

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint  
City Council/Successor Agency  
Regular Meeting

February 06, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**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	Carla Stewart
Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez (Arrived at 5:40 p.m.)
Councilmember/Agencymember	Marisela Lara

**THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBERS WERE ABSENT**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- None

**MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**MEETING RECONVENED**

Mayor Fred Ledesma reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 6:09 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

1. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to meet with its designated representative (City Manager) regarding labor relations matters. The employee groups are SEIU-General Unit, SEIU Mid-Management Unit, and the SPOA, as well as unrepresented employees.

2. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to give instructions to the City's real property negotiator (City Manager) concerning property located at 547 Front Street, City of Soledad. Instructions will include price, terms of payment and other relevant conditions.
3. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to give instructions to the City's real property negotiator (City Manager) concerning property located at 546 Walker Drive, City of Soledad. Instructions will include price, terms of payment and other relevant conditions.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported that Council was not able to discuss closed session item #3. The Council will return to closed session later in the meeting.

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item #1, Council discussed initiation of the negotiation process. The Council also formally designated the City Manager as the City's negotiator. No other reportable action taken.
2. With respect to item #2, direction was provided to the real property negotiator to form a sub-committee to deal with a real property issue. No other reportable action taken.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by John Ovalle

**PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE** was led by Alejandro Serrato

### **ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- None

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Certificates of Achievement will be presented to the Soledad Warriors Midget Division in Congratulations for their 2018 Super Bowl win.

Mayor Ledesma and Council presented Certificates of Achievement to the Soledad Warriors Midget Division team coaches and players on behalf of the City Council, City of Soledad.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Eva Banuelos came to speak in support of Sober Grad. Sober Grad night is held for graduating seniors each year. The event offers students a safe, sober and supervised place to celebrate their graduation.
2. Cassandra, A Field Representative for Assemblymember Anna Caballero's office, came to introduce herself and share her contact information.
3. Resident of Soledad said that he received a parking ticket from an officer in Soledad because of his vehicle that was parked on his lawn at his home. He feels it was unfair that he was the only one that received a ticket in his area because many of his neighbors also have cars parked on their lawns in front of their homes. He feels he was discriminated against and he would like the ticket dismissed.
4. A Resident that lives in Nielsen's Trailer Park came to ask Council if there have been any updates regarding the trailer park.
  - City Attorney Michael Rodriguez said that the City does not have the ability to do much of anything except wait to hear from the property owner. No project application or plans have been presented to the City. The City has the notice that was sent to the residents, but that is all. When a project does come up, the property owner will need to bring the plans before the Planning Commission to have the project considered and that would be noticed.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Ledesma reported that he attended the Monterey County Mayor's meeting in Salinas. The group was able to meet with Senator Robert Rivas. He also reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Chavez were able to spend a week in Jalisco, Mexico and three of those days in Tequila, Mexico. They were able to meet the Mayor of the City of Tequila. That City is doing things with their tourism that Soledad and this area could also bring to this area.

He also reported that he attended the County Planning Commission meeting at Paraiso Hot Springs. The project is a resort project that will be between 120 – 150 rooms. He was the only South County elected official from South County at the meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez added that he and Mayor Ledesma were able to meet with the Mayor and Councilmembers, Chamber of Commerce, tourism representatives, a museum curator and the Juan Beckman Foundation. That foundation has built a cultural center and gardens with a building for tourism and hotels. The connection was made so that Tequila, Mexico could possibly be made a "Sister City" the City of Soledad. Beyond that, they were very interested in doing cross cultural trainings. The City of Tequila faces issues of water and clean water and infrastructure needs. A feature that Soledad has is our water treatment plant and the use of utilizing wind.

## **COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Councilmember Velazquez reported that in January she attended a celebration at Fairview Middle School in Gonzales that included the group Loaves, Fishes and Computers. On 01/14 she attended the MST Board of Directors meeting. On 02/06 she attended a ribbon cutting ceremony that opened the Salinas Mobility Center in memory of Soledad resident Alma Almanza. On 01/17 she attended the League of California Cities Housing Policy Committee in Sacramento. On 01/22 she attended a conversation on Community Concerns and Immigration, hosted by Communities Organized for Relational Power and Action, held at the Lady of Solitude Parish. On 01/31 she participated in the Census 2020 Homeless Point in Time Count in Soledad. She also congratulated student senior Brian Sanchez who earned a full scholarship to the University of Maine.

Councilmember Stewart reported there was no AMBAG meeting in January due to lack of quorum. She will be unable to attend the 02/13 AMBAG meeting. The SnipBus was in Soledad on 01/19 and 01/20 and serviced a total of 71 animals. The SnipBus will be back in Soledad on 02/23 and 02/24. On 01/27 South County Animal Rescue conducted their first free microchip clinic in Greenfield and serviced 116 dogs. On 01/31 she volunteered as a guide for the South County Farm Day and was able to guide a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class from Frank Ledesma Elementary School.

Councilmember Lara reported that 01/16 to 01/19 she attended the League of California Cities Conference Academy for new Mayors and Councilmembers in Sacramento, CA. On 01/24 she attended the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that on 01/07 he attended the TAMC Rail Policy meeting. On 01/23 he attended a TAMC Executive Committee meeting. On 01/20 he participated in the Clean-up with the Our Lady of Solitude youth group.

Mayor Ledesma praised Councilmember Stewart and the SnipBus team for bringing the neuter/spay and microchip program to Soledad. He also praised Councilmember Chavez and his wife Erica Padilla-Chavez for being great parents to their son who has been accepted to Azusa Pacific University. He also praised the Little League and Recreation District for everything they do in the community for the youth of Soledad. He seen the inmates from the Department of Corrections doing modifications to the baseball park and feels that it is a good thing to be able to utilize the department of Corrections in that way.

## **COUNCILMEMBERS' PRAISE**

Councilmember Stewart praised City Manager Michael McHatten and staff for accommodating the SnipBus. She also thanked the Monterey County Ag Education Foundation for organizing Farm Day. She also thanked the Soledad Police Department for their efforts in Traffic enforcement.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez thanked all the volunteers and parents here in Soledad for everything they do.

Councilmember Velazquez gave praise to Officer Ambriz and Officer Santiago from the Soledad Police Department and CalFire for providing assistance for the Census 2020 Homeless Point in Time Count in Soledad. She also thanked the Monterey County Behavioral staff. She praised the youth that have been volunteering in the clean-up efforts. She also thanked the Soledad Unified School District for providing extensive training for parents on drug prevention and strategy skill building for parenting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. A presentation update from the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority by General Manager Patrick Mathews

Councilmember Velazquez asked if there is anything that Cities can do to assist the City of Salinas in making sure there is a decision made in a timely manner to be able to allow for the transition or changes that may occur.

Mr. Mathews said that he does encourage administrators and City Officials to continue to seek clarity regarding everything that is going on. The deadline is December 6, 2019 at 4:59 p.m. but that would be very unfair to employees and staff.

Mayor Pro Tem asked where the County is at regarding what is happening. In the past they had talked about other options, but the board has changed.

Mr. Mathews said that he feels some support from the County, but Salinas needs to be clear about what the City of Salinas wants. The original plan was to relocate but now it seems like the City of Salinas would like for the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority to go away.

Mayor Ledesma said that he hopes for everything to workout for the best and if there is anything the City of Soledad can do to help the situation, please feel free to reach out to the City Manager and the City of Soledad Councilmembers.

2. A presentation by Loaves, Fishes and Computers Christian Mendelsohn.

Mayor Ledesma asked if Loaves, Fishes and Computers was doing any work in the City of Soledad.

Mr. Mendelsohn said there is no work being done in Soledad. They have just developed a partnership with the City of Gonzales, they are seeking funds to bring services to other cities in the area, including Soledad.

Councilmember Stewart pointed out Mr. Jess Barreras who is on the Soledad Unified School District Board and would be a great contact for Loaves, Fishes and Computers. She also thanked Mr. Mendelsohn for providing a presentation to the Council in Soledad.

Councilmember Velazquez thanked Mr. Mendelsohn for coming out and providing a presentation to the City of Soledad. She would like to know more about how Soledad can have access to grants that can affectively provide training to the people of the City.

Councilmember Lara thanked Mr. Mendelsohn for coming and giving the presentation and said if there is anything the City can do to help the process, please feel free to reach out.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Councilmember Velazquez asked that Items C-5 be removed for separate discussion. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve items C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-6 and C-7. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

**C-1 Approval of Minutes**

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**C-2 Approval of Warrants**

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**C-3** Resolution No. 5468, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Change Order in the Amount of \$65,562.80 and Accepting the Construction of Metz Road Traffic Calming Project as Complete by Granite Construction Company, Inc. and Authorizing the Release of Retention Payment. *(Continued from January 9, 2019 meeting)*

**C-4** Resolution No. 5472, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Permanent Easement Grant Deed.

**C-6** Resolution No. 5474, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad, State of California Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to SB 850.

**C-7** Receive and Accept City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports.

**Item C-5** Resolution No. 5473, 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.

- Councilmember Velazquez asked staff about the procurement process regarding the RFQ's and contracts that Soledad has. She would like to know the timeframe of extending a contract.
- City Attorney Mike Rodriguez said there is no timeframe. At some point in time, one would have to be able to justify the expenditure. He said that if it looks like the City is not getting the best for what is being paid then at that time staff would be the time to seek an ONR for specialized services, but there is no process that requires staff to do anything other than when the City wants to enter into a new contract staff would need to request proposals and show proof that would show comparisons. For specialized services staff would make their decision based on qualification as opposed to basis of price. Often time you will find you end up with someone who is more expensive but based on their qualifications the decision would be justified to enter into agreement. In this case, the City could have entered into a longer-term contract but out of routine or practice the City enters into shorter term agreements with the ability to extend. There is a provision in almost all agreements entered that says the contract can be amended by way of a writing between the parties, so even when the City runs out of extensions there is the ability to extend the contract.
- Councilmember Velazquez said she does not have any issue with extending this contract, but for future and after the year extension, she would like the City to go out for RFQ's for comparison of expenditure and doing an assessment and analysis.
- City Attorney Mike Rodriguez pointed out again that price is not the guideline in selecting this type of service. It is for some other types of services, but not professional services like architects and engineering. Price can be a factor, but it is unlike other types of contracts entered. Price is not the deciding factor. This is not like other contracts entered like when the City awards to the lowest bidder.

**Motion:** Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve item C-5, Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING NO. PH-1**

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.
- Close the Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m.
- Council Action

**PH-1** Resolution No. 5475, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting an Addendum and 2018 Update of the Housing Element of the Soledad General Plan.

Economic and Development Housing Manager Jennifer Nieto presented the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez said that he is happy to see that the City is moving forward in the right direction. This is something that Council did ask for.

Councilmember Velazquez said that her issues with some of this process was that she did not think it was fair to place this Council with the lack of oversight that happened with another Council in being out of compliance for five years. She would like to make sure that this oversight does not happen again. There needs to be a process in place. She said that the funding that is tied to this Housing Element is significant, but that funding was also there five years ago. Moving forward she stated she would like to make sure that all critical documents are provided in a timely manner and if there is not enough staff, the City needs to look at establishing some type of policy to assure that this will get taken care of. The City needs to continue to look at this document because this document tells staff and Council what the City needs. She does advocate for public input because housing is such an important issue for this City and the County. She stated she would like a timeline for the stakeholder and community input for 2019 so the Council can prepare ahead of time and support efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez clarified that in 2010 the City of Soledad went down to only 42 employees for the whole City and in great debt. In the month of February of 2011 there was not enough money to cover payroll. There were constraints on that Council. Now there is reserve, and the City can move forward with the Housing Element.

Mayor Ledesma said he appreciates and welcomes the candidness of staff. He thinks it is a good idea that the City have something in place to make sure the Housing Element does not fall behind.

**Motion:** Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve items and Resolution No. 5475, Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

### **Action:**

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

### **BUSINESS**

- B-1** Resolution No. 5476, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Program Grant Agreement No. 19-03 With the Monterey Bay Air Resources District and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Soledad in the Amount of \$130,745 for the East Street/Metz Road Roundabout Project.

Public Works Director Don Wilcox presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to approve items and Resolution No. 5476, Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

- B-2** Consideration of an Appointment to the Soledad Parks and Recreation Committee.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

Councilmember Velazquez hopes that in future the Parks and Recreation Committee can consist of other types of recreation like dance, arts and music and not just sports.

Councilmember Stewart asked if it was possible to appoint an applicant as the committee member and appoint the other applicant as an alternate.

City Attorney said he will need to look further into the current provisions regarding appointing an alternate.

**Motion: Council Action:**

Mayor Ledesma appointed Mr. Jimmy Rodriguez as a Parks and Recreation Committee member by Council consensus.

- B-3** Consideration of the City Council of the City of Soledad of a Draft Sidewalk and Street Vendor Ordinance and Fee Update.

Economic and Development Housing Manager Jennifer Nieto presented the staff report.

**Council Action:**

No action was taken  
Information was received by the City Council  
Council has directed staff to continue to research and bring the item back for further direction.

**MEETING RECESSED**

Mayor Ledesma recessed at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez departed the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

Mayor Ledesma reconvened at approximately 8:35 p.m.

- B-4 Consideration of the City Council of the City of Soledad of a Sub-Committee on H-2A Housing.

Economic and Development Housing Manager Jennifer Nieto presented the staff report.

Councilmember Velazquez asked if it would be possible to have a Housing sub-committee.

City Attorney Mike Rodriguez stated that whatever sub-committee is formed, to make sure there is an appropriate scope and they are clear on what their duties and responsibilities are. The City has a Housing Authority Board which is comprised of all the City Council members. The Housing Authority Board used to focus on individual projects, loans and grants. The Housing Authority Board would not include stake holders.

Councilmember Velazquez said she recommends that stake holders be included so that there is diversity. Non-profits that have extensive experience and developers, so there is enough information to be able to consider the impacts.

City Attorney Mike Rodriguez asked Councilmember Velazquez asked if she is anticipating that the sub-committee that will be formed include stake holders.

Councilmember Velazquez asked if the sub-committee is expected to only consist of Planning Commission and Councilmembers to discuss H-2A.

Economic and Development Housing Manager Jennifer Nieto asked what is acceptable to the Council.

City Attorney Mike Rodriguez said that in order to protect the sub-committee from being discriminatory with respect to stake holders, the Council will need to define how the stakeholder would be chosen to be on the sub-committee. He recommends that the sub-committee just be made up of Planning Commission and Councilmembers.

Mayor Ledesma asked the Council Councilmembers might be interested in being on the sub-committee.

Councilmember Velazquez said she recommends that its important to form a housing sub-committee. Right now, it will be done under the H-2A, but she thinks the stake holders should be involved. Other cities have done similar sub-committees, so this is not something new.

Mayor Ledesma replied to Councilmember Velazquez and said it sounded like she was commenting more towards low-income housing.

Councilmember Velazquez said she feels she is talking about all housing. Based on what has been seen through the approval of the Housing Element, as the City moves forward the City has a need to reach the RHNA obligations but there is a greater need to meet the low-income and moderate-income housing needs. It is important to have a process of facilitation of engagement to stake holder who could potentially assist with process of developing or securing funding to be able to build some of the housing needed. The Council has heard from developers that building affordable housing is not their expertise and is not financially feasible. It is important for the City to look at how to start building.

Mayor Ledesma asked Councilmember Velazquez if she is talking about all housing in general because he hears her keep referring only to low-income housing.

Councilmember Velazquez is she is talking about all housing in general so the housing sub-committee would be addressing anything that has to do with housing whether it be H-2A housing or affordable housing.

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez said for clarification; Mayor has appointed a H-2A sub-committee that would be comprised of Planning Commission and Councilmembers and staff is to look into how other public entities has formed other sub-committees and find out how they are structured and then bring that back to the Council for consideration.

**Council Action:**

No action was taken

Information was received by the City Council

Council has directed staff to continue to research and bring the item back for further direction.

**B-5** Provide Direction to Staff by Minute Motion Regarding Operation of the Soledad Community Center

Public Works Director Don Wilcox presented the staff report.

City Manager Michael McHatten said that he sees that a sub-committee can be formed including two members of the City Council, two members from the Parks and Recreation Committee, a representative from the school district, City staff and community members. There are a lot of needs in our community that are non-sports related. The Council can stay happy with what is happening, or Council may want to form the sub-committee and figure out what is good for the City.

Mayor Ledesma said that the facility was build so that Soledad could have a place to hold events, People always had to travel of surrounding cities. Now after several years, no one rents a side room at the YMCA because it does not fit their model. He said that the City does not have a senior program. If person is not involved in sports, then there is no place to go. The YMCA is not serving

the community the way it is supposed to. The number of people they serve is good but there are several people falling through the cracks.

Councilmember Velazquez said that she hopes the Council has a workshop to look further into what the City needs. The City is lacking a lot of other activities other than sports. Council needs to look at how the center can better serve the community. Councilmember Velazquez thanked Mr. Joe Gonzales and the YMCA for the services they have accommodated the community with.

Michael McHatten said another potential model would be for the City to create its own Parks and Recreations Department instead of contracting out.

Councilmember Stewart feels that Council should have a workshop and get the full input of all Council.

Mayor Ledesma said he feels the workshop is a great idea.

YMCA District Executive Director Mr. Joe Gonzales introduced Regional Vice President of Healthy Living and Branch Operations Christine Drinovsky. Mr. Gonzales said that there is tons of opportunity of further the opportunities for the people of this community and feels that new things are doable. Clearly the work of the YMCA is not done, and they would like to evolve and improve.

Executive Director of the Soledad-Mission Recreation District Frances Bengtson said that she loves what the YMCA is doing. There is a lot of growth opportunity for growth and expansion and creating a more vibrant community for the people that live here. The Soledad-Mission Recreation District is motivated by their mission statement of "Healthy Wholesome and Positive Recreation and Facilities". They are restricted by the amount of space that they do have. There are tons of things going on with the space they do have.

**Motion:** Mayor Ledesma made a motion to Continue the item, Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

**B-6** Provide Direction to Staff regarding City Council Insurance Benefits

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez presented the staff report.

Councilmember Stewart said that she is personally against this. She emailed the City Manager to find out what other cities offered health benefits to their Councilmembers; is it offered in addition to a stipend or in lieu of a stipend or if the council had a choice between one or the other. She is here to serve the community and not for the money or insurance.

Councilmember Velazquez added that Council should also look at what is feasible for the budget because something like this may not be good for the budget.

Councilmember Lara would like to know if there is a way to give up the stipend for the insurance and pay the difference.

Mayor Ledesma would also like to look further into giving up the stipend and credit it towards health insurance and pay the difference.

City Attorney said that if Councilmembers choose to opt it does not impact anyone else.

**Council Action:**

No action was taken

Information was received by the City Council

Council has directed staff to continue to research and bring the item back for further direction.

**B-7** Provide Direction to Staff by Minute Motion Regarding Consideration of a Donation to Soledad High School for Sober Graduation.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

Councilmember Stewart suggested doing a \$1000 sponsorship.

Councilmember Velazquez said that she agrees on the \$1000 donation.

**Motion:** Councilmember Velazquez made a motion for the City Council, City of Soledad to make a donation of \$1000 towards the Soledad High School for Sober Graduation, Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Velazquez, Stewart, Lara, Chavez and Ledesma

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Michael McHatten reported that the Council has been provided his report; he reported that he did execute the MOU with the County for the Safe Streets grant which will reimburse the police department \$16,000 for programs and the City will also do a street event in August.

## **COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Stewart had four items:

1. She expressed concerns regarding the fleet of vehicles for the police department, specifically the Crown Victoria's and the money she has seen on the warrant list that is being invested in these vehicles that should probably be surplus.
2. She suggests that agendas for Council or any other committees be posted on the City of Soledad Facebook page.
3. She would like the City to obtain the new Human Trafficking Prevention flyers that the District Attorney's office has just created. She would like these flyers to be placed at the business where big-rig trucks park at night.
4. She would like to have a mid-year presentation by the PR company regarding the work that they have done for the City.
5. She requested someone be appointed as an alternate for AMBAG.
  - Mayor Ledesma appointed Councilmember Lara as alternate for AMBAG

Councilmember Lara had two items:

1. She would still like to see the criteria for how the Mayor Pro Tem is elected.
2. She would also like to see the travel policy for the City.
  - City Manager McHatten said that the Travel Policy is currently being updated, the City do use the per diem that has been established by the federal standards.

Councilmember Velazquez had four items:

1. Regarding the next time the City has a budget review, she would like to discuss the establishment of a youth council and potentially contracting with the City of Gonzales Youth Council.
2. Following up regarding the Centennial Committee and where the City are with that.
3. She would like Council to look at what the timeline will be for the community outreach process will be for the 2020 census.
4. She would like to know what the policy and process is to establish a Sister City.

## **MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Fred Ledesma recessed to Closed Session at 9:34 p.m.

## **MEETING RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Fred Ledesma reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 9:55 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item #3, direction was provided to staff. No other reportable action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the Regular meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Minutes Approved: March 6, 2019



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FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



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MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

