

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

March 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Fred Ledesma called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Executive Assistant to the City Manager Claudia Moreno.

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Jade Guerrero.

ROLL CALL

The Following Councilmembers/Agencymembers were present when the meeting was called to order:

Mayor/Chair	Fred J. Ledesma
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair	Alejandro Chavez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Christopher Bourke
Councilmember/Agencymember	Richard Perez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Patricia Stephens

The following Councilmembers/Agencymembers were absent:

None.

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time any member of the public may address the Council/Agency on Closed Session items appearing on the agenda. Speakers shall have limited time of three (3) minutes. Please be brief and to the point.

None.

MEETING RECESS

Mayor Ledesma recessed to Closed Session at 5:38 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Of the three (3) items listed in the Closed Session, Item Nos. 1, 2, & 3, listed below were considered:

1. The City Council/Successor Agency will recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to give instructions to the City's real property negotiator concerning property located at APN #'s 022-291-010. Instructions to the negotiator will concern price, terms of payment and other relevant conditions. City/Successor Agency Negotiator: Adela P. Gonzalez, City Manager/Executive Director.
2. The City Council will recess to closed session to meet with its designated representatives regarding labor relations matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The employee organizations are the SEIU Local 521 General Unit, and SEIU Local 521 Mid-Management Unit and unrepresented employees.
3. The City Council will recess to closed session to confer with its attorney regarding litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (2) and is hereby of the opinion that a significant exposure to litigation exists.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Ledesma reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at 6:38 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

With respect to item #1, City Attorney Rodriguez reported that the City Council had provided direction to the City's Negotiator. No other reportable action was taken.

With respect to item #2, City Attorney Rodriguez reported that the City Council had provided direction to the City's Labor Negotiator. No other reportable action was taken.

With respect to item #3, City Attorney Rodriguez reported that the City Council had provided direction to the City's Legal Counsel. No other reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Humble Soledad resident addressed the City Council and stated she was the secretary for the Little League Organization. She thanked the City Council for the Little League lights. She also wanted to invite the City Council to upcoming opening events. She stated that on March 20th at 6:00 p.m. the first pitch of the season would be thrown by Public Works Director Don Wilcox. She said on March 21st at 8:30 a.m., the first game would be played and there would be

a fundraiser BBQ. She invited everyone from the community to come out and enjoy the baseball game.

King City Resident Peter Garin from Somoco Wireless addressed the City Council and explained to them how he can setup a camera that would point from the Church across the street to City Hall parking lot and it would provide more security. Also, he mentioned that he would also be able to provide security cameras for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Corporation Yard and footage would be able to be seen from the Police Department.

Council Comment:

Mayor Ledesma asked that he leave his business card with staff. He then asked if there was a possibility that this type of system could be placed at the Pinnacles National Park, that way visitors can view weather conditions from the Soledad Visitors & Gateway Center.

Mr. Garin replied that a drop box camera could be placed at the Pinnacles National Park to receive images here, but it would all depend on the City's budget.

Frank Lopez from Harris & Associates addressed the City Council and informed them that Harris & Associates would be having an Open House event on March 5, 2015, at 2 Salinas St, Salinas, CA at 11:30 AM and encouraged the City Council to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ledesma reported that he would be attending the Hero Award Event tomorrow March 5th at Natividad Medical Center who is presenting the 4C4P organization with the Hero Award. He also reported that the City of Soledad would be hosting the next Monterey County Mayors Association meeting at the Soledad Visitors & Gateway Center.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Announcements and Reports on meetings attended by Councilmembers at City of Soledad expense as required by State law (AB1234).

Councilmember Bourke reported that he had attended an AMBAG meeting on February 11th and has also attended the City's Economic Development Workshop on February 24th.

Councilmember Stephens reported she had attended the MST meeting and the Soledad Chamber Dinner on Thursday.

Councilmember Perez reported that he had attended the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority meeting on February 19th.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he had attended the TAMC meeting on February 25th, the Rail Policy on March 2nd and the TAMC Executive Board meeting on March 4th.

COUNCILMEMBER PRAISES

Councilmember Bourke praised Cal Fire for getting their ISO rating up to 3. He praised the Soledad High School Soccer Team who were in the playoffs and all sport teams that made the playoffs.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez praised the YMCA for their successful Basketball Season, the All-Star teams, the Soledad Little League, Public Works for patching the water leaks and the Soledad Police Department for being one of the recipients of the Hero Award.

Councilmember Richard Perez praised the Public Works staff for their work in repairing the water main leak that occurred. He also praised the Police Department and Officer Gonzales for being named officer of the year by the Monterey County Police Officer Association.

Mayor Ledesma praised the Police Department and Chief Sills for being one of the recipients of the Hero Award. He also praised the Public Works Director Wilcox and Community Development Director Slama for their work in the water main leak crisis.

Public Works Director Wilcox stated that in total \$18,000 has been paid to date to repair the leak. He stated there would be additional \$15,500 for the pipe that is located near ACE Hardware; he stated that it still needs some repairs to the other side of the tracks on Front Street.

Councilmember Perez asked about the water pipe near ACE hardware store and asked which businesses are services by it.

Public Works Director Wilcox stated that it serviced the car wash, the liquor store, lumber yard and the Santa Elena mobile home park.

Councilmember Bourke asked for the reason there was a hike in water pressure.

Public Works Director Wilcox stated that he was not sure why there was a hike in water pressure; he said they are trying to figure out why and they are also trying to figure out why the alarms did not go off properly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Councilmember Bourke made a motion to adopt the items listed in the Consent Calendar. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stephens and carried by the following vote.

Ayes:	Ledesma, Chavez, Bourke, Perez, Stephens
Noes:	None.
Abstain:	None.

Absent: None

C-1. Approval of Minutes

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C-2. Approval of Warrants

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C-3. Resolution No. 5063, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Sun Street Center's Request for Use of the Community Center for their 2015 Youth Summit and Authorizing Sponsorship of the Event

C-4. Resolution No. 5064, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad, County of Monterey, State of California, Approving the Amended Joint Powers Agreement, Monterey Bay Area Self Insurance Authority

C-5. Resolution No. 5065, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Agreement with Save the Whales for Stormwater Public Education and Outreach in the Amount of \$23,606 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Soledad

C-6. Resolution No. 5066, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Consulting Services Agreement Amendment for On-call Water Resources Engineering Services with Harris & Associates and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Amendment on Behalf of the City of Soledad

C-7. Resolution No. 5067, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Consulting Services Agreement Amendment for On-call Electrical Engineering Services with Fluent Engineering, Inc., and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Amendment on Behalf of the City of Soledad

C-8. Resolution No. 5068, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Accepting the Chester Aaroe (Little League) Park Ballfield Lighting Project by Coastal Valley Electric, Inc. as Complete and Authorizing the Release of Retention Payment

C-9. Resolution No. 5069, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Agreement with the City of Gonzales to Share the Cost of Stormwater Outreach through Fiscal Year 2015/2016

BUSINESS

B-1. Review, Discuss and Provide Direction Regarding an Additional Wind Energy Project Proposal

Public Works Director Wilcox presented staff report to the City Council. He informed the City Council that the additional wind turbine would be fifty (50) feet taller. He also informed the City Council that Foundation Windpower has different options to choose from in terms of lease agreement. For now, he wants to know about the City Council's thoughts about having another wind turbine in the City.

Council Discussion: Councilmember Stephens stated that \$65,000 lease rate sounded low to her. She felt like they wouldn't want another wind turbine if they weren't making some money. She feels like most of the people in town think "it's cool".

Councilmember Bourke stated that \$65,000 sounds too low for him. He felt like to offer could be sweetened up a bit.

B-2. **Resolution No. 5070,** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Purchase of One 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle and One 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$79,123.60, Authorizing the Use of the City's In-lieu Purchase Exception, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement with the Ford Motor Credit Company

Police Chief Sills presented the staff report to the City Council. He informed the City Council that the proposed resolution would approve the purchase of an unmarked car and for a Ford Explorer. He stated that the only available funds are Measure Y. He also stated that they already have some money set aside for IT services. He mentioned that on page 5 of the staff report it mentions 3 vehicles, but that it should read 2 vehicles.

Council Discussion: Councilmember Stephens stated that when the market crashed the City stopped saving for fleet. She stated she would like to see a reserve for fleet replacement again. She suggested it may be a good idea for the next fiscal year budget.

City Manager Gonzalez commented that Measure Y Committee would be meeting on March 17th, she stated that they will have less to allocate since most of the funds have been committed to positions in FY 15-16.

Council Action: To adopt Resolution No. 5070.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Bourke.

Vote: Motion Carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Ledesma, Stephens, Chavez, Bourke, Perez
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

B-3. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2014-01 Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance initiated by the Planning Commission of the City of Soledad to amend Chapter 17.36.020 of the Municipal Code of the City of Soledad to make city-wide amendments to the off-street parking standards for various residential land uses located in Table 17.36.020 and make further amendments to amend existing parking stall sizes.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2014-02 Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance initiated by the Planning Commission of the City of Soledad to amend Chapter 17.12.040 and 17.14.040 of the Municipal Code of the City of Soledad to make city-wide additions and amendments to the existing open space requirements for multifamily residential projects located in the R-2 Medium Density Multifamily Residential District and the R-3 High-Density Multifamily Residential District

Council Action: To adopt Ordinance No. 2014-01 & 2014-02.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Stephens.

Vote: Motion Carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Ledesma, Stephens, Chavez, Bourke, Perez
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

B-4. Appointment to the Soledad-Mission Recreation District Board

Mayor Ledesma suggested that the City Council accept the application that was submitted by Mike De La Rosa.

Council Action: There was a consensus from the City Council to reappoint Mike De La Rosa to the Soledad-Mission Recreation District Board.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Ledesma reported that people were getting excited about Vosti Park and Little League Park improvements.

Public Works Director Wilcox reported that the sod at Vosti Park would be 6 weeks late. In regards to Little League he stated they were waiting on PG&E due to the fact they had provided dirty power (noise) for the lights, so they are waiting for them to fix it.

Mayor Ledesma also stated that Public Works Director Wilcox and he had met with someone in regards to developing the dump site. He feels something needs to be done with that site.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Gonzalez reported that the City started accepting applications for this year's Firework Sales Permit. She stated the City will accept applications from March 15th through April 15th.

City Manager Gonzalez also reported that the City had to withdraw from moving forward with the COPS Grant due to their strict guidelines.

COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the Councilmembers on general items of concern and on matters that they wish to put on future agendas.

Councilmember Bourke asked that we get information about Skinner and Serrano who were named Citizens of the Year. He also would like to get energy conservation ideas from Frances Bengtson.

Councilmember Perez asked if it could be possible to put a monument at the Veterans Park.

Mayor Ledesma reminded staff about the flags and banners.


Councilmember Stephens asked if there was an American Flag at the Veterans Park, if not she felt it would be a good idea to have one.

Public Works Director Wilcox stated he was working on putting one at the Visitors Center and one at Veterans Park.

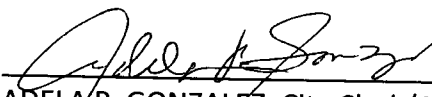
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Council/Agency, Mayor/Chair Ledesma adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approved: June 3, 2015.



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

