

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Regular Meeting

January 08, 2020

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	Marisela Lara
Councilmember/Agencymember	Anna Velazquez (Arrived at 5:41 p.m.)

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

Councilmember/Agencymember Carla Strobridge Stewart

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- None

MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

- 5:31 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

- 6:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 to give instructions to the City's real property negotiator (City Manager) concerning property located at 570 Walker Drive, APN: 022-281-012. Instructions will include price, terms of payment and other relevant conditions.
2. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 to give instructions to the City's real property negotiator (City Manager) concerning sale/exchange/lease of property located at 31500 San Vicente Road, City of Soledad, APN: 257-081-022. Instructions will include price, terms of payment and other relevant conditions.
3. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 to give instructions to the City's real property negotiator (City Manager) concerning property located at Los Coches Drive, APN: 022-291-010. Instructions will include price, terms of payment and other relevant conditions.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

1. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 1, the City Council gave direction to the real property negotiator. No other reportable action taken.
2. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 2, The City Council gave direction to the real property negotiator. No other reportable action taken.
3. City Attorney Michael Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 3, The City Council gave direction to the real property negotiator and the legal counsel. No other reportable action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by a Pauline Tomasini

PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE was led by Ivan Ibarra Mora

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident of Soledad Pauline Tomasini said that she is worried that Soledad will not be able to put on a firework show for the 4th of July holiday. Last year the fireworks costed around \$18,000 and as of right now the treasury balance is less than \$1,500. It is very hard to raise that amount of money without large donations from the community. She said she should not be the only one worried about this.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Ledesma reported that he attended the Monterey Bay Air Resources District meeting on 12/18. He also attended the Mayors meeting in Pacific Grove.

COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- Councilmember Velazquez reported that on 12/04-12/06 she attended the California League of Cities leaders' workshop and she was reappointed to the Housing and Community Development Policy Committee for the League of California Cities. On 12/10 she attended the Soledad Community Service meeting. On 12/11 she attended the City of Soledad special city council meeting. On 12/13 she attended the Soledad Cops Giving Tree and the Soledad Community Center. On 12/14 she attended the Soledad Christmas parade.
- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he the Cops Giving Tree on 12/13. He also attended the Christmas parade on 12/14.

COUNCILMEMBERS' PRAISE

- Councilmember Velazquez thanked the Soledad Police Department for all the work they do in the community and organizing events like the Cops Giving Tree. She also thanked Pauline Tomasini for the hard work and time she puts into community events like the Christmas parade.

- Mayor Pro Tem Chavez thanked the Soledad Police Department, the Soledad Unified School District and the people from the correctional facility made that event happen. He also thanked Pauline Tomasini and all the volunteers that helped during the Christmas parade in Soledad.
- Mayor Ledesma thanked the Soledad Police Department for putting on the Cops Giving Tree. He also gave praise to Warden of Salinas Valley State Prison Matt Atchley.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager McHatten provided both written and verbal report.

- The new Public Works Director Oscar Antillon will start work on Monday, January 13, 2020.
- There will be a Strategic planning and Goals session tentatively on 02/19/2020.
- City Manager Michael McHatten will not be present for the 02/05/2020 City Council Regular meeting because he will be attending the League of California Cities City Manager Conference 02/05/2020 through 02/07/2020. Community and Economic Development Director Brent Slama will be present for the City Council Regular meeting of 02/05/2020.
- The City will soon be holding a bid for playground equipment replacements.
- Orchard Villas is continuing construction efforts and will require some trenching insulation of storm drain lines over existing roads and systems and the City will work with the community as that occurs.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

- Youth Commissioners provided a verbal report

PRESENTATIONS

- A presentation was given by a representative from LSSSA (Laguna Seca Safe Shooting Association) President Randy Wilder
- A presentation was given by representative of Ciclovía Gabriela Manzo. A PowerPoint was also presented.
- A presentation was given by Aanko Chief Executive Officer Steve Longoria regarding the Emergency Operations Plan. A PowerPoint was also presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez has requested to remove item C-5 for separate discussion. Mayor Ledesma has requested to remove item C-3 for separate discussion. Councilmember Velazquez has made a motion to approve items C-1, C-2, C-4 and C-6. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lara and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

C-1 Approval of Minutes

- a. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of December 04, 2019.
- b. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Special Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2019.

C-2 Approval of Warrants

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C-4 Resolution No. 5557, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Ratifying a Contract with State of California through the Department of Defense for the Use of Tools and Equipment Under the LESO/1033 Program.

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

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez has made a motion to approve item C-5 with a change in location being the 248 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

Abstain: None
Absent: Strobridge Stewart

- C-5 Resolution No. 5558, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Considering the Monterey County Maternal Mental Health Task Force Request for use of the Soledad Community Center on February 12 & 13, 2020 for their Mom Annual Forum Webcast.

Monterey County Maternal Mental Health Task Force representative Manuel Valencia was present to present further information regarding the Mom Annual Forum Webcast.

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez has made a motion to approve item C-5 with a change in location being the 248 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

- C-3 Approval of an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Soledad and the Don Chapin Company Relating to the Development of Los Coches Adobe Property.

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

Don Chapin Company representative Mr. Don Chapin was present to present further information and answer any questions.

PUBLIC HEARING NO. PH-1

- Receive the Staff report
- Open the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.
- Close the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.
- Council Action

- PH-1. Resolution No. 5559, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting the 2019 Mid-Cycle Update of the Housing Element of the Soledad General Plan.

Community and Economic Development Director Brent Slama presented the staff report. He also gave praise to Jennifer Nieto who worked in depth on this project.

Placeworks representative Amy Sinsheimer gave presentation regarding the 2019 Mid-Cycle Update of the Housing Element of the Soledad General Plan. A PowerPoint presentation was also presented.

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5559. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lara and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

BUSINESS

- B-1 Resolution No. 5560, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving the Purchase of a New Compact Track Loader in an Amount Not to Exceed \$104,962.99 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement with the Quinn Company.

Harris & Associates representative Leon Gomez presented the staff report.

Motion: Mayor Ledesma made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5560. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

- B-2 Resolution No. 5561, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Supporting Ciclovía Soledad.

City Manager Michael McHatten presented the staff report.

In additional action from the Council would be to appoint two members of the Council as an ADHOC Committee to help organize the community event with the Ciclovía staff.

Mayor Fred Ledesma recommends appointing Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and Councilmember Velazquez as the ADHOC Committee members.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5561. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Velazquez and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

B-3 Resolution No. 5562, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting the City of Soledad Utility Service Shutoff Policy.

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez presented the staff report.

Motion: Councilmember Velazquez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5562. Motion was seconded by Mayor Ledesma and carried by the following vote:

Action:

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez had three items:

1. He would like to further the discussion on having a Sister City.
2. He would also like staff to get each Soledad sign lit back up on each end of Soledad.
 - City Manager McHatten said that lines were cut during construction but there is a line that can be repaired, and staff is working on that. The South entrance has something to do with the McDonalds and the City Electrician is currently working on that.
3. He would also like to know when lights will go up at Santana Park.
 - City Manager Michael McHatten said that the City is targeting the February for the agreement.

Councilmember Velazquez had two items:

1. She would like to know what further can be done about the train cars and trailers being parked in front of the City.
 - City Manager McHatten said that we continue to work on those conversations; multiple emails have been sent. We have continued to bombard them with abatement issues because they are causes nuisance hazards, kids hiding and tossing rocks into the underpass, tumbleweed and fire issues but to date they have been unresponsive.

- City Attorney said that there is a City that has brought a lawsuit so the City will continue to keep watch on what takes place with that. Chief Wasson has been keeping a log of all the instances that the City will be able to present to show what has happened in the period that the trains has been parked here in the City.
2. She would like the City to keep the Centennial in mind because it is approaching quickly.

Mayor Ledesma had two items:

1. He would like us to keep in mind that Mr. Tom Steward from the Planning Committee has stepped down from the committee. He would like to make sure that we create a proclamation for Mr. Stewart for his service. He would also like to make sure make sure that an application process is started in getting a new commissioner.
2. He would like to spend time with each Councilmember one on one if possible. He will be sending out a text message to make appointments with each person.

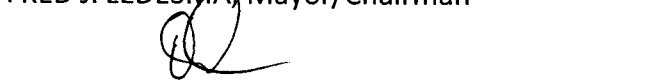
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ledesma adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes Approved: February 05, 2020



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor/Chairman



MICHAEL MCHATTEN, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

