

**Minutes**

City of Soledad Joint  
City Council/Successor Agency  
Regular Meeting

**May 06, 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:

Mayor/Chair	Fred Ledesma
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair	Alejandro Chavez (Arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Councilmember/Agencymember	Marisela Lara
Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Carla Strobridge Stewart

**THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- None

**MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

- 5:34 p.m.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

- 6:05 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 litigation which has been formally initiated: JVKS Harvest Solutions, LLC, et al. v. City of Soledad.
2. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)(d)(4) to confer with its attorney to consider the initiation of litigation (Two matters.)

**CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriquez reported with respect to Item No. 1, Council conferred with its attorney, but have not completed that item and will be going back into closed session at the duration of the regular meeting to discuss the item further.
2. With respect to Item No. 2, there are two items; for the first matter the council gave direction to the City Manager, City Attorney, and the finance officer. With respect to the other item, that item will need to be further discussed at the duration of the regular meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Carla Strobridge Stewart

**PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE** was led by Michael McHatten

**ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Michael McHatten presented a verbal report.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve items C-1 through C-5. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Strobridge Stewart and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

**C-1 Approval of Minutes**

- a. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2020.
- b. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Special Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2020

**C-2. Approval of Warrants**

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C-3. Resolution No. 5581, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Declaring Surplus Equipment and Authorizing the Sale, Donation or Disposal of Such Property.

C-4. Receive and Accept City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports

## **BUSINESS**

- B-1. Resolution No. 5582, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Amendment to a Non-Exclusive Consulting Services Agreement for Design Services with BFS Landscape Architects and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement Amendment on Behalf of the City of Soledad for the Metz/Orchard Park Development Project in the Amount of \$710,098.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5582. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

- B-2 Resolution No. 5583, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Agreement to a Non-Exclusive Consulting Services Agreement for Owner's Representative and Project Management Services with MNS Engineers Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement Amendment on Behalf of the City of Soledad for the Metz/Orchard Park Development Project in the amount of \$253,900.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Councilmember Strobridge Stewart made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5583. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

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

- B-3. Consideration of Business Assistance Support for Local Businesses Impacted by Covid-19 Related Closures.

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

**Council Action:**

No action was taken.  
Information was received by the City Council.  
Staff was provided direction.

## **COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Strobridge Stewart had three items:

1. Councilmember Strobridge Stewart was contacted by a resident that lives in the Rancho San Vicente housing area and the resident has been told that the City is undecided on whether the homeowners are responsible to pay \$6,000 per household.
  - Economic Development Director Brent Slama said that he will need to look further into the message.
  - Councilmember Strobridge Stewart will forward the message to Mr. Slama.
2. She has also been contacted by a resident asking when the City will be getting 5G?
3. She noticed that the Police Chargers are now in the police fleet and she noticed that the Code Enforcement Officer is driving the Chiefs old car; was the Chief of Police given one of the new Chargers? It was her understanding that was not going to happen. She understood that all four new Chargers were going to be put into the existing fleet and the SUV's would be transferred over to the two K-9 officers.
  - City Manager Michael McHatten said that he would like to address this further with Mike Howard because he knows the details of the arrangements made.

Councilmember Velazquez had three items:

1. The MST has been working with various school districts and will have Wi-Fi buses present here in Soledad.
2. The Soledad response rate for the 2020 Census is at 50%. There will be a census caravan in the Gonzales shopping center at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.
3. The Farm Worker distribution event was a success. Target came out as well and gave care-bags. Over a thousand families were served.

## **MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

- 7:45 p.m.

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**CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to Item no. 1, Council provided direction and no other reportable action was taken.
2. With respect to the second item of Closed Session Item no. 2, Council provided direction and no other reportable action taken.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

- 6:05 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 7:40 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved: June 03, 2020

  
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FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman

  
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BRENT SLAMA, Acting City Clerk/Agency Secretary