

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

August 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ledesma called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 5:33 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 Strobbridge Stewart
Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

Councilmember/Agencymember Marisela Lara

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- N/A

MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

- 5:34 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

- 6:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to give instructions to the City's negotiator concerning the

sale/exchange/lease of property located at 183 Soledad Street (Assessor Parcel Numbers 022-026-001, -002, and -017). Instructions will include price and terms of payment.

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 the 700 block of Front Street, City of Soledad. (APN: 022-211-022) Instructions will include price, terms of payment and other relevant conditions.

Due to conflict, Mayor Ledesma recused himself from Closed Session Item No. 1 at 5:53 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 1, Council provided direction to the real property negotiator. No other reportable action was taken.
2. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 2, Council provided direction to the real property negotiator. No other reportable action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Jonathan Morales

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Councilmember Strobridge Stewart

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

- At 6:09 p.m. Mayor Ledesma requested a 30-second moment of silence for the shooting victims of the recent shootings.
- City Manager McHatten pulled Business Item No. B-2
- Councilmember Velazquez pulled Consent Item No. C-4 for further discussion.
- Councilmember Strobridge Stewart pulled Consent Item No. C-5 and abstained from voting on this item.

MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Ledesma read the Proclamation Honoring Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services and Declaration of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Samantha Barrera, resident of Soledad and member of the YMCA, spoke in support of the YMCA and shared how she and her family have been impacted by the program.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Ledesma wanted to remind Council of the upcoming ACCAPS semi-annual conference – Marijuana Symposium in Coalinga on September 19, 2019.
- Mayor Ledesma apologized for missing the July 26th Mayor's meeting in Gonzales. Representatives from the Mexican Consulate were present at that meeting.
- Mayor Ledesma also reported attending the Monterey Bay Air Resources board meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- Councilmember Velazquez attended the MST meeting in July and reminded everyone of the upcoming kick-off of the Micro Transit Program, and on July 17 she attended the theatrical production addressing the housing crisis we are having in California and our local communities. She also thanked Joe Gonzales for accommodating the use of the YMCA facility. She was not able to attend the Red Shoe Event held at the YMCA but thanked all who were involved.
- Councilmember Strobridge Stewart mentioned the upcoming SNIP Bus event August 5th and 6th.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez attended the National Night Out event on August 6th. He thanked all who participated in the annual event. The event was well attended.

COUNCILMEMBERS' PRAISE

Councilmember Strobridge Stewart thanked City staff and the Visitors Center for accommodating the SNIP Bus event. She also thanked the Soledad PD for the National Night Out event.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez thanked the Youth Council for being present and seeing all of the students going off to college. He also praised Gonzales for putting up banners in their City for all of the youth who are off to college. Their names along with what university they will be attending were displayed on the banners. Great idea and something Soledad should look into for the future, for our veterans as well.

Councilmember Velazquez thanked the Soledad Police Department and all first responders as well for the National Night Out event.

Mayor Ledesma thanked law enforcement for all that has been happening in the last few weeks with the recent gun violence. Also, he wanted to pass on a message from employee Rafael Hernandez, who was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Rafael wanted to thank the City for bargaining in good faith during contract negotiations. Mayor Ledesma also thanked City Manager McHatten and Staff for their good faith work in with working with the Union and is glad to hear employees are happy.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Commissioners Aaron Arriaga and Amber Solorio provided a report on their 3-day immersion program.

PRESENTATIONS

- None

CONSENT CALENDAR

C-1 Approval of Minutes

- a) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of June 05, 2019
- b) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2019

C-2 Approval of Warrants

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C-3 City Hall Holiday Office Closure December 23, 26, and 27, 2019

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

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve items C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-6. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

- C-4 Receive and Accept the City's Response Letter to the Civil Grand Jury's Report Regarding Rape Kit Processing in Monterey County and Approve Transmittal of the Response Letter

Councilmembers Velazquez and Councilmember Strobridge Stewart wanted clarity on understanding the City's Response to the Grand Jury's Report.

City Attorney Rodriquez addressed the concerns and advised that the response is written as a blanket response.

Councilmember Velazquez wants to make sure that the way it is written to reflect that Soledad is in compliance. She also wants the report to reflect that training is a priority and the budget allows for it, but due to staffing it has not been a priority.

City Attorney Rodriquez advised that he will have further discussions with Chief Sills regarding the training priorities.

City Attorney Rodriquez advised that he was able verify that the response is due on September 14th, so he will revise the response and bring back to Council in September.

Motion: No motion was made, as Item No. C-4 will be revised and brought back in September for Council approval.

Action:

No action taken.

- C-5 Street Closure of Front Street Between Main Street and Soledad Street for an Event for South County Animal Rescue on Saturday, September 28, 2019

Councilmember Velazquez had a comment on the in-kind services and costs associated with these types of events. She would like the Council to consider other community events with positive service. She also would like to make sure we are being consistent with processing the in-kind services if possible.

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve item C-5. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

Ayes: Chavez, Ledesma, and Velazquez

Noes: None

Abstain: Strobridge Stewart
Absent: Lara

PUBLIC HEARING NO. PH-1

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing 6:53 p.m.
- Close the Public Hearing 6:58 p.m.
- Council Action

PH-1 Ordinance No. **724**, Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 724, An Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Extending the Term of a Temporary Limited Moratorium on H-2A Worker Housing by One Year

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

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to approve Ordinance 724. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Strobridge Stewart and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

PUBLIC HEARING NO. PH-2

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing 7:26 p.m.
- Close the Public Hearing 7:28 p.m.
- Council Action

PH-2 Resolution No. **5531**, Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 5531, A Resolution of The City Council Approving a Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM 2019-01) to Subdivide a 4.2 Acre Parcel (APN 022-281-001 & 022-271-006) into 19 Single Family Lots Zones R-1 Located East of Granada Street

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

Mike Nino spoke on behalf of Nino Homes, Hollister. He is looking forward to the opportunity in developing in Soledad.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5531. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

BUSINESS

B-1 Consideration of Two Appointments to the Soledad Planning Commission

Community and Economic Development Director Brent Slama presented the agenda item. He informed Council that Planning Commissioner Javier Nieto's term expires at the end of August 2019 and has submitted a request to continue. His position will be for a full term. In addition, Planning Commissioner Bob Bigogni provided notice that he will be moving outside of the City, therefore, we will need to find his replacement. His position will be for a partial term.

Mayor Ledesma recommended the re-appointment of Planning Commissioner Javier Nieto. There was consensus from the rest of the Council.

Mayor Ledesma asked Staff to prepare a Letter of Thanks to Planning Commissioner Bob Bigogni.

Mayor Ledesma suggested continuing advertising the vacancy and asked the rest of the Council to reach out to others to apply for the vacancy.

Council Action:

Re-appointment of Planning Commissioner Javier Nieto.
Continue recruiting efforts to fill second vacancy.

- B-3 Resolution No. **5530**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Construction Services Agreement Change Order No. 1 with Teichert Construction Company, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,613 for the Gabilan Drive Storm Drain Improvements Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Charge Order on Behalf of the City of Soledad

Frank Lopez from Harris and Associates presented the staff report.

Frank Lopez also introduced Leon Gomez. Leon will taking on tasks while Diana Garrett is on leave.

Motion: Councilmember Strobridge Stewart made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5530. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

B-4 Receive Report on Special Event Permitting Process

City Attorney Rodriquez presented the agenda item.

Councilmember Velazquez recommended using the City of Gilroy's template/process. She also suggested once a process is established, the City should provide community outreach so that there is a clear understanding on the permitting process.

City Attorney Rodriquez advised the Council that a draft permitting process will be prepared using Gilroy as an example. Staff will also review the contract that the City has with the YMCA to see what the requirements are for events.

Council Action:

Information was received by the City Council.
City Attorney Rodriquez was provided with direction.

Mayor Ledesma left the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Chavez proceeded with the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager McHatten informed Council of the following:

- He will be attending the Hartnell College – Salinas Valley Promise press conference tomorrow, August 8.
- He informed Council that Staff met with Golden State Vintners regarding the excessive discharge of caustic water to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Staff will continue discussions with Golden State Vintners.
- He informed Council of his limited availability in the coming week as he will be in the process of moving.

COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

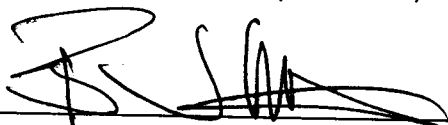
Councilmember Velazquez had one item:

1. On August 28th, Dole will be having their Health Fair. She would like to see how the City can work with Dole to support the efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved: September 4, 2019



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

