

**Minutes**

City of Soledad Joint  
City Council/Successor Agency  
Regular Meeting

**September 4, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ledesma called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Mayor/Chair                | Fred Ledesma                                    |
| Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair   | Alejandro Chavez                                |
| Councilmember/Agencymember | Carla Strobridge Stewart (Arrived at 5:40 p.m.) |
| Councilmember/Agencymember | Anna Velazquez (Arrived at 5:40 p.m.)           |
| Councilmember/Agencymember | Marisela Lara                                   |

**THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- None

**MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

- 5:35 p.m.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

- 6:08 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

1. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(d)(1) to confer with its attorney regarding pending litigation which has been initiated formally and to which the City is a party: Claim of Calderon

2. The City Council will recess to Closed Session to consider personnel matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(B)(1)- City Manager Evaluation

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 1, Council considered the claim and unanimously rejected the claim and gave direction to the attorney.
2. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 2, there was general discussion of the evaluation process. No other reportable action was taken.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Aaron Arriaga

**PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE** was led by Amber Solorio

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

- None

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

- Mayor Ledesma read the Proclamation Honoring National Recovery Month. Sun Street Centers, South County Prevention Coordinator Ms. Darlene Acosta was present to accept the proclamation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Resident of Soledad Rosalba Saldana spoke in support of the YMCA.
- Executive Director of Special Kids Connect Lori Luzader spoke in support of the YMCA.
- Resident of Soledad Darlene spoke in support of the YMCA.
- Resident of Soledad Idel Aldaco spoke in support of the YMCA and the REACH program.
- Resident of Soledad Monica Valle spoke in support of the YMCA.
- Resident of Soledad Jesus Sanchez spoke in support of the YMCA.
- Resident of Soledad and Executive Director Joe Gonzales spoke in support of the YMCA.
- Resident of Soledad Laura Galvan asked the Council if there are any updates to report regarding Nielsen's Trailer Park.

## **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 attended the Air Board meeting on August 21, 2019
- Mayor Ledesma attended the Mayor's meeting on August 26, 2019

## **COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- Councilmember Strobridge Stewart attended the Salinas Valley Promise Press Conference on 8/8. She also attended the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority meeting on behalf of Councilmember Lara on 8/15. She attended the county wide Homeless Pet Day on 8/17. She gave a presentation regarding South County Animal Rescue on 8/19 to the Soledad Youth Council.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez attended the Salinas Valley Promise Press Conference on 8/8 regarding Hartnell College.
- Councilmember Velazquez reported that there was no MST meeting in the month of August. On 8/9 she met with Araceli Flores from Monterey County Behavioral Health Services regarding resources for the South County youth. On 8/21 she met with CCA regarding the Census 2020. On 8/22 she attended a COPA meeting at Hartnell College that was a part of the Measure T forum. On 8/24 she attended the Family Paint Day at the Soledad YMCA. On 8/28 she attended Dole's Health and Safety Fair. On 8/29 she attended the H2A subcommittee meeting at Soledad City Hall.

## **COUNCILMEMBERS' PRAISE**

- Councilmember Velazquez gave praise to the Girl Scout Group 30223 who started a free library at San Antonio Park in Soledad.
- Councilmember Strobridge Stewart welcomed back Darlene Noriega and thanked Francine Uy for filling in while Ms. Noriega was on leave.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez thanked Mr. Anthony Mena, a local coach in Soledad. He has a business called South County Speed Training. He trained kids throughout the summer and charged them a very minimal fee. He has motivated young people to look forward to being healthy and even looking towards college and also being great athletes.
- Mayor Ledesma gave praise to the City staff for being very supportive of each other.

## **YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT**

Youth Commissioner Amber Solorio provided a report on the experience in attending the 8/22 Hartnell College Stake Holders meeting.

Youth Commissioner Aaron Arriaga reported on 8/20 Soledad High school held their annual club carnival. The Youth Commission was given the opportunity to set up a booth and clarify who they are and what they do. They were also able to post information as to dates of future meetings.

On 9/4/19 the Youth Commissioners took a tour of Eden Valley.

They are working on an engagement activity that will help bonding between the upper and lower classmen within the council.

The youth council plans on attending the Parks and Recreation meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Senator Anna Caballero Field Representative Vanessa Gonzalez gave a brief presentation and presented a PowerPoint on the 2019 Young Legislators Program that was held on June 22 – July 18, 2019 in the City of Greenfield.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **C-1 Approval of Minutes**

- a) Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of September 04, 2019.

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

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- C-3 Resolution No. **5532**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Reinstatement of the Laboratory Director Job Classification, Adopting a New Job Description, and Establishing a Salary Range

- C-4 Resolution No. **5533**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Job Classification of Senior Water Systems Operator, Adopting a Job Description, and Establishing a Salary Range

- C-5 Resolution No. **5534**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Considering the Liberty Chapel Church Request for Use of the Soledad Community Center on October 31, 2019 for their Annual Harvest Night Event, and Authorizing Sponsorship of the Event
- C-6 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
- C-7 ITEM REMOVED
- C-8 Resolution No. **5535**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Construction Services Agreement Change Order No #2 with Teichert Construction, in an Amount not-to-exceed \$56,800, for the Gabilan Drive Storm Drain Improvements Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Change Orders on behalf of the City of Soledad
- C-9 Resolution No. **5536**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Accepting Dedication of a Reclaimed Water Pipeline Easement as Part of the Reclaimed Wastewater Transmission Pipeline Project
- C-10 Receive and Accept City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to approve items C-1 through C-10, with the exception of the removed item of C-7. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Strobridge Stewart and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

**BUSINESS**

- B-1 Consideration of one Appointment to the Soledad Planning Commission

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

**Council Action:**

Mayor Fred Ledesma appointed Ms. Sandy R. Fuerte as a Planning Commissioner.

- B-2 Resolution No. **5537**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Amendment to Task Order No. 68 with Harris & Associates to

Develop a Sanitary Sewer Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan in the Amount of \$34,385 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Task Order on behalf of the City of Soledad

Harris & Associates Senior Project Manager Leon Gomez presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Councilmember Strobridge Stewart made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5537. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

B-3 Resolution No. **5538**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad approving a Consulting Services Agreement with PlaceWorks in an amount not to exceed \$110,625 for the City of Soledad Zoning Code Update and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of Soledad

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

**Motion:** Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5538. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Community and Economic Development Director Brent Slama presented the City Manager report for City Manager McHatten.

- City Manager McHatten did circulate an email regarding setting a date for a Ground Break Ceremony for the Premier Cinema site
  - Councilmembers agreed on the date of Saturday, 9/28/2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Councilmember Strobridge Stewart thanked the young people that brought up the need for Behavioral Health services in South County. There are efforts being made now to find a location to be able to provide services. She will also be having a medical procedure on 10/04 and will not be able to attend the AMBAG or the SVSWA meetings in October. Also, she will not be able to attend the AMBAG meetings in the future due to meetings she needs to attend at her place of employment, and she ask that a different councilmember be appointed to that board. AMBAG meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month in Marina. As a reminder, SnipBus will be in Soledad 09/16 and 09/17, also Dog Days of Summer will be held on 09/28.


Councilmember Velazquez would like to move forward with an MOU between the City and the school district. She would also like to move forward with the \$10,000 that was allocated towards Leadership and development and start looking at what types of trainings will be held. She would also like Voler to do a video about the Youth Council focusing on what the Youth Council has been able to do so far. Regarding behavioral health; she would also like to move forward with having a shared space or forum for the residents and youth in Soledad so they can come and talk about their anxieties.


Mayor Ledesma gave praise to City Manager McHatten and Superintendent Vanoli for moving forward with sharing the school facility. Also, Soledad owns a shooting range; there is an opportunity to bid on the gun range and so this is a great thing for Soledad. Also, there will be a housing project happening for teacher housing; we should show that we are committed to education and should find a way to give the school the land so that the school district can build homes for teachers in Soledad.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the Regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 2, 2019

  
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FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman

  
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MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

