

**Minutes**

City of Soledad Joint  
City Council/Successor Agency  
Regular Meeting

**August 5, 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 Joe Gonzalez, YMCA

**PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE** was led by Francine Uy

**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	Patricia Stephens

The following Councilmembers/Agencymembers were absent:

Councilmember/Agencymember      Richard Perez

**ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Acting City Manager, Don Wilcox pulled C-5 from Consent Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Ledesma presented the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to Mariela Medina. She works for Jacob's Heart in the Support Services department. She shared that she was a Stage 3 Cancer Survivor and was thankful for the opportunity to receive Proclamation from the City of Soledad.

Mayor Ledesma presented Claudia Vasquez with a Proclamation, Card and Clock for her Years of Service with the City of Soledad. He commended her for her hard work and stated that

Adela Gonzalez, Council, and City of Soledad staff are going to miss her. Each member of Council personally thanked her for her hard work behind the scenes.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Ledesma moved Closed Session Items 1 and 2 to the end of the meeting. Following are the Closed Session Items:

1. The City Council 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 257-081-003, 021 and 022. Instructions to the Negotiator will Concern Price, terms of payment and other Relevant Conditions. City Negotiator: Adela P. Gonzalez, City Manager.
2. The City Council will recess to Closed Session to confer with its attorney regarding litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)- deciding to initiate litigation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA**

None.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Ledesma reported that he will be attending ACCAPS Annual Conference in Folsom on August 18th through 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 did not attend any meetings.

Councilmember Stephens attended the Ag Tech Expo in Salinas.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez will be attending the upcoming TAMC meeting in September. He also advised that City Council should have a study session to see if we would support sales tax. He mentioned that the State Legislator is having a special session to look at transportation bills. He stated that some of the bills are good but others are not so good.

### **COUNCILMEMBER PRAISES**

Councilmember Bourke praised Pauline Tomasini for her hard work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. He also praised Chief Sills for August Nights. Lastly, he praised Lucy Jensen for her great efforts in the Shoe Drive.

Councilmember Stephens praised Pauline Tomasini for her work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. She also mentioned that illegal fireworks were out of control in Salinas and it may come down to banning them all together.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez praised the folks that participated in the First Hamburger Cook-Off and mentioned that they did really well for this event.

Mayor Ledesma praised our Soccer League. The Soccer League kind of runs Vosti Park and wants to applaud them for a beautiful field and being engaged.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Acting City Manager Don Wilcox requested Consent Agenda Item C-5 be pulled from Consent Agenda.

**Action:** Councilmember Stephens made a motion to adopt the remaining items in the consent Calendar with the noted change for C-5. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by the following vote.

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

Acting City Manager Don Wilcox requested that Consent Agenda Item C-5 be changed to Public Meeting.

**Action:** Councilmember Bourke made a motion to accept the change for Consent Agenda Item C-5 and to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stephens and carried by the following vote.

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

**C-1. Approval of Minutes**

- a) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2015
- b) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2015
- c) City Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2015

**C-2. Approval of Warrants**

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- C-3.** Designation of Mayor as Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem as Alternate(s) for the 2015 League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo Scheduled for September 30 – October 2, 2015 in San Jose

- C-4. Resolution No. 5113,** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Declaring Surplus Equipment and Authorizing the Disposal of Such Property

- C-6.** A Request of the City Council of the City of Soledad to Consider and Approve by Minute Motion Staff's Recommendation to Proceed with Filling the Fourth Police Sergeant Position

- C-7. Resolution No. 5115,** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving as Agreement Between the City of Soledad and the Soledad Union School District for a School Resource Officer and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into the Agreement on Behalf of the City.

- C-8. Resolution No. 5116,** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing an Amendment to the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Budget by Transferring Money from the General Fund Reserve to the Police Department Grant Revenues AB 109 Account

- C-9. Resolution No. 5117,** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Proposal for Professional Services with Yamabe & Horn Engineering, Inc., in an Amount not-to-exceed \$34,900 for Construction Management and Post Construction Services for the 2015 Street Maintenance

Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Proposal on Behalf of the City

**C-10.** Monthly Department Activity Reports

**Public Meeting**

**Resolution No. 5114**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting the City of Soledad's CDBG Grant Guidelines for the Business Assistance Loan Program

**Council Action:** To adopt Resolution No. 5114

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilmember Stephens, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez.

**Vote:** Motion Carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Ledesma, Stephens, Chavez, Bourke

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Perez.

**BUSINESS**

**B-1.** Craig Kaufman, Executive Director of Salinas Valley Tourism & Visitors Bureau made presentation of the Visitors Center. He shared that the Visitor's Center had 615 visitors to date. The visitors are local, national and international averaging 10 people per day. He also mentioned that Public Meetings are being held at the Visitor's Center such as National Salad Month was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with 85 people in attendance. He handed out various brochures to the City Council that he is working on to promote the Visitor's Center and information that can be found when visiting the center.

**Council Discussion:**

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez mentioned that the Visitor's Center has offered great opportunities and brings people to visit and they love the center. He found it amazing to see where people were from that visited the center.

Mayor Ledesma praised Lisa Jo Duffy for being a great ambassador for the City. He has heard wonderful things and feedback about her and the center.

Don Wilcox Acting City Manager advised that City has authorization from Cal Trans to put up signage on the

highway. He will forward map of locations where sign will be placed.

Councilmember Bourke mentioned that since we get lots of tourists stopping at McDonald's because of bus parking why can't we get information about the Visitor's Center at the McDonalds.

Kellie Hicks of South County Newspapers mentioned that it would be practical to place information on customer receipts regarding Visitor Center.

- B-2.** Joseph Gonzalez Executive Director of South County YMCA advised that the South County YMCA Board of Managers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. He mentioned that a member of the public is interested in the YMCA Liaison position. He asked if the City wanted to appoint a Councilmember or open to someone from the public.

**Council Discussion:**

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez stated that the City needs to be open to the public but either way would be fine.

Councilmember Stephens expressed concern that when it's a public member that we tend not to know things or we don't get reports back about issues or concerns. She confirmed that she does not have a problem with public member.

Don Wilcox Acting City Manager advised that we can request that the person that takes the YMCA Liaison position provided reports on a periodic basis.

Councilmember Bourke expressed interest and stated that he would be available on Thursdays.

Mayor Ledesma mentioned that he would prefer that the YMCA Liaison position be a member of the public.

Joseph Gonzalez mentioned that the YMCA Liaison would have to advocate for YMCA as well as advisor and be part of the philanthropic activities. These are just some of the items the board will focus on.

Don Wilcox Acting City Manager stated that now that he has direction on this matter he will proceed with next

steps with interested individuals and present the selected person at the September meeting.

**B-3.** Barb McGaughey of the Central Coast YMCA presented the South County YMCA 2015 Mid-Year Report and 2014 Year-End Audited Financial Statement. She stated that in July 2015, there were 434 units and confirmed that people are noticing the YMCA again. Barb continued and stated that the Financial Report for last year ended at \$115,000 deficit. She stated that Joe Gonzalez made changes revenue is up 31% and expenses are down 2% as of June. Currently we are in a surplus of \$24,000 and that is good for both City and YMCA.

Ms. McGaughey commented on the audit report as well.

**Council Discussion:** None

**Council Action:** By Council consensus, the South County YMCA 2015 Mid-year Report and the 2014 Year-End Financial statements were accepted by the City Council.

**B-4.** **Ordinance No. 692** An Urgency Interim Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Making Findings and Establishing a City-Wide Moratorium on the Issuance of Use Permits, Building Permits, Business Licenses and other Approvals for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and/or Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities Pending Analysis and Potential Municipal Code and Zoning Ordinance Amendments

City Attorney Mike Rodriguez prepared the above Ordinance per Council direction. It appears that this now needs to go to the Planning commission. It will maintain the status quo and he asked that City Council adopt it. It requires a 4/5 vote and only good for 45 days. It will need to be reviewed again but if adopted it will take effect immediately.

**Council Discussion:** Councilmember Stephens requested that this Ordinance be reviewed again within the next 12 months.

**Council Action:** To adopt Ordinance No. 692.

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember Stephens.

**Vote:** Motion Carried by the following vote:  
**Ayes:** Ledesma, Stephens, Chavez, Bourke

Noes:                   None.  
Abstain:               None.  
Absent:                Perez.

### **COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Bourke advised he has a concern that it will be El Nino Year and would like to see the City take proactive steps to prepare for something like El Nino.

Don Wilcox Acting City Manager advised that the City will be having inmates and ROTC cadets filling sand bags.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting City Manager Wilcox reported the following items:

The Animal Control Officer position is open at this time. The City will be taking applications and interviewing for this position in upcoming weeks.

In July, City Manager Adela Gonzalez received a Good Samaritan of the week award from KRKC.

La Cooperative of California is funding workers through CET for Public Works and City Offices.

Lastly, Ghost Adventures recently filmed at Los Coches Adobe and the show will air in late September and early October.

### **MEETING RECESS**

Mayor Ledesma recessed to Closed Session at 6:39 p.m.

### **MEETING RECONVENED**

Mayor Ledesma reconvened from Closed Session at 7:27 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

With respect to item #1, City Council conferred with City's Negotiator and Legal Counsel. No other reportable action was taken.

With respect to item #2, City Council conferred with Legal Counsel. No other reportable action was taken.

**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.

None.

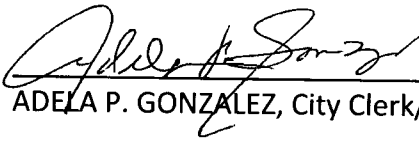
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ledesma recessed the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Approved: October 7, 2015



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

