

Minutes

City of Soledad
City Council
Special Meeting

June 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ledesma called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Following Councilmembers were absent:

- None

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Sherie Colesberry

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Anna Velazquez

PUBLIC COMMENT

Soledad resident Mr. Bob Bigiogni said he was present to request changes be made to the current noise ordinance. He feels there should be stricter rules on how many times someone can get a permit. He has spoken to officers regarding this problem and he was told that most people that are getting the permits are people that do not live in Soledad, but having partys at a friends or family member's house here in Soledad because Soledad actually allows this type of noise that other cities do not allow. He would prefer either a zero tolerance noise ordinance be put in place or maybe putting a limit on how many permits are issued.

- Mayor Ledesma said that he can relate to what Mr. Bigiogni's concerns are. He feels that there should be changes made to the noise ordinance and also the code compliance ordinance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to adopt item C-1 on the Consent Calendar, Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by unanimous vote:

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

C-1 Resolution No. 5411, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Garbage Collection and Disposal Rates for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, with an Effective Date of July 1, 2018.

Don Wilcox Presented the staff report. He introduced Mr. Tom Parola from Tri Cities Disposal and Recycling and Ms. Elia Zavala from Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority. Both were available to answer questions.

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing 6:56 p.m.
- Close the Public Hearing 6:57 p.m.
- Council Action

PH-1 Resolution No. 5412/SA-2018-02, A Joint Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad and the Successor Agency of the Soledad Redevelopment Agency Accepting and Approving the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget and Approving and/or Directing Implementation of Other Budget Related Actions.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

Council Action: To adopt Resolution No. 5412/SA-2018-02

Motion:

Motion made 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

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing 7:27 p.m.
- Close the Public Hearing 7:28 p.m.
- Council Action

PH-2 Resolution No. 5413, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad to Receive the Report on Proposed Master Fee Schedule and Establishing the Cost for Service Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Finance Director Mike Howard and City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report. Willdan Representative Tony Thrasher was present to provide details of the nexus study and available to answer questions.

Council Action: To adopt Resolution No. 5413

Motion:

Motion made 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

BUSINESS

B-1 Resolution No. 5400, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Voler Strategic Advisors effective July 1, 2018 for Public Information Officer, Social Media and other Marketing Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$30,000.

City Attorney Michael Rodriguez presented the staff report. Representative from Voler Strategic Advisors Rolando Bonilla was present to provide details and answer questions.

- Councilmember Velazquez asked that the contract show clarity in the services to be rendered. She would also like for reports to be provided to the Council regarding what is

being done in terms of social media and marketing. She would like to see an official Facebook page for the City of Soledad. She would like the Facebook page to be used as a constructive tool to be able to inform our community members. She would like to be able to justify funds that are being spent for services.

- Councilmember Stewart has asked that the City of Soledad have its own Facebook page instead of relying on the Gateway to the Pinnacles Facebook page. The Gateway to the Pinnacles page seems to be out of date and not informative.
- City Manager Michael McHatten mentioned that most information that Council is concerned about has not been being given to Voler by the City Manager. He feels that Council needs to give direction on whether or not to give focus on the Gateway to the Pinnacles Facebook or create a separate City of Soledad Facebook page.
- Mr. Ronaldo Bonilla said the City should not have multiple pages speaking to the same audience because that dilutes the information. There should be one centralized voice. The Gateway to the Pinnacles page should stay open because that speaks to people that are not from Soledad. The City of Soledad page should be a place where people in the community can have a safe trusted place to be able to post and receive important and emergency information.
- Mayor Ledesma said that he does not want the Council to get in the position of control and micromanagement.
- City Manager Michael McHatten said he takes direction from City Council as a seated body not from the City Council as individuals.
- Councilmember Stewart would like the section in the contract and Resolution that states "...that the City Manager is authorized to approve, in writing, a one (1) year extension of this Agreement beyond the expiration date to June 30, 2019" to be removed from both the Contract and the Resolution. She would like to be able to see the progress when the budget comes forward next year instead of a written extension automatically being done only between the City Manager and Voler.

Council Action: To Adopt Resolution No. 5400

Motion: Motion made to move forward with the contract with no changes by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, seconded by Councilmember Bourke and carried by the following vote:

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

B-2 Resolution No. 5397, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Reinstatement of the Office Specialist Job Classification, Adopting a Revised Job Description and Establishing a Salary range.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report. Police Chief Eric Sills was present and available to answer questions.

Council Action: To Adopt Resolution No. 5397

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

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

B-3 Resolution No. 5398, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Reinstatement of One Public Works Maintenance Worker position.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

Council Action: To Adopt Resolution No. 5398

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

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

B-4 Resolution No. 5414, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Use of the City's In-Lieu Purchasing Exception for the Lease/Purchase of Thirty APX8000 Portable Motorola Radios, Eighteen APX8500 Motorola Mobile Radios and One APX7500 Console Base Station in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$270,770.97 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease-Purchase Agreement with the Motorola Solutions Company.

Chief of Police Eric Sills presented the staff report.

Council Action: To Adopt Resolution No. 5414

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

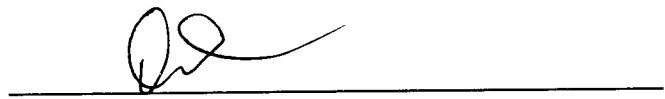
Ayes: Stewart, Bourke, Chavez, Velazquez and Ledesma
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the meeting in honor of the late Mayor Ed Grimes of the City of Tehachapi, California at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes Approved: July 11, 2018



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman

MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk/Agency Secretary