

**Minutes**

City of Soledad  
Joint City Council/Successor Agency  
Regular Meeting

**May 03, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Rafael Hernandez

**PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE** was led by Frank Lopez

**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**

City Manager McHatten requested the following modifications to the Agenda:

- Closed Session items #1 and #3 will be removed.
- Closed Session to be considered at the end of the meeting.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

- A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad Proclaiming Public Services Recognition Week May 7-13, 2017
- A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad Proclaiming Recognition of National Public Works Week May 21-27, 2017

Brian McMinn and Frank Lopez from the American Public Works Association presented the City of Soledad Public Works Department with a framed Public Works Week poster and thanked the Public Works Department for all the work they do.

Mayor Ledesma and Council also thanked the Public Works Department here in Soledad for all the service they do for the City.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Steven Gerard from Citizen Overlay Life and Peace Zone presented a pamphlet to the City Council and explained what the Citizen Overlay Life and Peace zone is.
- Ms. Pauline Tomasini said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee will not be having a firework aerial display this year due to lack of funds and poor community support. They would still like to have a picnic at the Soledad Little League Park even though there will be no fireworks. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community will need to raise about \$9,700 dollars, they have \$2,000.
- Mr. Ed Alexander, Chief Plant Operator for Waste Water Reclamation Plant, Soledad and also a member of the Mid-Manager Bargaining Team gave a quick overview of all the different responsibilities of the City employees. Mr. Alexander came to speak regarding the contract negotiations with the Union that the City of Soledad will soon be entering into. He is hoping for a fair outcome.
- Ms. Maria Elena Lopez, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police and the Records Supervisor for the Soledad Police Department gave a quick overview of all the different responsibilities of the City Police Department. Ms. Lopez came to speak regarding the contract negotiations with the Union that the City of Soledad will soon be entering into. She is hoping for a fair outcome.
- Mr. Ben Guterrez is a soccer coach here in the City of Soledad. He was accompanied by Mr. Jose Garcia and Mr. Robert Guillen. Mr. Guterrez stated that he and the other coaches coach children daily during the week and weekends. He said that when winter comes, the soccer fields have no lights. He is requesting to have lights added at Blas Santana Park so that the coaches can stop bringing in portable lights. They pay for the rental and gasoline of these lights out of their own pockets. They also use Vosti Park, but are only able to use that park on weekends. Vosti Park is now closed on the weekends so the only place they can have practice is at Santana Park. There are a lot of teams so they all have to try to share this field. Sometimes outside people come to the City and get a permit for the park if that happens, then no teams can have practice because there is no other place to go. There are 11 teams in Soledad and that does not count the teams from baseball and Pop Warner Football. Soccer is all year around. The official sized fields for soccer teams to play are only Santana and Vosti. Vosti Park is a beautiful park, but has no seating. Little league has seating with bleachers that separates both teams, but nothing for soccer. Parks and Recreation is going to be looking into the issue,

but the main reason for the coaches to come forward tonight is because they need lights. All 11 teams are from Soledad. Mr. Jose Garcia clarified that these teams are year-around teams. It is impossible to share the fields with Pop Warner football, Little League (Fall and Winter Leagues), YMCA league, Girl Scouts teams and Flag Football.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Ledesma reported that he attended the South County Mayor's Meeting. They met with Assemblymember Anna Caballero. They talked about doing some collaboration in South County regarding police, gang awareness and gang prevention.

### **COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- Councilmember Bourke reported that he attended a Webinar on April 20<sup>th</sup> at City Hall regarding Councilmember and Manager Relations. Also on April 20<sup>th</sup> he attended the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority meeting.
- Councilmember Velazquez reported that she too attended a Webinar on April 20<sup>th</sup> at City Hall regarding Councilmember and Manager Relations. On April 10<sup>th</sup> she attended the MST Board of Directors Meeting. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> she attended the first Joint Meeting of the Monterey Bay Community Joint Powers Authority.
- Councilmember Stewart reported that on April 7<sup>th</sup> she attended the "Coffee with a Cop" event in Soledad. She was unable to attend the April 12<sup>th</sup> AMBAG Meeting. On April 18<sup>th</sup> she attended a South County Animal Rescue Day at Luigi's in Gonzales. She was invited to participate in the Soledad School District Superintendent Interview Panel, but did decline due to potential conflict of interest due to her job.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he attended the TAMC Board Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He also attended the TAMC Executive Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **COUNCILMEMBER PRAISES**

- Councilmember Stewart reported that May 10<sup>th</sup> was California Day of the Teacher. She gave praise to Councilmember Bourke and all other teachers in the community and thanked them all for their dedication to the students. Also May 21<sup>st</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup> is Classified Employees week; she also thanked all Classified Employees in Soledad for everything they do.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez praised Council for the direction they have been moving in. Council has moved forward and stayed positive with the limited dollars that are available.

- Councilmember Velazquez gave thanks to the employees of the City of Soledad, for all their hard work in making the City efficient. Also, on April 26<sup>th</sup>, she attended the Soledad High School Senior Award Night- She gave congratulations to the 88 seniors and their families who were awarded with grants and scholarships and a thank you to our local organizations that provided scholarships: Soledad American Legion-Rena Skinner Memorial, Marcelene Franscioni Memorial, Soledad Education Foundation, Soledad Pharmacy, Soledad High School Booster Club, SUSD Board of Trustees, Soledad Lioness and Soledad Lions. Over \$192,000 was awarded.
- Councilmember Bourke thanked all the secretaries and also thanked the Public Works people for all their hard work and dedication and for going above and beyond.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Motion**

Councilmember Bourke made a motion to adopt items C-1 through C-8 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**

- a. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017

#### **C-2. Approval of Warrants**

# 032692-032915

- C-3. Resolution No. 5285, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the Destruction of certain City Records as provided by Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California
- C-4. Resolution No. 5286, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Contract Between the City of Hollister and the City of Soledad for Law Enforcement Services for the June 30 – July 2, 2017 Hollister Motorcycle Rally
- C-5. Resolution No. 5287, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Agreement to Provide Access Authorization for Salinas River Watershed Invasive Non-Native Plant Control and Restoration Program between the City of Soledad and Resource Conservation District of Monterey County and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement on behalf of the City of Soledad

- C-6. Resolution No. 5288, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Task Order No. 62 with Harris & Associates in the amount of \$59,720 for Construction Management and Permitting Services for the Well 9 Iron and Manganese Removal System Project and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Task Order on behalf of the City of Soledad
- C-7 Resolution No. 5289, 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 \$42,500 for Civil Engineering Services for the Development of the Pavement Management System
- C-8 Receive and accept City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports

**PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1**

- Receive the Staff report
  - Open the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm
  - Closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm
  - Council Action
1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2017-01 Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance No. 711 of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Section 17.38.260 “Second Residential Units” of Chapter 17.38-Special Standards and Requirements of Title 17-Zoning of the Soledad Municipal Code to Incorporate New Mandatory Regulations Pertaining to the Establishment of Accessory Dwelling Units (*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption*)

Brent Slama, Director of Community and Economic Development presented the staff report

No public comment was received.

**Council Action:** To adopt Ordinance No. 711

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

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2**

- Receive the Staff report
  - Open the Public Hearing at 6:47 pm
  - Closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 pm
  - Council Action
2. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance No. 712 of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Soledad and Award Homes for the Orchard Villas Subdivision (*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption*)

Brent Slama, Director of Community and Economic Development presented the staff report. Mr. Cory Kusich from Award Homes was also present to answer any questions.

No public comment was received.

**Council Action:** To adopt Ordinance No. 712

**Motion:** Motion made to adopt by Councilmember Bourke, Seconded by Mayor Ledesma and carried by unanimous vote:

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING NO. 3**

- Receive the Staff report
  - Open the Public Hearing at 6:57 pm
  - Closed the Public Hearing at 6:59 pm
  - Council Action
3. Resolution No. 5290, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Certifying an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report – Miravale Partnership – Hambey Property (SUMMERFIELD PHASE III ANNEXATION).

Brent Slama, Director of Community and Economic Development presented the staff report.

No public comment was received.

**Council Action:** To adopt Resolution No. 5290

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

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

**BUSINESS**

**B-1** Consideration and Approval by Minute Motion of Firework Sales Permits for 2017

Brent Slama, Director of Community and Economic Development presented the staff report.

**Council Action:**

Information was received by Council  
Firework Sales Permits were approved

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

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

**B-2** Resolution No. 5291, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Construction Services Contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$533,806 for the Front and East Street Traffic Signal Improvements Project and Authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Soledad

Public Works Director Don Wilcox presented the Staff Report.

**Council Action:** To adopt Resolution No. 5291

**Motion:** Motion made to adopt by Councilmember Bourke, Seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by unanimous vote:

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

### B-3 Status for RDA Bond Proceeds Projects

Public Works Director Don Wilcox presented the Staff Report.

#### **Council Action:**

Information was received by the City Council.  
No formal action was taken.

### **COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he met with the Park and Recreation Committee. They went over the policies on Park Utilization and Policies for Vosti Park use. There were various requests by new soccer coaches that wanted to utilize Vosti Park during the week. Coaches that have been around for a while said that at one time there was an agreement that was reached among the coaches of how much time should be taken at that park because the park had been damaged within three months when it was first able to be used. The coaches will again try to come to an agreement for usage of the park.

Mayor Ledesma felt Vosti Park would be better off if artificial turf was added.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- Michael McHatten presented a written report dated 05-03-2017

### **COUNCILMEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Bourke had three items:

1. He would like know if Gallardo Park, before being turned into a little league park, can be used as a park for soccer practice
2. He also suggested that Brigid Massie facilitate the Joint Board/Council meeting
3. He would like to know the status of AB43.

Councilmember Velazquez had two items:

1. She would like to know if there are any significant updates on the Farmworker Housing Study that the City is a part of.
2. She would like to suggest or recommend that the Council create a Scholarship Fund to be able to award students that are either in Policy or Community Service. The scholarship should promote Civic awareness.

Councilmember Stewart had four items:

1. Regarding 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, she asked if there was any plan for the Animal Control Officer to work extended hours on those days before the 4<sup>th</sup> or on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

2. Also, she would like to have a recruitment update from Chief Sills
3. She would like to have a formal Oath of Office Ceremony for the new Police dog Huro
4. She has requested a facts sheet from the City Manager and City Attorney of what it means and what it does not mean to be a Sanctuary City
5. She would like a map of Soledad with the Well's identified on it.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez had one item:

1. He would like to know what the status is for the old WIC building. There is a Preschool that is looking for a building.

Mayor Ledesma shared that he is now the new President of ACCAPS. He has not formally taken office, but will at the next ACCAPS meeting in May. He has had discussion with the other South County cities at the Mayor's Meeting of the impact of the prison in the community and the gang problems that arise because of that. The plan is to try to convince all four South County cities to become dues paying members to ACCAPS and then for the four cities to lobby and go to Sacramento and share with them the gang problems that we are having that are a direct result of being close to two Correctional Facilities in our County, request funds to fund a gang awareness Officer or gang Task Force for the four cities and to have an additional Officer just for gang awareness or to combat gang violence.

Councilmember Stewart added that she was having discussions regarding this because of the impact this has on the Alternative Education Program. Students are needing to be transported from the South County cities that are near the prison to Rancho Cielo. This subject might be something that the County Office of Education could partner in with the Four Cities for Peace.

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

- None

#### **MEETING RECESS**

- Mayor Ledesma recessed to Closed Session at 7:23 P.M.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

2. The City Council of the City of Soledad 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 Soledad Police Officers' Association (SPOA), SEIU Local 521 General Unit and SEIU Local 521 Mid-Management Unit and unrepresented employees.

#### **MEETING RECONVENED**

- Mayor Ledesma reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 8:48 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**


The City Attorney only addressed Closed Session Item No. 2. Items 1 and 3 were removed from the Closed Session agenda before we went into Closed Session.


The City Attorney reported that with respect to item #2, City Council discussed a number of deal points with its negotiators and gave direction. No other reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes Approved: June 7, 2017

  
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FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman

  
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MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Manager/City Clerk