

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

April 01, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor 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:

*Due to COVID-19 Councilmember Strobridge Stewart Participated in the meeting by conference call.

Mayor/Chair	Fred Ledesma
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair	Alejandro Chavez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Marisela Lara
Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez (Arrived at 5:38 p.m.)
*Councilmember/Agencymember	Carla Strobridge Stewart

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- None

MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

- 5:33 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

- 6:04 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 Cruz
2. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(d)(1) to confer with its attorney regarding litigation which has been formally initiated: JVKS Harvest Solutions, LLC, et al. v. City of Soledad.
3. 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, the claim was denied, direction was provided to legal counsel. No other reportable action taken.
2. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 2, the council conferred with the attorney in regard to a list of litigations. No other reportable action taken.
3. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 3, the council deferred any action on the evaluation. No other reportable action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by a Jeanette Barbosa-Boykin

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Darlene Noriega

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Michael McHatten requested the following modifications to the Agenda:

- Item No. B-3 is being requested to be added to the current agenda.

Ordinance No. 730, An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Enacting a Temporary Prohibition on Covid-19 Pandemic Related Commercial Evictions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- CSU Monterey Bay Master of Social Works Student Khrystal Santoyo presented information regarding Child Development Community Policing: Domestic Violence Home Visit Intervention; A policy proposal to ameliorate domestic violence effects on children. A brochure with information was also provided.
- Soledad 4th of July Committee member Pauline Tomasini submitted a Public Comment Card and asked that her comments be read into the minutes:
 - No contract will be signed this year with any firework company. Also, all park activities for the 4th of July holiday are still in question currently. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions or concerns.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Michael McHatten presented a verbal report and provided a written report of the presented information.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve items C-1 through C-6. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

Action – By roll call vote:

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

C-1 Approval of Minutes

- a. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of March 04, 2020.
- b. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Special Meeting Minutes of March 04, 2020.
- c. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Special Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2020.

C-2. **Approval of Warrants**

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C-3. Resolution No. 5573, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Accepting Dedication of a Public Utility Easement from the Soledad Mission Recreation District as Part of the Orchard Villas Project.

C-4. Resolution No. 5574, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Amendment to an Agreement Between the City of Soledad and Monterey Bay Analytical Services, Inc. for Laboratory Services in the Amount Not to Exceed \$90,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement.

C-5. Resolution No. 5575, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad to Accept a List of Projects Funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

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

I. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

II. **BUSINESS**

B-1. Resolution No. 5576, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Establishing A New City Council Meeting Schedule.

Attorney Mike Rodriguez presented the staff report.

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve items C-1 through C-6. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lara and carried by unanimous vote:

Action- By roll call vote:

Ayes: Velazquez, Lara, Chavez, Strobridge Stewart and Ledesma

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

* B-2. Fireworks Regulation and Control in Soledad.

Item B-2 will be continued to the regular city council meeting of 04/15/2020 scheduled for 5:30 p.m. pending a quorum.

Motion: Mayor Ledesma made a motion to continue item B-2. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

Action – B roll call vote:

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

B-3. Ordinance No. 730, An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Enacting a Temporary Prohibition on Covid-19 Pandemic Related Commercial Evictions

Attorney Mike Rodriquez presented the staff report.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to approve Urgency Ordinance No. 730. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by unanimous vote:

Action – By roll call vote:

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ledesma had two items:

1. There are angry developers in Soledad that have complained about a contractor in Soledad that has bought a home and has now housed H2-A workers living in the homes. He would like staff to follow up on this item.
2. There is an Emergency Relief Fund application that can be done by merchants that can help merchants in Soledad; he would like to know if there would be a way to send someone to the downtown business owners to help them do the application correctly so that our downtown merchants can get relief.

- Councilmember Lara would like to know what liability someone would carry if they did help with the application.
- Councilmember Velazquez suggested to just be a support to the merchant and do not do the application for the merchant.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez said that he knows there will be a few changes on the application which will make the application very simple.

Councilmember Velazquez had three items:

1. She said the City of Gonzalez has mobile hotspots throughout their city so make things easier on their students.
 - City Manager McHatten said the mobile hotspots in Gonzales is something they have been working on for a year and it was a part of their budget. He is not sure how much this would cost Soledad, but it would be substantial.
2. What is the compacity that the Soledad school district has for distance learning? What is their plan?
3. Is there a Covid-19 Funding or a FEMA Grant; can the City apply for that?
 - City Manager McHatten said that the City has applied for the funding.


Councilmember Strobridge Stewart had one item:

1. She announced that South County Animal Rescue has established four pet pantries in South County: San Lucas school in San Lucas, San Antonio school in Lockwood, the Post Office in the City of Bradley and the Salvation Army in Soledad. More donations are needed.

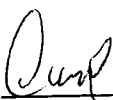
III. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the Regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved: April 15, 2020



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk/Agency Secretary