

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

December 2, 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
Councilmember/Agencymember	Carla Strobbridge Stewart
Councilmember/Agencymember	Marisela Lara
Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- None

MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION NO. 1

Mayor Ledesma recessed to Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Ledesma reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 6:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS NO.1

1. The City Council will recess to closed session to meet with its designated representative, the Interim City Manager, regarding labor relations matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The Employee Organizations are SEIU General, SEIU Mid-Management, SPOA and all unrepresented employees.
2. The City Council will recess to closed session to confer with its attorney regarding litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)-Significant Exposure to litigation.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 1, The council met with its designated representative, the Interim City Manager, and provided direction on a labor relations matter. No other reportable action taken.
2. With respect to item no. 2, The council started discussion on the matter but will bring the matter back at the end of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Fred Ledesma

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Interim City Manager Slama stated there will not be refreshments offered as stated in item no. XIII of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

CONSENT CALENDAR NO.1

Motion: Councilmember Strobridge made motion to approve items C-1 and C-2. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by Unanimous vote:

Action:

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

C-1. Approval of Minutes

Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020.

C-2. Warrants

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MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Soledad in Honor and Recognition of Mayor Fredrick J. Ledesma.

A Certificate of Recognition for exemplary public service and dedication to the City of Soledad was presented to Mayor Fred Ledesma on behalf of State Senator Anna Caballero and State Assemblymember Robert Rivas.

Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez presented a Resolution from the County of Monterey in appreciation for three decades of service to South County.

The office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta District Director Representative Phil Deppert presented a Congressional Resolution to Mayor Ledesma for his outstanding career in public service to the community and his commitment to the people of the Central Coast.

Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez presented a proclamation of the City of Soledad to Mayor Fred Ledesma for his exceptional service to the people of the community of Soledad.

Mayor Fred Ledesma said that he has served on the Council for a total of 28 years, as a councilmember and as Mayor. He hopes that he has been an example of kindness and being kind to people. He thanked his wife, Gloria, for her love and support throughout the years. He is very proud of the accomplishments that have been made while serving over the years.

Congressman Jimmy Panetta thanked Mayor Fred Ledesma for his service to the community and living up to what it means to live in Monterey County and the City of Soledad.

CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

Resolution No. 5658, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Canvassing and Declaring the Results of the General Election held on November 3, 2020.

Motion: Councilmember Strobridge made motion to approve Resolution No. 5658. Motion was seconded by Mayor Ledesma and carried by Unanimous vote:

Action:

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

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO INCOMING MAYOR/COUNCIL- MEMBERS

- Anna Velazquez, Mayor
Ms. Lisa Berkley, PhD, City of Marina Councilmember administered the Oath of Office to Anna Velazquez for the Office of Mayor.
- Carla Strobridge, Councilmember
Ms. Mary T. Strobridge, San Luis Obispo Community College Board of Trustees administered the Oath of Office to Carla Strobridge for the Office of Councilmember.
- Benjamin Jimenez, Jr., Councilmember
Mayor Fred J. Ledesma, former Mayor of the City of Soledad administered the Oath of Office to Benjamin Jimenez, Jr., for the office of Councilmember.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Ledesma recessed for fellowship at 6:48 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Velazquez reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:01 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Velazquez had 7 items to report.

1. On 11/19 she attended the grand opening celebration for the women's health clinic.
2. On 11/22 she volunteered with the group Salvation Nation who assisted over 500 South County families in need of holiday meals.
3. On the future date of 12/06 she will be participating in a Toy Drive with American Revolution Car Club. The toys being donated will be going to children at the WYCA organization.
4. She thanked the South County Salvation Army for providing Thanksgiving meals to 115 families in Soledad. She also wanted to recognize and thank all the staff that helped with assisting the families in need.
5. She praised the entire Soledad Police Department for completing the Autism Awareness training in November.
6. She would like an update regarding the rental assistance program, the Covid-19 updates expenditures and where the City is at up to date.
7. She would like to have a discussion regarding the fees associated with garage sale permits.

COUNCILMEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Chavez reported 1 item:

1. He participated in a TAMC meeting on the morning of 12/02

Councilmember Strobridge reported 5 items:

1. She reported on 11/21 there was a low-cost vaccination clinic, and 157 South County animals were serviced. She thanked the Public Works department for their assistance.
2. The next low-cost vaccination clinic will be on 12/19, that date is pending on Governor Newsom's orders.
3. SnipBus will be in Greenfield on 11/14. They will not be in Soledad the month of December.
4. She thanked the Soledad Police Department for including the Community Policing report in the agenda. She thanked them for all that they do.
5. She would like to bring back the Breeder ordinance first meeting of January.

Councilmember Lara reported 1 item:

1. She was not able to attend the SVSWA meeting. She will not be able to serve on this committee any longer due to a conflict in schedule.

Councilmember Jimenez reported 3 items:

1. He met Gold's Gym franchise owner Vincent Solbes regarding his concerns of opening a gym in Soledad. He did give Mr. Solbes the Interim City Manager's contact information.
2. He met with Police Chief Wasson about programs being offered to the officers. He suggested trainings be done on schizophrenia and other mental health issues.

3. He also recommends to the other council members to meet with Chief and the officers.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Slama presented an oral report.

1. The YMCA is closing services in Soledad, based on the pandemic, but still offering some services off-site. The Soledad Community Center will be closed as well.
2. There was a meeting with the Orchard Park team; there is progress being made.
3. On 12/01 the City had its first community meeting regarding the Centennial. There were 20 people in attendance on the Zoom meeting. Several community organizations and business owners were on present in the meeting. Committees are starting to be put together in order to organize the Centennial efforts for an end of the year gathering and celebration.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Soledad Youth Commissioners Amber Solorio and Marcela Perez gave a brief verbal update.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Monterey-Salinas Transit Director of Planning & Innovation Michelle Overmeyer and Fehr & Peers Associate Daniel Jacobson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Monterey-Salinas Transit South County Service Plan.

CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 2

Councilmember Jimenez asked that Item C-5 be pulled for further discussion.

Motion: Councilmember Jimenez made motion to approve items C-3, C-4, and C-6. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Chavez and carried by Unanimous vote:

Action:

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

- C-3. Resolution No. 5659, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the Destruction of Certain City Records as Provided by Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

- C-4. Resolution No. 5660, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Accepting A Proposal From Cyclone Fence & Iron, Inc. for the Installations of Fence Netting at Chester Aaroe (Little League) Park.

C-6. City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports.

- C-5. Resolution No. 5661, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Establishing the Job Classification of a Property and Evidence Supervisor, Adopting a Job Description and Salary Range for Said Position, and Approving the Reclassification of One (1) Established Full-Time Position to the New Supervisory Position.

Councilmember Jimenez is concerned with reclassification from the Property and Evidence Technician to a supervisor because the position currently does not have anyone else directly reporting to the current position.

Chief Wasson said this is not a reclassification because the police department previously had the Property and Evidence Supervisor. In the past as people were let go, the responsibilities fell into the hands of Sergeants and then the Deputy Chief. The responsibilities are now being handled by the current Property and Evidence Technician. The rules and mandates for what is being handled is growing and demand that there is a supervisor present in the property and evidence position. When the current property and evidence person is dealing with Department of Justice and the District Attorney's office and Courts, they only want to deal with a supervisor not a technician. This is the only division at the Soledad Police Department that does not have a supervisor.

Councilmember Jimenez said this position should have been planned for during the time of planning the budget. This position should be considered in the next budget cycle.

Mayor Velazquez would like to know if this position was included in the Class and Comp study two years ago. She asked Interim City Manager Slama the Class and Comp study done two years ago can be looked at again to see if this position was included. He said after speaking with Chief Wasson he does agree the position is in need to be reclassified in terms of the task and duties the current technician is responsible for.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez suggested the City research "Broadbanding", which means there is a variety of positions in one band and when the need to reclassification comes around, the City can choose from the positions or classifications already created.

Mayor Velazquez asked that Item C-5 be continued to the meeting of 12/16/2020.

Motion: Councilmember Strobridge made motion to approve Item C-5 be continued to the meeting of 12/16/2020. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jimenez and carried by unanimous vote:

Action:

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

PUBLIC HEARING NO.

- None

BUSINESS

B-1. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Velazquez opened the nomination period to nominate a councilmember for Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Velazquez nominated Councilmember Lara for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez nominated Councilmember Strobridge for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez said that in the future he would like a discussion of how a rotation can be done for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Velazquez closed the nomination period to nominate a councilmember.

Councilmember Lara does not except the nomination of the position of Mayor Pro Tempore and she would like to have Councilmember Strobridge as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Velazquez elected City Councilmember Carla Strobridge to role of Mayor Pro Tempore. City Council concurrence was given.

Mayor Velazquez also asked staff that the item be brought back in a future meeting to discuss changing the rules and regulations in the selection of the Mayor Pro Tempore.

B-2. Resolution No. 5662, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Establishing a New City Council Meeting Date and Time.

Interim City Manager Slama presented the staff report.

After discussion, the council decided to continue closed session in the beginning of the council meetings. The public meeting will open at 6:00 p.m. and, after taking public comment for closed session items, the Council will immediately recess to closed session. The regular public open meeting will begin at 6:30, or as soon thereafter as the Closed Session is concluded, and any reportable action taken during the Closed Session will be reported out at that time.

There will only be one meeting in the month of July, July 21, 2021.

There will only be one meeting in August, August 04, 2021.

There will only be one meeting in December, December 15, 2021

Motion: Councilmember Chavez made motion to approve Resolution No. 5662. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strobridge and carried by Unanimous vote:

Action:

Ayes: Chavez, Strobridge, Jimenez, Lara, and Velazquez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

B-3. Consideration of Meeting Date for the City Council Goal Setting Session.

Interim City Manager Slama presented the staff report.

Both Councilmember Chavez and Mayor Pro Tem Strobridge agreed that they would like to have Mr. Dave Mora facilitate the session.

Mayor Velazquez also agreed with the council. She also suggests having the youth council be a part of goal setting session.

Mayor Velazquez gave direction to staff to reach out to Dave Mora to facilitate a council goal setting session for a Saturday in January from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and asked that Item B-3 be continued to the meeting of 12/16/2020.

Motion:

No Action taken for this item

Information was received and direction was given.

B-4. Boards and Committees List Update

Interim City Manager Slama presented the staff report.

Below is a list of changes made to the Boards and Committees list:

1. ACCAPS – Association of California Cities Allied with Public Safety

- Councilmember Jimenez
- Alternate: Mayor Velazquez

2. AMBAG – Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Board

- Mayor Pro Tem Strobridge
- Alternate: Councilmember Lara

3. CAC – Citizen’s Advisory Committee

- Mayor Velazquez

Mayor Velazquez has requested Chief Wasson request a schedule of meeting dates and times. She would also like to know if the appointed citizen currently listed, is still serving on that committee and if not, how does the City of Soledad go about appoint a citizen.

4. Monterey County Mayor’s Association

- Mayor Velazquez
- Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Strobridge

5. MST – Monterey Salinas Transit District

- Mayor Velazquez
- Alternate: Councilmember Lara

6. SWSWA – Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

- Mayor Velazquez
- Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Strobridge

7. TAMC – Transportation Agency of Monterey County

- Councilmember Chavez

- Alternate: Mayor Velazquez

8. MBAAPCD – Monterey Bay Area Air Pollution Control District

- Mayor Velazquez

Mayor Velazquez will find out further information in attending the Mayor's meeting regarding the rotation of the Monterey Bay Area Air Pollution Control District Board. This item will be continued to the regular meeting of 12/16/2020 for further discussion.

9. MBCP – Monterey Bay Community Power

Mayor Velazquez will find out further information in attending the Mayor's meeting regarding the rotation of the Monterey Bay Community Power Board. This item will be continued to the regular meeting of 12/16/2020 for further discussion.

10. Parks and Recreation

- Councilmember Lara
- Councilmember Chavez

11. Budget Review Committee

This item will be continued to the regular meeting of 12/16/2020 for further discussion.

12. Measure Y Committee

This item will be continued to the regular meeting of 12/16/2020 for further discussion.

13. Soledad Historical Society

Mayor Velazquez has requested staff to request a schedule of meeting dates and times. This item will be continued to the regular meeting of 12/16/2020 for further discussion.

14. Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Velazquez has requested staff to request a schedule of meeting dates and times. This item will be continued to the regular meeting of 12/16/2020 for further discussion.

- B-5. Discussion Regarding the Establishment of the Measure S Citizens Oversight Committee and the Appointment to the Measure S, Measure Y and Budget Review Committee.

Interim City Manager Slama presented the staff report.

City of Soledad resident Alexis Magdeleno commented on item B-5.

Mayor Velazquez asked that Item B-5 be continued to the meeting of 12/16/2020.

Motion:

No Action taken for this item

Information was received and direction was given.

- B-6. Resolution No. 5663, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Establishing the Job Classification of A Community Engagement Manager, Adopting a Job Description, Approving One (1) Full-Time Position, and Establishing a Salary Range.

Interim City Manager Slama presented the staff report.

Mayor Velazquez asked that Item B-6 be continued to the meeting of 12/16/2020.

Motion:

No Action taken for this item
Information was received and direction was given.

- B-7. Resolution No. 5664, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Establishing the Job Classification of A Recreation Manager, Adopting a Job Description, Approving One (1) Full-Time Position and Establishing a Salary Range.

Interim City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Velazquez asked that Item B-7 be continued to the meeting of 12/16/2020.

Motion:

No Action taken for this item
Information was received and direction was given.

MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION NO. 2

Mayor Velazquez recessed to Closed Session at 10:00 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Velazquez reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 11:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS NO. 2

2. The City Council will recess to closed session to confer with its attorney regarding litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)-Significant Exposure to litigation.
3. The City Council of the City of Soledad will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to discuss the City Manager Recruitment.

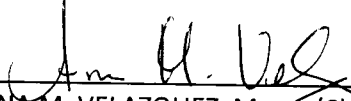
CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

2. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 2, direction was provided to council and the Interim City Manager. No other reportable action taken.
3. With respect to item no. 3, the council has asked that this item be continued to the City Council meeting of 12/16/2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Velazquez adjourned the Regular meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved: December 16, 2020



ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor/Chairman



BRENT SLAMA, Interim City Clerk/Agency Secretary

