

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

October 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Taylor Rivas

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 Ledesma
Councilmember/Agencymember	Christopher Bourke
Councilmember/Agencymember	Patricia Stephens
Councilmember/Agencymember	Richard Perez

The following Councilmembers/Agencymembers were absent:

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair	Alejandro Chavez
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ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager, Adela Gonzalez advised that the Closed Session on Agenda will be postponed until November City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief John Owens introduced new Battalion Chief, Brian Nichols.

City Manager, Adela Gonzalez introduced new employee at City Hall, Sherie Colesberry who began working for us on August 17, 2015. She is filling position of Assistant to City Manager and she handles technical and financial analysis.

Chief Sills introduced Taylor Rivas who first came to work in Soledad as a reserve and was now hired as a Police Officer. He was sworn in by Adela Gonzalez. Officer Rivas was very thankful for the opportunity that Chief Sills granted him and is happy to work for the City of Soledad.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ledesma stated he had attended the League of Cities Conference and mentioned that Luis Alejo had received an award at the conference.

In addition, Mayor Ledesma stated that he recently had attended a Housing Forum at CSUMB where there was discussion of the housing problem in the state of California. He hopes to share with Council a more detailed report about this meeting in the near future.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

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

Councilmember Stephens reported that MST will locate new facility in King City. She also advised that she and Mayor Ledesma attended a meeting with Dr. Boyd from Soledad Union School District regarding employee issues.

COUNCILMEMBER PRAISES

Mayor Fred Ledesma praised Chief Sills and his department for addressing a murder that occurred in our city. He advised Chief that they were doing a great job and especially for the quick arrest of the murder suspect.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Adela Gonzalez mentioned that Consent Agenda Item C-9 had been modified and new one was provided to Council on the dais.

Action: Councilmember Bourke made a motion to adopt items C-1 through C-11 items in the consent Calendar along with modified Consent Agenda Item C-9. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stephens and carried by the following vote.

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

C-1. Approval of Minutes

- a) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2015

C-2. Approval of Warrants

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C-3. Resolution No. 5123, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Soledad and the Service Employees International Union - Local 521 Relating to the General Unit for the Term of July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2017

C-4. Resolution No. 5124, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Soledad and the Service Employees International Union - Local 521 Relating to the Mid-Management Unit for the Term of July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2017

C-5. Resolution No. 5125, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Updated Salary and Benefit Plan for the City's Unrepresented Confidential Group Dated October 7, 2015

C-7. Resolution 5126, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Accepting the City's Front Street Sewer Lift Station and Wet Well Abandonment Project by the Don Chapin Company as Complete and Authorizing the Release of Retention Payment

C-8. Resolution 5127, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Consulting Services Agreement Task Order for Engineering Services with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Task Order on Behalf of the City of Soledad

C-9. Resolution 5128, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Soledad Lions Club Request for Use of the Community Center on November 26, 2015 for their Tenth Free Community Thanksgiving Meal and Authorizing Sponsorship of the Event.

C-10. Resolution 5129, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund

SA Resolution No. SA 2014-06, A Resolution of the City Council as Successor Agency to the Soledad Redevelopment Agency Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund

C-11. Monthly Department Activity Reports

BUSINESS

- B-1.** Receive legislative update from Assemblymember Luis Alejo.

He provided his update regarding all the legislative items that he has worked on this year and carried out so far in Sacramento. He has passed several bills that will help Monterey County and the cities in the county. The bills range from housing for farm workers to raising minimum wage and many others.

Council Discussion: Councilmember Stephens mentioned that she is fine in regards to housing for farm workers, it would be nice to see smaller apartment complexes rather than big ones.

Mayor Ledesma stated that one of the concerns the City of Soledad has is in regards to being able to keep our Police Officers happy to work in Soledad. Our salaries cannot be competitive with Sherriff Department or Corrections. The city would like to get extra funds for our Police Staff so we don't lose good officers.

- B-2.** Annual Performance Review of Tri-Cities Disposal and Recycling Services as Soledad's Contracted Solid Waste Hauler for Garbage, Recycles and Yard Waste.

Jenny Mitchell of the SVSWA made a PowerPoint presentation with details of Tri-Cities annual performance.

Council Discussion: Information Item Only.

- B-3.** Receive verbal report from Carlos Lopez City/YMCA Liaison

No report provided as Mr. Lopez was not in attendance.

- B-4.** Receive verbal Report from Chief Sills on Police Department Body Cameras.

Chief Sills presented information regarding Police Department Body Cameras.

He advised that currently body cameras are being used when giving out traffic tickets, foot patrol and other type of service calls. He stated that an officer can view what is recorded so they can critique themselves and make improvements on their performance.

Council Action: No action taken. Information Item only.

- B-5.** Consider and Provide Direction to Staff on Regulating Electronic Smoking Devices.

City Attorney Michael Rodriguez presented the staff report regarding Electronic Smoking Devices. He mentioned the negative effects of Electronic Smoking Devices and that it is critical to place an ordinance on this matter for the City of Soledad.

Council Action: To approve by minute motion Option No. 1 in Staff Report. Option 1 – to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in all of the places tobacco products are forbidden.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Adela Gonzalez reported that SB705 was signed by the Governor.

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 that the School District come to a future City Council meeting to make a presentation of their teacher housing needs.

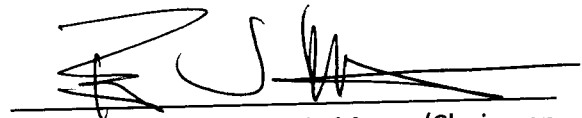
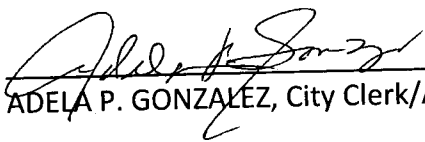
Councilmember Bourke requested an update regarding the Soledad Housing Authority.

Councilmember Perez requested the City conduct a disaster training drill.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the regular meeting at 7:05 pm.

Approved: December 2, 2015


FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman
ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk/Agency Secretary