having to do with the progress and welfare of the City of Arroyo Grande;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE does recognize and commend MARK M. MILLIS for his accomplishments and contributions to the City of Arroyo Grande and the residents of the community and the County of San Luis Obispo; and for his devoted service and diligent efforts to further strengthen and improve the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande wishes continued health, success and contentment in all of the future endeavors of our esteemed associate and citizen, MARK M. MILLIS.

On motion of Council Member Gallagher, seconded by Council Member Moots, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

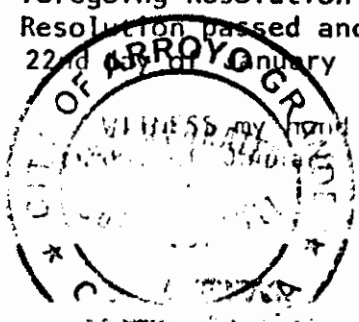
- AYES: Council Members Gallagher, Johnson, Moots, Porter and Mayor Smith.
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted the 22nd day of January 1985.

B. Ann Smith
MAYOR



I, Virginia L. Culp, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Arroyo Grande, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 1823 is a true, full and correct copy of said Resolution passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said Council on the 22nd day of January 1985.



Virginia L. Culp

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