

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

September 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Christopher Bourke

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Adela Gonzalez

ROLL CALL

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

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

The following Councilmembers/Agencymembers were absent:

Mayor/Chair	Fred J. Ledesma
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ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager, Adela Gonzalez advised that Business Items B-3 was added to Agenda due to having someone from TAMC requesting a letter of support for Sales Tax Legislation and someone will be presenting on this matter. Documents were placed on dais for Council.

Councilmember Stephens made a motion to accept Business Item B-3 and add to agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Perez and carried by the following vote.

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

Absent: Mayor Ledesma

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez presented the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery and Prevention Month Proclamation. A group of Soledad High School students that are part of Sun Street Center were present to accept the Proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez presented the Fifteenth Annual Binational Health Week Proclamation. The Vice-President of this event was present to receive the proclamation and advised that the organization is hoping to help members of the community with health matters and/or concerns.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem moved Closed Session Items 1 moved to the end of the meeting. Following are the Closed Session Items:

1. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM

- Mark Weirick of SEIU 521 commented. He was thankful that members that were present at the meeting. He stated that these were the folks that kept the city going when pipes break, or trees come down and clean our parks keeping our city beautiful. He advised that bargaining in timely manner was not the fault of the workers but rather due to delays on both sides and scheduling constraints. There is a proposal for pay increase for city workers and they should not be penalized due to above delays and felt confident that they are close to coming to an agreement.
- Frances Bengston, Executive Director of the Soledad Mission Recreation District commented. That the city employees have her support due to their valuable help when it comes to keeping parks clean and safe. She appreciates their hard work as a resident and everything they do for the Recreation District.
- Ed Alexander, team member of negotiation team provided a hand out to council that requested support of Council to not remove incentive pay for certificated jobs. He stated certificated positions provide value when it comes to cross training employees or filling vacant slots when folks are on vacation, or leave their jobs or other situations.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Elysa Sigala from YMCA gave report for Joe Gonzalez. She advised the information she is provided is for January through August 31, 2015. They are serving 2500 participants which accounts for 15.2% of population, 50% get financial assistance. There are about 130 volunteers for the different programs they offer. They have several outreach organizations such as Chispa, Soledad Union School District, Liberty Chapel and Soledad Police Department. Currently, they have the after school child care programs. They have child and adult soccer programs going and are getting high participation. Upcoming sport programs include flag football and cheerleading along with basketball program in the winter.

Rafael Hernandez who works in the Water Department addressed City Council and shared that working for the City of Soledad has been a great opportunity. As a city worker he has learned the importance of his job and how it relates to the community. He mentioned that it is important to have a certificate for his current job so he can reach the next level and stated it is essential for him to do a better job within the Water Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ledesma was absent and no report was available.

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 attended the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Meeting. He reported that they are waiting on the City Manager Group to make some decisions regarding the county-wide solid waste study. He also mentioned that there was a consumer panel for Crazy Horse Road Project. In addition, City of Gonzalez is working with Salvation Army on project of collecting clothes for people that need clothing in our communities.

Councilmember Stephens did not attend the MST in August. The meeting had been cancelled.

Councilmember Perez had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he will be attending and will continue to attend TAMC meetings this month surrounding the subject of Sales Tax Measure. They are talking about expenditures and how these can be paid with the proposed sales tax. He mentioned that further information on this matter will be provided by the TAMC representative later in the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER PRAISES

Councilmember Bourke praised those who contributed to Lucy Jensen's Shoe Drive. He praised Fire Department and ROTC for filling sand bags to be prepared for El Nino storms.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez praised the folks that are volunteers and participating in the community football teams and in school sports. He praised assisting coaches, volunteers in the concession stands and other areas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Adela Gonzalez requested Consent Agenda Item C-5 be removed pulled from Consent Agenda. The item will be brought back at a future meeting.

Action: Councilmember Bourke made a motion to adopt items C-1 through C-7 items in the consent Calendar minus item C-5. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Perez and carried by the following vote.

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

C-1. Approval of Minutes

- a) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2015
- b) City of Soledad City Council Special Meeting of August 19, 2015.

C-2. Approval of Warrants

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C-3. Resolution No. 5118, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Contract Change Order No. 1 for Construction Services with American Pavement Systems INC., in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$87,701.40 for the 2015 Cape Seal Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Change Order on Behalf of the City

C-4. Resolution No. 5119, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and File, for and on Behalf of the City of Soledad, A Financial Assistance Application for a Grant Agreement from the State

Water Resources Control Board for the Planning, Design and Construction of Phase III of the City's Reuse Water System

C-6. Resolution 5121, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Soledad and the Soledad Police Officers Association Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2017

C-10. Monthly Department Activity Reports

Public Meeting

Ordinance No. 693, An Urgency Interim Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Making Findings and Extending 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 Staff Analysis and Potential Municipal Code and Zoning Ordinance Amendments

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez presented the Staff Report on above Ordinance per Council direction.

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Bourke mentioned that 2016 is Election Year and there are several Marijuana Propositions and wondering if proposed Ordinance will be valid.

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez advised that our ordinances would be upheld. If any future law passes where recreational marijuana can be used the city would not be able to fine those individuals but would still be able to stop Medical Marijuana Dispensaries from opening.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez Opened Public hearing and there was no discussion from public. He then Closed Public Hearing.

Council Action: To adopt Ordinance No. 693

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

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

BUSINESS

B-1. Resolution 5122, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Purchase Contract to the COMCATE Web Based Code Enforcement, Animal Control and Vehicle Abatement Computer Program

Chief Sills presented the Staff Report regarding the Vehicle Abatement Program and due to this program the city gets money on quarterly basis from Monterey County. To keep track of this program he is recommending that we purchase Web Based software from COMCATE. The representatives from COMCATE presented their PowerPoint that provided an overview of what their company specializes in to assist in the tracking of Vehicle Abatement and other Police Department tasks. Their system is web-based in real time and has great reporting capabilities. Some of the other cities that use their software are Greenfield, Monterey and others.

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Bourke asked if their system has capability of tracking garage sales due to some residents having them every weekend. This would be a code violation.

COMCATE Representative advised that there are components that can be added to ensure that these types of items can be tracked.

Councilmember Chavez suggested in regards to garage sales a new policy can be created where maybe the first Saturday of the month is the only time that garage sales can be done.

COMCATE Representative advised that if system needs to track garage sales, it can be set up for this purpose or any other need the city may have due to different Ordinances.

Council Action: To adopt Resolution 5122

Motion: Motion made by Councilmember Stephens and seconded by Councilmember Perez.

Vote: Motion Carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chavez, Stephens, Bourke, Perez

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Ledesma

B-2. Appointment of YMCA Liaison Carlos Lopez.

Public Works Director Don Wilcox presented the staff report and introduced Mr. Carlos Lopez.

Council Action: By City council consensus, Mr. Carlos Lopez was appointed to serve as Liaison between the South County YMCA and the Soledad City Council.

B-3. Consider Request from T.A.M.C for letter of support for Sales Tax Legislation to provide an exemption for the current two percent limit.

City Manager introduced the item. T.A.M.C Executive Director Debbie Hale was present to speak on this item. Following City Council discussion City Council took the following action.

Council Action: To approve by minute motion the request from T.A.M.C.

Motion: Motion made by Councilmember Stephens and seconded by Councilmember Bourke.

Vote: Motion Carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chavez, Stephens, Bourke, Perez

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Ledesma

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Adela Gonzalez reported the following items:

She attended the Pinnacle Gateway Meeting in Hollister. She advised that kudos were made to Soledad on how the city has stepped it up regarding the partnership.

Reminder that on September 11, 2015 – Remembrance at Soledad High School.

Reminder that on September 19, 2015 – There will be the Back To School Event at the shopping center.

Lastly, she read a letter to Council from Lisa Jo Duffy advising that the deck at Visitor Center is done and would like to hold an event at the Visitor Center in the near future.

MEETING RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez recessed to Closed Session at 6:38 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reconvened from Closed Session at 7:16 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney reported that with respect to item #1, City Council conferred with City's Negotiator and provided direction. No other reportable action was taken.

COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

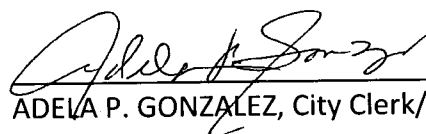
Comments from the Councilmembers on general items of concern and on matters that they wish to put on future agendas.

- Councilmember Stephens requested report regarding body cameras.
- Public Works Director Don Wilcox advised that the city will be having inmates and ROTC cadets filling sand bags.
- Councilmember Stephens suggested the city work on disaster planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem recessed the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Approved: November 4, 2015


ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk/Agency Secretary


FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman