

Minutes

City of Soledad Joint
City Council/Successor Agency
Special Meeting
Budget Workshop

May 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Velazquez called the City Council/Successor Agency Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Following Councilmembers/Agencymembers were present when the meeting was called to order:

Mayor/Chair	Anna M. Velazquez
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair	Carla Strobridge
Councilmember/Agencymember	Marisela Lara
Councilmember/Agencymember	Alejandro Chavez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Ben Jimenez, Jr.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

- None

ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, any member of the public may address the City Council on items not appearing on the agenda and items of interest to the public that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall have limited time of three (3) minutes. Please be brief and to the point. No action or discussion shall be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda, except that Councilmembers may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public.

- None

I. BUDGET WORKSHOP

B-1. A Presentation of staff's recommended FY 2021/2022 City of Soledad Budget.

City Manager Slama presented the staff report.

Finance Director Mike Howard presented the City of Soledad Budget information.

The City Council had an extensive discussion regarding staff's recommended FY 2021/2022 City of Soledad budget.

Mayor Velazquez asked if there were any public comments regarding the item.

There were two public comments via Zoom:

Soledad resident Alexis Magdaleno does not believe the \$94,000 in Measure Y funds should go towards hiring an additional police officer. He is supportive to using the funds towards the parks department or a resource for the community. There should be support for a community engagement team, a housing navigator and grant developer. He would like to see the American Rescue Plan fund be used towards a resource center.

Community resident Benito said he believes the American Rescue Plan funds can be used towards the 211 program and other emergency assistance programs. He does not want to see the Measure Y \$94,000 used towards hiring more police officers. He would like to see that money used towards mental health services, drug intervention programs and recreation centers.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Velazquez recessed for closed session at 8:24 p.m.

MEETING RECONVIEND

Mayor Velazquez reconvened from closed session at 8:44 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. The City Council of the City of Soledad will recess to closed session to meet with its designated representatives regarding labor relations matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The employee organizations are the Soledad Police Officers' Association (SPOA), SEIU Local 521 General Unit and SEIU Local 521 Mid-Management Unit and unrepresented employees.

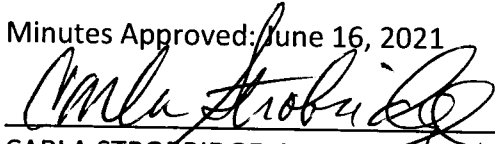
CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

1. City Manager Slama reported with respect to item no. 1, the council met with its negotiator regarding the matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Direction was given. No other reportable action was taken.

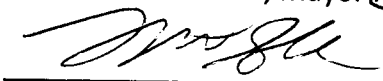
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Velazquez adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved: June 16, 2021



CARLA STROBRIDGE, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair



BRENT SLAMA, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

