

Minutes

City of Soledad
Joint City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

March 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ledesma called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Damon Wasson

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Darlene Noriega

ROLL CALL

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBERS/AGENCYMEMBERS WERE PRESENT WHEN THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor/Chair	Fred Ledesma
Mayor Pro Tem	Alejandro Chavez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Christopher Bourke
Councilmember/Agencymember	Carla Stewart
Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBERS WERE ABSENT:

- None

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- None

MEETING RECESSED FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Ledesma recessed for Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. The City Council will recess to closed session to meet with its temporary designated representative (City Manager) regarding labor relations matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The employee groups are SEIU General Unit, SEIU Mid-Management Unit, SPOA and unrepresented employees.
2. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) to confer with its attorney regarding potential significant exposure to litigation.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Ledesma reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 6:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

The City Attorney reported that two items had been discussed

With respect to item #1, Council provided direction to its negotiator who is the City Manager; no other reportable action was taken.

With respect to item #2, Council approved by unanimous decision a settlement that was offered, no other reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ledesma has asked that the City of Soledad send a letter to David Pendergrass on behalf of the City. He has served as Mayor of Sand City for twenty-six years. He will be retiring this month.

COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- Councilmember Bourke reported he attended a meeting with the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority on February 16th. He added that SVSWA is also looking for someone to become a member of the Citizens Advisory Group and citizens should look into that. He also presented a packet of information from the Soledad Mission Historical Society that summarizes their year-end summary and also current activities.

- Councilmember Velazquez reported that she participated in the City of Soledad Goal Setting Workshop, Session 1 on February 21st.
- Councilmember Stewart reported that she also participated in the City's Goal Setting Workshop on February 21st. On Sunday, February 26th, she met with Lisajo Duffy and Craig Kaufman from the Soledad Visitors Center. She also attended the Lizzie Velasquez showing titled, Unifying to End Cyber Bullying, A Forum to Empower Students to Create a Positive School Culture.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez attended the TAMC Meeting on February 22nd.

COUNCILMEMBER PRAISES

- Councilmember Bourke gave praises to Lucy Mason Jensen for her Clothing Drive; he added the drive is specifically seeking out socks and sweatshirts for 6 to 11 year olds.
- Councilmember Velazquez praised the Monterey County Office of Education, Soledad Unified School District for having the Lizzie Velasquez showing titled, Unifying to End Cyber Bullying, A Forum to Empower Students to Create a Positive School Culture. Michael Pritchard was the speaker. She also praised the Soledad High School "Not in Our School" students for creating an anti-bullying video along with the San Vicente Elementary 5th graders.
- Mayor Fred Ledesma praised the Soledad High School Girls Soccer team who won their second League Championship in a row. Also Belinda Ascencio received the first Division I Soccer Scholarship to the University of Santa Barbara. He would like the whole team to be present at next Regular Council Meeting on April 4, 2017. He also gave praise to the South County Animal Rescue for a Fund Raiser they will be doing on April 1st at the Taste of the Pinnacles. He would like to encourage the public to support them in their efforts.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Nancy Runyon, the President of The Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists (AMAP) shared that AMAP has been working for the last 12 years to require appropriate mitigation for the illegal demolition of nine historic cottages at Paraiso Hot Springs in 2003. AMAP has asked that the mitigation required be as equal to the value to the loss as possible. They have estimated the loss to be about two million dollars.

Mr. Jeff Beckham, Board of Monterey Preservationists accompanied Ms. Runyon in the matter of supporting the idea of appropriate compensation for what's been lost.

Mr. Harry Batlin, Soledad resident, also spoke in favor of AMAP.

Mr. Juan Martinez, Resident of Gonzales also spoke in favor of AMAP.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion

Councilmember Bourke made a motion to adopt items C-1 through C-6 on the Consent Calendar. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Bourke, Chavez, Stewart, Velazquez, and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

C-1 Approval of Minutes

Joint City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority Adjourned Regular Meeting
Minutes of February 15, 2017

C-2 Approval of Warrants

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C-3 Street Closure of Soledad Street between Front Street and Monterey Street for each Thursday during 2017 Farmers Market Season from April 6th through October 12th.

C-4 Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement among the City of Salinas, the County of Monterey, the County of Santa Cruz, and the Cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City and Soledad regarding the Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan for Salinas Valley and Pajaro Valley

C-5 Resolution No. 5274, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Soledad Rotary Club Request for use of the Community Center on March 16, 2017 for their St. Patrick's "Reverse Draw", a community fundraiser for Soledad Rotary Club, and authorizing sponsorship of the event.

C-6 Receive and accept City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm
- Closed the Public Hearing at 6:39 pm
- Council Action

1. Ordinance No. 708, of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing Implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program (2nd Reading and Adoption)

Michael McHatten, City Manager, presented the staff report.

Gine Johnson, Representative from Monterey Bay Community Power, gave further explanation of the progress of the Community Choice Aggregation Program and offered to answer any questions.

Council Action:

To adopt Ordinance No. 708, Second Reading and Adoption

Motion:

Motion made to adopt by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Bourke, Chavez, Stewart, Velazquez and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

At this time Mayor Ledesma appointed Councilmember Velazquez as Designated Representative to the Community Choice Aggregation Program and Councilmember Stewart as Alternate.

BUSINESS

B-1 Review of Mid-Year Financial Report and Consideration of Mid-Year Budget Adjustments.

Council Action:

No action was taken.

Information was received by the City Council.

- B-2** Resolution No. 5275, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting a State and Federal Legislative Platform for the City of Soledad and the Appointment of the City Manager, City Attorney or Staff Person to act on behalf of the City of Soledad

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

Council Action:

To adopt Resolution No. 5275

Motion:

After discussion, motion made by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to Adopt Resolution 5275, with an amendment to Exhibit A, pg. 4, Water, subsection 5, change word "support" to "monitor." Motion passed 3-2.

Ayes: Bourke, Stewart, Ledesma
Noes: Chavez, Velazquez
Abstain: None
Absent: None

After further discussion, and expressed desire to have unanimous support for the Resolution, a substitute motion for Reconsideration was made by Bourke, seconded by Stewart, to Adopt Resolution 5275, with an amendment to Exhibit A, pg. 4, Water, deleting Subsection 5- "Support regulations to protect drinking water from the impacts of hydrological fracturing (hydro-fracking) related to oil and gas exploration and extraction." Motion passed 5-0. Counsel noted that by adopting the substitute motion for reconsideration, the Council had superseded its previous vote on the matter.

Ayes: Bourke, Stewart, Velazquez, Chavez and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

- B-3** Resolution No. 5276, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the City Manager to make a purchase of Twenty Five Upgraded Replacement BC-300 Provision Body Worn Cameras and all Accessories in the Amount of \$13,059.19 through the use of Asset Forfeiture Money

Chief of Police Eric Sills presented the staff report

Council Action:

To adopt Resolution No. 5276

Motion:

Motion made to adopt by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Bourke and carried by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Stewart, Bourke, Velazquez, Chavez and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

B-4 Resolution No. 5277, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the City Manager to Dispense with Bidding Pursuant to Soledad Municipal Code Section 3.24.040 and to Purchase twenty-five X26P Tasers, Battery Packs, Holsters, Cartridges and other Accessories for \$40,962.21 through the use of the Traffic Safety Fund

Chief of Police Eric Sills presented the staff report

Council Action:

To adopt Resolution No. 5277

Motion:

Motion made to adopt by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Stewart, Chavez, Bourke, Velazquez and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

B-5 Resolution No. 5270, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Consulting Services Agreement Amendment for On-Call Engineering Services with Harris & Associates and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Amendment on behalf of the City of Soledad (Continued from February 1, 2017)

Council Action:

To adopt Resolution No. 5270

Motion:

Motion made to adopt by Councilmember Bourke, seconded Councilmember Stewart and carried by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Bourke, Stewart, Chavez, Velazquez and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

B-6 Ordinance No. 710, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Chapters 8.16 – “Fireworks” of Title 8 – Health and Safety, of the Soledad Municipal Code

Council Action:

Introduction of Ordinance No. 710, Read by Title Only

Motion:

Motion made to adopt by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Chavez, Velazquez, Bourke, Stewart and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- None

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Michael McHatten announced some highlights of the City Manager’s written report:

1. The City has signed the Escrow documents which closed out the sale of the Premier Cinema Properties.
2. He met with Rene Mendez, City Manager of Gonzales, to discuss shared representation on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Since Soledad and Gonzales are the only two current Members from the four Cities, it was decided that Mr. McHatten would serve on the Executive Committee for the South County Cities and Gonzales would provide a member to the Technical Advisory Committee and each would fill in as each other’s alternates.
3. He did meet with our Health Insurance Broker and Union Representatives to go over increases in health insurance costs and premiums. We have entered into a 14 month

term which will now cause the entering into labor negotiation and renewals to be in or around the same time as the MOU negotiation.

4. He and the City Attorney have talked further on the subject of a Sanctuary City Resolution. A date will be set at the February 7th Goal Setting meeting to have further discussion regarding becoming a Sanctuary City.
5. The Gallardo Park project is going out for bid. The bid was set up for base bid and an add alternate. Based on engineer's estimates the Council will have the opportunity to deliberate whether the remaining RDA funds would go entirely to the Galardo Park project or identify any potential projects for the remaining funds. He stated that until the City has those bids, it really doesn't know what those numbers are.


COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Councilmember Stewart asked if the Goal Setting session for March 7th can please be agendized for 5:45 p.m.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez would like to have a meeting with the Parks Committee. The lights at the parks have been on at night with only one or two kids practicing. There is not a problem if teams are out there utilizing the field, but one to two kids should not be happening.
- Councilmember Bourke had 5 items:
 - i. He pointed out that the Shell Station used to have nice landscaping and now it looks terrible.
 - ii. He also asked if the City has ever considered going solar?
 - iii. When the results come in regarding the water quality of the school district, he would like to review a copy of that report.
 - iv. He would like to City Council to consider doing a letter for the AMAP program
 - v. He asked if we have ever considered opening a mini SPCA here is Soledad or a Regional SPCA?
- Councilmember Velazquez would like to request a presentation of the Gonzales Youth Council and hear from them on how they are involved in the decision making.
- Mayor Ledesma would like to make sure the word gets out that the movie theatre is really going to happen. He would like the community to get excited about it.

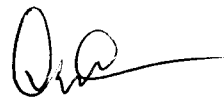
ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Approved: April 5, 2017



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk