

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

December 04, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ledesma called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 5:30 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 Strobridge Stewart

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Marisela Lara

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident of Soledad and Historical Society President Graig Stephens gave a brief update on events that the Historical Society has been doing over the last few months of 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- None

MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

- 5:34 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

- 6:00 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 Garcia.
2. The City Council will recess to Closed Session to consider personnel matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(B)(1)- City Manager Employment.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriquez reported with respect to item no. 1, the City Council denied the Claim of Garcia and provided direction to legal counsel.
2. City Attorney Michael Rodriquez reported with respect to item no. 2, The City Council discussed one matter related to the City Manager's employment/contract and took no other reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by a student of Soledad High School

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Mayor Fred Ledesma

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Michael McHatten reported that items B-2 and B-4 will be continued to a Special Meeting of 12/11/2019 at 6:00 p.m. pending a quorum.

MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Fred Ledesma and the City Councilmembers presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Soledad High School Varsity Volleyball team for Soledad's first ever win of the Volleyball Cypress Division title
- Mayor Ledesma addressed a group of Soledad residents regarding any updates of Nielsen's Trailer Park. He and Mayor Pro Tem Chavez will be having a meeting on Monday 12/09/2019 regarding Nielsen's Trailer Park. The meeting will include a representative from CCA, the owner of the trailer park and his attorney. The public may follow up with CCA later in the week for updated information.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Ledesma reported that there will be an ACCAPS meeting in Paso Robles on Thursday, December 5, 2019.
- The Christmas Parade in Soledad has been postponed to Saturday, December 14, 2019 due to the weather.
- The Mayors and City Manager's meeting was cancelled due to the weather.
- The Air Board meeting will be meeting regarding a policy regarding pollution in the wine industry.
- He also attended the Groundbreaking of the handicap trail at the Pinnacles National Park and he was able to give a speech on behalf of the City of Soledad.

COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- Councilmember Strobridge Stewart reported that on 11/11/19 she volunteered at the Veterans Day Parade in Salinas. She also attended the City of Soledad special city council meeting on 11/20/19.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he attended the City of Soledad special city council meeting on 11/20/19. He attended the TAMC meeting of 12/04/19.

COUNCILMEMBERS' PRAISE

- Councilmember Strobridge Stewart thanked the Public Works department for the holiday decorations along Front Street. She also thanked the City Manager Michael McHatten and the Joel Alvarez for arranging for the SnipBus to be in Soledad every month. The SnipBus have altered over 700 animals while here in Soledad. Also, on Saturday, 12/07/19, SCAR and the Historical Society will be having a fund raiser and SCAR was selected to be part of the Monterey County Gifts Campaign so the donations raised will be matched almost dollar for dollar.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez gave praise to the Public Works department. Soledad has had a lot of rain and has seen no flooding. He also thanked the city staff for the work they do for the City.
- Mayor Fred Ledesma praised the City Manager and the engineers; there were pipes put in on the eastside of town which is now diverting water to the wastewater treatment plant where it belongs, and the City is not flooded the way the surrounding cities are. He also thanked the Police Department for enforcing the law.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

- Youth Council was not present due to the weather.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager McHatten provided both a written and verbal report.

- He included a written report from Harris and Associates regarding FEMA regarding the Levi.
- There are plans in the works to put the park improvement projects/playground equipment, out to bid.
- The City has been working with the contractor of Orchard Villas and discussion about flooding and work that is being done.
- Community and Economic Development Director Brent Slama is currently carrying the lead for an easement that is needed.
- Harris and Associates is working with the Soledad Health Clinic regarding the new facility.
- Market Street abandonment is being done by CHSPA. CHSPA will be reimbursed for the work that they are doing, and they will also take ownership of that so there will be more housing out there.
- The City should start to see the cinema going up soon.
- The City is currently in negotiations for a Public Works Director.

PRESENTATIONS

- None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Strobridge Stewart has made a motion to approve items C-1 through C-10 with exception of item C-9. Council has requested to continue item C-9 to the special city council meeting of 12/11/2019 at 6:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

C-1 **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2019.

- b. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Special Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019.

C-2 Approval of Warrants

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- C-3 Resolution No. 5550, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting Legal Holidays for Calendar Year 2020.
- C-4 Resolution No. 5551, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Final Change Order #3 and Accepting the Construction of the Soledad Gabilan Drive Storm Drain Improvements Project as Complete by Teichert Construction Company and Authorizing the Release of Retention.
- C-5 Resolution No. 5552, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Construction Services Agreement Task Order No. 105 with Harris & Associates to Provide Professional Design Services for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project in the Amount of \$86,780 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Task Order on Behalf of the City of Soledad.
- C-6 Resolution No. 5553, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad/City Council as Board to the Successor Agency to the Soledad Redevelopment Agency/Soledad Housing Authority Executive Board Approving Amendment No. 4 to the Employment Agreement for City Manager/Successor Agency Director/Housing Authority Director Services with Michael McHatten.
- C-7 Resolution No. 5554, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Contract with "Isuboena" through the County of Monterey for the Administration and Service of Subpoenas for the Soledad Police Department.
- C-8 Resolution No. 5555, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving a Consulting Services Agreement Amendment for Engineering Services with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Amendment on Behalf of the City of Soledad
- C-10 Receive and Accept City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports

By council request Item C-9 will be continued to the Special city council meeting of 12/11/2019 at 6:00 p.m. pending a quorum.

C-9 Resolution No. 5556, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Formally Recognizing the Soledad Youth Council.

PUBLIC HEARING NO. PH-1

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.
- Close the Public Hearing at 6:29 p.m.
- Council Action

PH-1 Ordinance No. 726, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Provisions of Chapter 13.40-Utility Charges of the Soledad Municipal Code to Accommodate Adoption of the Pending City of Soledad Water Shutoff Policy. (*Second Reading and Adoption*)

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 726. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Strobridge Stewart and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

BUSINESS

B-1 Consider and Provide Direction on the Affordable Housing Agreement for the 132 Unit Project Location at an 8.55 Acre Vacant Lot on Santa Clara Street.

Economic and Development Director Brent Slama presented the staff report. No action will be taken today on this item.

Council Action:

No action was taken.

Information was received by the City Council.

- B-2 Receive Presentation from Harris & Associates and Akel Engineering Group Regarding Findings and Recommendations of the Recently Completed Sewer Master Plan Report

Item B-2 will be continued to the special city council meeting of 12/11/2019 at 6:00 p.m. pending a quorum.

- B-3 Receive a Status Update Regarding the City's Pinnacles Parkway Project.

Economic and Development Director Brent Slama presented the staff report with an update.

Council Action:

No action was taken.

Information was received by the City Council.

- B-4 Ordinance No. 727, An Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Implementing Tenant Eviction Protections and Limiting Substantial Rental Rate Increases Effective Immediately to Avoid Circumvention of AB 1482

Item B-4 will be continued to the special city council meeting of 12/11/2019 at 6:00 p.m. pending a quorum.

COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Strobridge Stewart had one item:

1. Please consider in the budget preparations if each south county city contributes \$18,000 each city can host the SnipBus for 2 days a month for 12 months which would also be restricted to only south county cities.

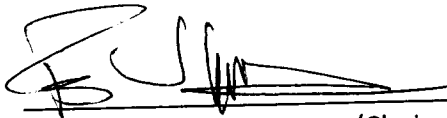
Mayor Fred Ledesma asked City Manager Michael McHatten if there were any updates on the YMCA and the recreation facilities.

City Manager McHatten said that there will be a community meeting taking place on Tuesday, 12/10/19. The results of the community outreach will come to the council on 01/08/2020 at the regular city council meeting and direction will be sought on how to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the Regular meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 08, 2020



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk/Agency Secretary