

## Minutes

City of Soledad  
Joint City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority/Successor Housing Agency/  
Special Meeting

January 11, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Velazquez called the Joint City Council/ Successor Agency/ Housing Authority/ Successor Housing Agency/ Special Meeting to order at 6:03 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	Ben Jimenez, Jr.
Councilmember/Agencymember	Alejandro Chavez
Councilmember/Agencymember	Maria Corralejo
Councilmember/Agencymember	Fernando Cabrera

### THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBER WAS ABSENT

- None

### PUBLIC COMMENT- CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no other public comments.

### MEETING RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Velazquez recessed to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

### CLOSED SESSION

1. The City Council will recess to closed session to consider personnel matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(B)(1)- City Manager Recruitment

### MEETING RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Velazquez reconvened from closed session at 6:33 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

City Attorney Mike Rodriguez reported with respect to item no. 1, the council reviewed a number of components related to recruitment materials, and provided input. No other reportable action was taken.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alex Ramos

### **ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- Mayor Velazquez requested to add two additions and modifications to the agenda. City Attorney Mike Rodriguez provided details regarding the process in which items are added; item no 2 will be added to the agenda because there is a need to take immediate action, under government code 54954.2, the item arose after the agenda was posted.
  1. Moving the existing two agenda items to the upcoming city council meeting scheduled for 01/18/2023.
    - The Council agreed with moving the presentation to the next scheduled meeting.
  2. Add the Declaration of Emergency item, Resolution No. 5913, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Ratifying a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Statewide Winter Storms/Atmospheric River.

**Motion:** Councilmember Cabrera made motion to approve the addition and modification to the agenda. Item no 2 will be added to the agenda because there is a need to take immediate action, under government code 54954.2, the item arose after the agenda was posted. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez and carried by unanimous vote:

#### **Action:**

Ayes: Cabrera, Jimenez, Corralejo, Chavez, Velazquez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

The item no is B-5, but will be moved to the beginning of the business items.

Mayor Velazquez asked that the council take a moment of silence for the residence of the State of California, the 17 people who have lost their lives thus far, and for all the families who have been impacted by the atmospheric river event.

Mayor Velazquez also thanked all of the first responders who have been extremely critical in keeping the Community safe.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments.

Mayor Velazquez has asked to pull item no C-5 and C-6 for further discussion and presentation by staff.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez made motion to approve C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Jimenez, Chavez, Cabrera, Corralejo, Velazquez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**C-1. Minutes**

- a. Joint City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of December 07, 2022.
- b. Joint City of Soledad and City of Gonzales City Council/Successor Agency Special Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2022.
- c. Joint City of Soledad City Council/Successor Agency Special Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2022.

**C-2. Warrants**

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**C-3. City of Soledad Monthly Department Activity Reports.**

C-4. Resolution No. 5907, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Adopting the Debt Management Policy of the City of Soledad

C-5. Resolution No. 5908, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Agreement for Construction Services with Modesto Executive Electric Inc., for the Gallardo Field 3 & Blas Santana Park Lighting Projects and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Soledad in the Amount of \$176,000

City Assistant Engineer Alex Ramos presented the staff report and clarified the timeline.

Mayor Velazquez asked if only getting one bid is sufficient for the City to be able to move forward and award the contract.

City Assistant Engineer Alex Ramos said that is correct, the City is to put out the information and the City will move forward with the lowest one. In this case there was only one bid and the City will move forward with that one.

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez said confirmed the information is correct.

Mayor Velazquez thanked staff for the clarification.

Councilmember Chavez said this will give many more opportunities for tournaments to happen. Also, over the years, parents and coaches have had to come up with creative ways to bring light to the parks for practices, this will alleviate that. This will be for both Gallardo Field 3 & Blas Santana Park.

There were no public comments.

C-6. Resolution No. 5909, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Agreement for Construction Services with NR Development, Inc., for the Installation of a Restroom Building and Site Furnishings for the Cesar Chavez Park Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Soledad in the Amount of \$139,500.45

City Assistant Engineer Alex Ramos presented the staff report and clarified the timeline.

Mayor Velazquez said she realizes this project does not include the water, sewer and electric utilities and will be additional costs; she would like clarification regarding why these were not included in the contract.

City Assistant Engineer Alex Ramos said the idea was discussed, and the outcome is all the utilities will be wrapped up into the Container Village project.

Mayor Velazquez asked if once the project is installed, will the Community have to wait until all utilities are in place in order for it to be usable.

City Assistant Engineer Alex Ramos said that is correct. He said there are still many stages of the project that need to be done and it is believed all of this will be done by March and there should be a better answer at that time.

Mayor Velazquez would like staff to follow up on this item and bring back further information about this at that time.

Councilmember Corralejo asked if the items are being purchased now, due to a deadline for utilizing the funds.

City Assistant Engineer Alex Ramos said the reason why this is being done now is because the City is taking advantage of the vendor's discount.

Councilmember Corralejo said hopefully the project will be done by the Springtime.

Public Works Director Don Wilcox added further clarification regarding the item. This same type of project was done when installing the Visitors Centers, which is now known as the Gateway Center. The building was bought and installed and staff either performed or contracted the utility part. This is the same process that is planned for this project.

**Motion:** Councilmember Chavez made motion to approve C-5 and C-6. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Corralejo and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Chavez, Corralejo, Cabrera, Jimenez, Velazquez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1**

Receive the Staff report  
Open the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.  
Close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.  
Council Action

Assistant Planner Ariana Mora presented the staff report.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez asked Assistant Planner Ariana Mora to clarify the details of the mobile home units being consistent with the neighborhood, what does that entail.

Assistant Planner Ariana Mora said that entails the architectural styles and color schemes. The property development standards also apply to this, regarding the proper placement of the mobile homes. The mobile home should have more of a residential look, than a trailer.

Mayor Tem Jimenez said he is not happy about the State coming in and mandating the City change and accept these types of things. These decisions should be made by the Community.

Councilmember Chavez asked for clarification regarding the property development stands; if all the neighboring homes in the neighborhood had stucco, would the mobile home need to have stucco.

Assistant Planner Ariana Mora said the City cannot regulate the material as long as it is the proper materials for a residential unit to have, the color scheme is what should be focused on. She is not sure about the materials.

Community & Economic Development Director Bryan Swanson said this should not be an impediment for someone, but the City have to work closely with the proposal to make sure it flows well.

Councilmember Chavez said he has seen these types of units that are stucco, and he is wanting to understand what that means.

Mayor Velazquez said because the council is looking to approving this, can the council include other elements of conditions that are not included in the property development standards, without creating impediments, can the City include this or would this be separate because there is a separate design standard.

Assistant Planner Ariana Mora said the property development standards are followed through the residential zoning standards, that would be a different section of amending. Regarding the mobile homes for permanent foundation for this ordinance, the streamlining process for this is being changed. Instead of going back to an architectural review committee, the State is stating that committee does not get the option to approve or not approve.

Mayor Velazquez said regarding the section where is states the height should not be greater than two-stories; with the purchase of the ladder truck, does it still need to be two-stories, is that statutory language, or can it go up to three-stories.

Assistant Planner Ariana Mora said the two stories is the local choice. The general plan will bring opportunity to make changes.

Mayor Velazquez wants to make sure by approving the item, this approval will not restrict the use of a three-story based on going through the general plan process.

Acting City Manager Bryan Swanson said the general plan will offer the council and the Community more densities on properties vertical heights. The acquisition of ladder truck will help the City meet the RHNA numbers for units.

Mayor Velazquez said it will also give the City opportunity to develop projects that are different than what has been.

Mayor Velazquez said regarding the 55-year affordability restriction; is that statutory or can that be decided by the council.

Assistant Planner Ariana Mora said that language is statutory.

PH-1. SB2 Implementation Actions – Phase 1

Ordinance No. 748, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Provisions of Title 17-Zoning of the Soledad Municipal Code to Incorporate New Regulations Pertaining to Allowable Uses,

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez made motion to adopt, waive reading, and read by title only Ordinance No 748, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Provisions of Title 17-Zoning of the Soledad Municipal Code to Incorporate New Regulations Pertaining to Allowable Uses. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabrera and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Jimenez, Cabrera, Corralejo, Chavez, Velazquez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Ordinance No. 750, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Provisions of Section 17.04.030- Definitions of Title 17-Zoning of the Soledad Municipal Code

**Motion:** Mayor Velazquez made motion to adopt, waive reading, and read by title only Ordinance No 750, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Provisions of Section 17.04.030- Definitions of Title 17-Zoning of the Soledad Municipal Code. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabrera and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Velazquez, Cabrera, Corralejo, Chavez, Jimenez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Ordinance No. 751, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Provisions of Section 17.38.220- Mobile Homes on Permanent Foundations of Title 17-Zoning of the Soledad Municipal Code to Facilitate SB2 Housing Streamlining and Acceleration

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez made motion to adopt, waive reading, and read by title only Ordinance No 751, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soledad Amending Provisions of Section 17.38.220- Mobile Homes on Permanent Foundations of Title 17-Zoning of the Soledad Municipal Code to Facilitate SB2 Housing Streamlining and Acceleration. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Corralejo and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Jimenez, Corralejo, Cabrera, Chavez, Jimenez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

Absent: None

**BUSINESS**

B-1. Consider and Adopt Resolution No. 5913, Ratifying a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency due to Statewide Winter Storms/Atmospheric River.

Acting City Manager Bryan Swanson presented the staff report.

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez clarified further details regarding the proclamation. By way of the Governors declarations of emergency, the usual follow up process by cities and counties to adopt a proclamation of the existence of a local emergency. This will give the ability to receive assistance by the State and possibly federal agencies to help deal with the emergency. This will also assist in being able to receive reimbursement of money spent in addressing the emergency. Acting City Manager Bryan Swanson served as the City's Emergency Service Director and adopted a proclamation on 01/10/2023 declaring there is a local emergency in the City of Soledad. After the proclamation is adopted, the City has seven days to ratify the proclamation in order to maintain the effectiveness of the proclamation.

Mayor Velazquez added that President Biden has also adopted an Emergency Declaration for the State of California and that will also help to have different funding sources both at the State and Federal level in the case of any damages and possible reimbursement costs.

There were no public comments.

**Motion:** Councilmember Chavez motion to adopt Resolution No. 5913. Motion was seconded by Mayor Velazquez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Chavez, Velazquez, Cabrera, Corralejo, Jimenez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez said this would be the appropriate time during the meeting to receive an update and report by the emergency workers who have been involved in the event happening.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason Luckenbach gave a brief update regarding the weather, and river levels. The biggest concern is built up debris that might happen. There has been a Swift Water Task Force team that has come and done footage; the water is rising, but the river is flowing and there are no confirmed backups. CalFire crews have bagged over 7,000 bags of sand and everyone who needs sandbags has been able to get bags. The Gonzales bridge is closed. Chular bridge is still open. The rumor of Highway 101 closing was just a rumor and there is no plan to shut down the 101 corridor.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez said in 1995 there was flooding in the crest by the wastewater plant, in the canyon; is that flowing.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason Luckenbach said that area has been looked at and it is flooded, but seems to be flowing well. The Ag field are being affected and that is preventing the high flow.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason Luckenbach said both CalFire and PD have gone down to the unhoused community and the community has been told multiple time that they need to leave. PD and other sources have offered many resources. Everyone is accounted for.

Mayor Velazquez said she knows Chief Wasson and the Police Department have been going down since last week and the County is looking for further resources. The City was able to provide vouchers, only one person accepted a voucher, but the rest did not want to take vouchers. The County is also looking into decreasing some of the impediments, such as allowing people to bring their pets and belongings.

Mayor Velazquez thanked Public Works Director Don Wilcox for completing the levy, along with the Army Core of Engineers.

Councilmember Corralejo thanked all the first responders for all the work they have been doing during this time, she also thanked the Public Works, the County Public Works and everyone involved in all ways. She is concerned about the number of on-lookers going to see the water flow; is there any way to put cautions take or a warning for people because it is dangerous.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason said something can be posted regarding the dangers of being near the water.

Councilmember Chavez asked what work was done in the cemetery area, and the Bryant Canyon area in the past, also in the San Vicente area.

Public Works Director Don Wilcox gave details regarding all updates and improvements done at Bryant Canyon Channel, Miramonte Development, and the Soledad Water Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Chavez thanked everyone involved in the work that is being done. He also thanked Acting City Manager Bryan Swanson and City Attorney Mike Rodriguez for stepping up. He also thanked the Public Works team for all their preventative work that has been done and also the first responders for everything being done.

Councilmember Cabrera thanked everyone for all that is being done. He is thankful for the team that works diligently to keep the people of the Community safe.

Councilmember Corralejo asked about the emergency alert that was received by all on their cell phones; she would like to know how the City can go about improving this as to not spread panic because the alert was very broad.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason said it is difficult because the National Weather Service is very broad, the alerts cannot be ignored because the City does not know the real outcome of that alert. The alert is County wide and not specific.

Chief Wasson said he would like to help put a stop it, fix it and address it. Community Engagement Manager Jesus Valenzuela has posted information with the email addresses and phone numbers of all emergency services for the area. He hopes people will start reaching out to the correct authorities when there are questions or concerns regarding the events that the City is currently experiencing, instead of believing all information that may be posted on social media because that information may not be true.

Councilmember Chavez said there was an alert that came out with two maps, a yellow and a red, and one had a portion of the City as an evacuation area. The alert that came out showing a section of the City as a section that should evacuate; this information scared people and he would like to avoid something like that in the future.

Mayor Velazquez clarified that both the Soledad Police Chief and the CalFire Battalion Chief are both active on the calls happening on a daily basis with Monterey County Emergency Operation and they are aware of what is happening even though all information may not be being posted. The Chiefs are coordinating resources that may be needed as well. The elected officials should also work collaboratively and uniform in the message being put forth. She also reminded the public to not travel if possible. If travel is needed, please drive safe and do not speed. Please check on your neighbors and the elderly. Also, stay informed, sign up for the alerts by Monterey County OES. Be sure to not listen to rumors or share rumors. Information being shared should be factual from an official website.

Acting City Manager Bryan Swanson asked Community Engagement Manager Jesus Valenzuela to please give a brief update regarding the information he has been sharing.

Community Engagement Manager Jesus Valenzuela said the City is posting true information in a calm and timely manner. The City has been posting videos of staff explaining the situation and how everything works in this type of situation, he feels these posts were key. The City of Soledad Facebook account has reached 19.7 thousand followers. He has been working closely with Information Technology Director Steven Andranigian in order to improve the City of Soledad App. He thanked all staff for all the work they have all done during this time. He thanked Community Engagement Coordinator Dina Uribe for the detailed information and footage she has gathered in order to post things to help calm the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez asked if the City could utilize the Police Department's drone in the future.

Information Technology Director Steven Andranigian informed the council the City does have a drone that has been being utilized during this time.

B-1. Resolution No. 5910, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Authorizing the City Manager to Use the City's In-Lieu Purchase Exception and Execute a Contract with Spartan Fire, LLC., for the Purchase of a 2023 Sparta/Smeal 105-Foot Quint Aerial Apparatus (Ladder Truck) at a Cost of \$1,715,187.90 and Allocating Funding Therefore and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Soledad

Public Works Director Don Wilcox presented the staff report.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason Luckenbach presented further clarifying information regarding the item and also presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Velazquez said she is glad to be able to purchase the Apparatus. She thanked Senator Anna Caballero for the amazing opportunity with multiple benefits.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez asked what the life of the truck is.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason Luckenbach said the usual replacement for time for this type of truck is 20 years.

Councilmember Corralejo thanked Senator Anna Caballero for helping the City of Soledad to be able to purchase this truck. She knows this truck will be of great help to not only Soledad, but also the neighboring cities. She would like to know what regular inspections and or tire replacements costs.

CalFire Battalion Chief Jason Luckenbach said he does not have exact numbers for those types of costs.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Velazquez said she knows this type of truck will also help in the economic development of the City. This will allow the City to increase the housing densities, as well as mixed-use commercial. The City will be able to develop higher than what has been in the past. Senator Anna Caballero wanted to make sure the City had the ability to produce more of the commercial and housing that is needed for the growth of the City. King City will also be getting a new fire truck.

**Motion:** Mayor Velazquez made motion to adopt Resolution No. 5910. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabrera and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Velazquez, Cabrera, Corralejo, Chavez, Jimenez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

- B-2. Resolution No. 5911, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving Task Order 2 Under an Agreement Between the City of Soledad and In Studio Architecture for the Design and Construction Management of the Soledad Fire Department Aerial Apparatus Bay Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Task Order 2

Public Works Director Don Wilcox presented the staff report.

Councilmember Corralejo said she hopes the old City jail will not be torn down in order to create room for the new Soledad Fire Department Aerial Apparatus Bay Project, she hopes a different location can be found because the old jail is a historical location that is a part of the history of Soledad.

Mayor Velazquez said staff will bring back other options for this project.

**Motion:** Councilmember Cabrera motion to adopt Resolution No. 5911. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Corralejo and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: Cabrera, Corralejo, Chavez, Jimenez, Velazquez  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

- B-3. Consideration of Various Appointments to Council and City Committees

Acting City Manager Bryan Swanson presented the staff report.

Mayor Velazquez said the council not only has the responsibility of being on the city council, but also has the responsibility of other boards and committees as well.

- ACCAPS (Association of California Cities Allied with Public Safety) Board representatives will continue to be Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez. This board meets monthly. ACCAPS Board alternate representative is Mayor Velazquez
- AMBAG (Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments) Board representative will continue to be Mayor Velazquez. This board meets virtually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. AMBAG Board alternate representative is Councilmember Chavez
- CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Board representative is chosen by the Warden of the prison. Chief Wasson has been attending the monthly meetings.

Chief Wasson has been attending the meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez clarified that the representative is appointed by the prison warden.

Chief Wasson said there have been many changes with the wardens and this may have fell to the wayside. The representative is appointed by the warden and is not someone the city can appoint.

Councilmember Chavez said years ago, this committee did appoint the previous Mayor to the CAC, and that is why he was attending. Since the shifts in the warden position, many things have changed. The warden and Community Resources Manager used to attend the City's council meetings; They have not been as engaged.

Chief Wasson said he has been attending the meetings and they have been virtual.

Mayor Velazquez asked Chief Wasson to please forward her the bylaws of the CAC. She would like to be a part of the committee and is unaware of how she can be involved in the committee. She would like to have opportunities to work together with them as she has seen other cities have done. If being a part of this committee is possible, Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez will be the alternate member.

Councilmember Cabrera would like to become the community representative for this committee if possible.

Chief Wasson said being a part of this committee is a listening-only position. The actual committee shares information. He will give the CAC a list of the councilmembers names as being interested in being a part of the meetings. The committee can make the decision on who they would like to appoint.

- LOC MBD (League of California Cities Monterey Bay Division Executive Committee - Mayor Velazquez has asked that this committee be removed from the list because the League of California Cities decides who the representative is for this group, and the Soledad city council does not.
- Monterey County Mayors' Association – Mayor Velazquez will continue to be the representative for this group. This group meets every first Friday of each month. The alternate for this group is Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez. The meeting is an in-person meeting.
- MST (Monterey-Salinas Transit) – Mayor Velazquez is the representative for this group, and she is the current Chair. The alternate for this group will be Councilmember Cabrera.
- SVSWA (Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority) – Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez is the current appointed representative and will continue. The alternate member is Councilmember Corralejo.
- TAMC (Transportation Agency of Monterey County) – Councilmember Chavez is the current representative and will continue. The alternate member will be Councilmember Cabrera.
- MBAAPCD (Monterey Bay Area Air Pollution Control District) – This group is appointed by the City Selection Committee. Mayor Velazquez will forward the updated appointees list to Deputy City Clerk Darlene Noriega.
- 3CE (Central Coast Community Energy) – This group rotates its appointee between three cities. Mayor Velazquez said Mayor Rios from the City of Gonzales is the current representative.

- Parks and Recreation Committee – The council will come back to the item at a later date. There should be an appointment by the Mayor for this group. Staff will look into the by-laws of the group. Mayor Velazquez and Councilmember Chavez will continue to serve on this subcommittee.
- Measure Y and Measure S appointments were made at an earlier date by the council. Deputy City Clerk Darlene Noriega will update the current list.
- Soledad Mission Chamber of Commerce – The council will come back to this item at a later date.
- Soledad Historical Society – A Community & Economic Development staff member has been attending the meetings because a councilmember has not been assigned. The item will remain the same. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
- Affordable Housing Subcommittee – The group meets when it is needed. Mayor Velazquez will continue to serve on this subcommittee. Councilmember Corralejo will also serve on this subcommittee.
- Ad Hoc Recreation Subcommittee both Mayor Velazquez and Councilmember Chavez will continue to serve on this subcommittee.
- Teach/Staff Housing Sub Committee – Mayor Velazquez and Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez will continue to serve on this subcommittee.
- Planning Commission – There is currently one opening for the Planning Commission. The item will be on the agenda of 01/18/2023 for Mayor’s consideration.

B-4. Resolution No. 5912, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soledad Approving an Appointment Agreement Between the City of Soledad and Retired Annuitant J. Edward Tewes for Appointment as Interim City Manager

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez presented the staff report.

Councilmember Chavez said most City Managers are at-will and are exempt and sometimes work beyond 40 hours; the work schedule portion of the agreement states he cannot work beyond the 40 hours.

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez said because of the Cal Pers requirements, this person is an hourly employee and would be due overtime if he worked beyond the 40 hours.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez said the hours cannot exceed a total 960, and would like to know how working over 40 hours would trigger overtime.

City Attorney Mike Rodriquez said because he is considered an hourly employee and there is no set salary. This makes him just like other hourly employees, if he works over the 40 hours, he is due overtime.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez made motion to adopt Resolution No. 5912. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Chavez and carried by unanimous vote:

**Action:**

Ayes: None  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Interim City Manager J. Edward Tewes said he has met with staff, and he looks forward to working with the staff and council.


Mayor Velazquez welcomed Interim City Manager Tewes.


Acting City Manager Bryan Swanson also welcomed Interim City Manager Tewes and the staff look forward to working with him.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Velazquez adjourned the meeting in memory of former City Manager Noelia Chapa who passed away in December 2023.

Mayor Velazquez adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 18, 2023

  
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ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor/Chair

  
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DARLENE NORIEGA, Deputy City Clerk

