

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

November 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ledesma called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Craig Kaufman

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Adela Gonzalez

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor/Chair	Fred Ledesma
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:

None

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

PG&E representatives Eric Daniels and Ralph Morris came to present a rebate check to the City of Soledad in the amount of \$31,991.96. The rebate check was awarded due to the leadership of Mayor Ledesma and the vision of making changes to the Waste Water Plant that reduced greenhouse gases and reducing cost for our community.

City Manager Adela Gonzalez mentioned that this was possible due to the direction of Public Works Director Don Wilcox, and hard work of Ed Waggoner and Ed Alexander who are part of the Waste Water staff and worked on the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Soledad resident, Bob Bigioni approached the City Council and mentioned that he is once again coming to the city to request adoption of a noise ordinance that will closed down an event if noise is too loud. He stated there are live bands at house parties with large tents and most likely they don't have permits. He feels there should be some control and rules to follow regarding these type of events. In addition, code enforcement needs to start focusing on garage sales that are selling every weekend and they are selling items that are new and they most likely do not have business permits to sell new items.

The City Manager, Adela Gonzalez advised that Commander Wasson had reached out to Sherriff's Department and currently Michael Rodriguez is working on other ordinances that are taking priority, the noise ordinance is on the list of to do items and can be pushed to the front. In regards to the Code Enforcement Officer, we have the person in that position but due to some folks that have left he is also doing Animal Control Services which takes him away from doing Code Enforcement tasks 100%.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez attended the Salinas Valley Mayor's meeting on behalf of Mayor Ledesma. He advised that one of the main discussion items was the TAMC Legislation that passed in regards to the sales tax and will be finalized in June 2016. In addition, there was a presentation of the National Resource Network and the work they are doing with the different cities in Monterey County along with the elected officials.

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 advised that a school employee had approached him about the traffic safety on Walker Drive and specifically by Gabilan School. He also advised working with Public Works Director Don Wilcox regarding possible solutions on how to improve street and traffic safety by Gabilan School.

Councilmember Stephens attended both MST meetings along with AMBAG meeting and no new items were discussed that impact Soledad.

Councilmember Perez attended Four Cities for Peace and the SVSWA meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he attended several TAMC meetings this month on the subject of the Sales Tax Measure.

COUNCILMEMBER PRAISES

Councilmember Bourke praised Soledad High School football team for their current wins. Secondly he praised the city for the work on the El Nino Disaster Preparedness meeting that was set up for November 17, 2015. Lastly, he was happy about the street work that is being completed and streets look great.

Mayor Ledesma also happy about the street project and the end results.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Adela Gonzalez requested Consent Agenda Item C-5 will be reworded due to a change that will be provided by City Attorney, Michael Rodriguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez requested that Consent Agenda Items C-9 and C-10 be pulled for separate discussion.

Action: Councilmember Stephens made a motion to adopt items C-1 through C-8 items in the consent Calendar along with corrected wording for C-5. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bourke.

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

C-1. Approval of Minutes

- a) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2015

C-2. Approval of Warrants

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C-3. Resolution No. 5130, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Purchase of one Multiquip DCA40SSKU4F 36 KVA (28,800 WATT) Generator, Including Trailer, in the Amount of \$31,752.06 from LEETE Generators and Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase said Equipment

C-4. Resolution No. 5131, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Agreement for Construction Services with Monterey Peninsula

Engineering (MPE) in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$60,410 for the 2015 Re-Grading, Paving, Seal Coat and Striping Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City

C-5. Resolution No. 5132, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the Award of a Construction Services Agreement with Sansone Company, INC. for the Septage Receiving Station Site Improvements Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$226,737, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City.

C-6. Resolution No. 5133, A Resolution of the City Council Of the City of Soledad approving a Consulting Services Agreement Amendment for On-Call Storm Water Engineering Services with Rick Engineering Company and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Amendment on Behalf of the City of Soledad

C-7. City Hall Holiday Office Closure December 21, 22 and 23, 2015.

C-8. Resolution No. 5134, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting Legal Holidays for Calendar Year 2016.

The following items were pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez for separate discussion:

C-9. Resolution No. 5135, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Temporary Use Permit and Authorizing Sponsorship of the Annual Soledad Mission Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade and Festivities Along with the Provision Of In-Kind Support Services at an Estimated Cost of \$3,608.04.

Council Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez just wanted to thank everyone who is involved with the Christmas Parade Festivities. He mentioned that it is a lot of hard work and is also willing to volunteer.

Councilmember Stephens mentioned that she could use additional volunteers and was happy to hear Mayor Pro Tem Chavez would help.

Council Action: To adopt Resolution No. 5135.

Motion: Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and seconded by Councilmember Bourke, and carried by the following vote.

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

C-10. Monthly Department Activity Reports

Council Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez had a question regarding the Police Department Activity Report and specifically regarding Code Enforcement contacts. He would like to see more details of the Code Enforcement items going forward. He will get questions regarding Code Enforcement and would like to have details so he can have answers on common questions.

Chief Sills advised he will work with Code Enforcement Officer, Phil Celaya to provide more detail for the Code Enforcement contacts.

Council Action: To accept the Monthly Department Activity Reports (C-10).

Motion: Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and seconded by Councilmember Bourke and carried by the following vote.

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

BUSINESS

B-1. Annual Performance Review of Tri-Cities Disposal and Recycling Services as Soledad's Contracted Solid Waste Hauler for Garbage, Recycles and Yard Waste.

Public Works Director Wilcox presented the staff report to the City Council. He introduced Jenny Mitchell from Tri-Cities Disposal and Recycling Services.

Ms. Jenny Mitchell addressed the City Council and made a Power Point presentation regarding the TCDR 2014 Annual Update. Soledad's 2014 Diversion rate was 41% for residential and 12% for commercial. .

Council Discussion: Councilmember Stephens asked about the organic material compost for residential.

Tri-Cities Representative advised that at this time they are focusing on businesses that can have organic material compost and they can offer work shops for residents from City of Soledad on how to make your own compost.

Councilmember Bourke asked about the client based number used on report.

Tri-Cities representative advised that at this time they use regional numbers where they lump together several cities.

Ed Waggoner asked what population was used for the reporting.

Tri-Cities Representative advised the population came from last census.

Council Action: By City Council consensus the 2014 TCDR performance report was accepted.

- B-2.** Craig Kaufman Presentation to the City Council regarding a new regional branding effort for the Salinas Valley that the SVTVB is to be marketing soon. In addition, the SVTVB is requesting a letter of support from the City in regards to a \$100,000 RFP the County has released related to marketing efforts in the Salinas Valley that may potentially help Soledad and the Visitors Center.

The presentation focused on how to create a unique brand to bring folks to South County when there are big events in the Monterey Peninsula. Brand will focus on Monterey since it was the first Capital and the birthplace of California, the soul of California which is the Central Coast. Mr. Kaufman mentioned the Spanish influence on our Central Coast. Each City has their own characteristics and slogan. The presentation made to the Soledad City Council is the debut of the brand concept.

Council Discussion: Councilmembers were all very happy with the presentation and liked the concept of giving each city their slogan and getting new marketing material with each city slogan.

Council Action: To accept the new branding concept and staff to provide a letter of support.

Motion: Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and seconded by Councilmember Perez.

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

- B-3.** a. Resolution No. 5136, A Resolution Of Intention to Approve an Amendment to Contract Between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Soledad; and

City Manager Adela Gonzalez presented the Staff Reports to the City Council.

Council Action: To adopt Resolution No. 5136.

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

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

- b. Introduction of Ordinance No. 694 of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council of the City of Soledad and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (*Introduction and 1st Reading*)

City Manager Adela Gonzalez presented the Staff Reports to the City Council.

Council Action: To Introduce and conduct 1st reading by by title of Ordinance No. 694.

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

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

- B-4.** Resolution No. 5137, A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Soledad Adopting The Soledad Police Department's Canine Program.

Chief Sills presented staff report regarding the Canine Program and provided some history of how the Police Department ended up with the Canine Program. Currently, Soledad is the only city in South County that is using a Canine Unit and has helped in dealing with gang members and drug dealers. The Police Department would like City Council to consider continuation of this program.

Council Discussion: Councilmember Stephens asked if the dogs are used in dealing with crime incidents; and do we get money for the use of our dogs when other cities use them. Her other concern is losing a trained dog when an officer leaves.

Chief Sills advised that an agreement with the training facility is being created with City Attorney Michael Rodriquez.

Council Action: To adopt Resolution No. 5137.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Adela Gonzalez reported the following items:

1. Provided the Disaster Preparedness Flyer for meeting that will be held on 11/17/15.
2. She also advised about the ICS Training for the City of Soledad Staff.
3. She mentioned the Fire Hydrant Water Sales program.
4. She also advised that the Pinnacles framed document signed by President Obama has been placed on the wall in Council Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM

None

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 Perez would like to see a draft noise ordinance brought before City Council.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez would like to do a community meeting state of the city regarding how the city makes decisions and changes and to educate regarding the budget process.
- Councilmember Bourke when organizations use our parks that they are given a document with set of rules about noise restrictions and not blocking driveways and other such requirements.
- Mayor Ledesma mentioned that the meeting regarding Farmworker Housing was cancelled and that a future work session needs to be set up to discuss the issues and concerns. Alejandro Chavez suggested that a study session be held for this purpose.

Soledad Housing Authority

Chairman Ledesma recessed the regular meeting and called the meeting of the Soledad Housing Authority to order.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fred Ledesma called the Soledad Housing Authority Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of the following Meeting Minutes:

- a) Soledad Housing Authority Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2014
- b) Soledad Housing Authority Special Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2015

Board Action: To approve meeting minutes listed above.

Motion: Motion made by Boardmember Bourke and seconded by Boardmember Chavez.

Vote: Motion Carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ledesma, Chavez, Stephens, Bourke, Perez

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MEETING RECESS

Chairman Ledesma recessed to Closed Session at 7:13 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The following item was discussed in Closed Session of the Soledad Housing Authority Board:

The Authority Board will recess to closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) -significant exposure to litigation exists, and 54956.9(d)(4)- deciding whether to initiate litigation.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Ledesma reconvened from Closed Session at 8:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

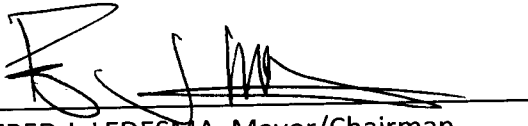
The City Attorney reported that with respect to item #1, City Council conferred with City's Negotiator and provided direction. No other reportable action was taken.

The City Attorney reported that with respect to the Soledad Housing Authority closed session item, the Board conferred with legal counsel and provided direction. No other reportable action was taken.

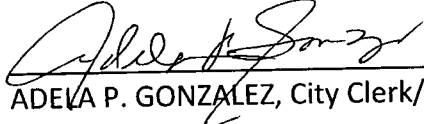
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved: January 6, 2016



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



ADEVA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk/Agency Secretary