

CITY OF VENTURA  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Matt LaVere**  
Mayor

**Lorrie Brown**  
Councilmember District 6

**Erik Nasarenko**  
Councilmember District 4

**Jim Friedman**  
Councilmember District 5

**Sofia Rubalcava**, Deputy Mayor  
Councilmember District 1

**Cheryl Heitmann**  
Councilmember At-Large

**Christy Weir**  
Councilmember At-Large

Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager  
Gregory G. Diaz, City Attorney  
Antoinette M. Mann, City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 14, 2019**

**CS1. CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in Closed Session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 501 Poli Street, Ventura at 5:10 p.m.

**CS2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Friedman, Brown, Heitmann, Weir, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Nasarenko

Mayor LaVere presided.

**CS3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None**

City Council convened in a closed session for the following purpose:

#### **CS4. CLOSED SESSION – City Council's Conference Room**

Councilmember Nasarenko arrived at 5:58 p.m.

##### **1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

City Negotiators:

Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager  
Elizabeth Foushee, Human Resources Director

Employee Organizations:

- a. Ventura Fire Management Association (VFMA)
- b. Ventura City Firefighters' Association (VCFA)

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

#### **CS5. ADJOURNMENT**

Closed session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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##### **1. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION**

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in Regular Session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 501 Poli Street, Ventura at 6:14 p.m.

##### **2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Brown, Friedman, Weir, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere

ABSENT: Councilmember Nasarenko

Mayor LaVere presided.

##### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor LaVere led the pledge of allegiance.

##### **4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

## 5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz stated City Council met in closed session tonight and there is no reportable action.

## 6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Heitmann announced the Arroyo Verde Park Playground design input session for residents at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm. The Playground will be designed to meet the needs of children with various capabilities and be ADA compliant. Arroyo Verde Park Playground equipment was lost in the Thomas Fire.

Councilmember Weir stated that Clean Power Alliance (CPA) program materials were sent to all Southern California Edison (SCE) customers. Ventura selected 100% renewable energy; residents must opt out of the 100% renewable energy selection by February 1, 2019, if you desire a different percentage.

Councilmember Brown attended the Oath of Office ceremony for California State Controller Betty T. Yee.

Councilmember Rubalcava expressed solidarity for Los Angeles Unified School District teachers and thanked Ventura Unified School District teachers for all of their efforts with teaching our students. Expressed gratitude to the City employees.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

### SPEAKERS

Betsy Erickson; Steve Noll; Madeline Herrle; Yazmin Spiteri, Housing Rights Center; Ron Whitehurst, Ventura County Climate Hub; Jane Johnson; and Chris Rae.

### DOCUMENTS

#### Handouts

Yazmin Spiteri, Jane Johnson and Chris Rae

Mayor LaVere indicated staff would be following up with residents who expressed issues with obtaining grading permits related to Thomas Fire rebuilding.

## 8. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Nasarenko arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Councilmember Weir pulled Consent Item 8D (Councilmember Assignments – 2019). Councilmember Heitmann expressed she also desired to pull Consent Item 8D (Councilmember Assignments – 2019).

Councilmember Friedman requested a correction on the December 10, 2018 City Council Minutes to reflect this wife's name as Kelli.

After approving Consent Items 8A through 8C, 8E through 8H, and discussion held on Consent Item 8D, Mayor LaVere stated he inadvertently neglected to call public speakers on Consent Item 8C (Request for Authorization to Extend Outside Counsel Services – Best, Best & Krieger for Advice Regarding Telecommunication Matters including Updating or replacing the City's current Wireless Ordinance, Broadband, and other Telecommunication Matters). Stated for the record that a new motion and vote will be taken on Item 8C (Request for Authorization to Extend Outside Counsel Services – Best, Best & Krieger for Advice Regarding Telecommunication Matters including Updating or replacing the City's current Wireless Ordinance, Broadband, and other Telecommunication Matters).

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

**8A. Move all resolutions and ordinances presented tonight be deemed read by title only and all further reading be waived.**

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**8. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)****8B. Approval of City Council Minutes – November 19, 2018, December 3, 2018 and December 10, 2018**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve the Minutes of November 19, 2018, December 3, 2018 and December 10, 2018, with the correction to the December 10, 2018 minutes.

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**\*8E. Additional Thomas Fire Resources for Community Development**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Authorize the Mayor to execute the following amendments:

- A. 7th amendment to Stuart Consulting, LLC adding \$300,000 for a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$649,000 and extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.  
AGREEMENT NO. 2019-001
- B. 7<sup>th</sup> amendment to R.W. Toedter adding \$40,000 for a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$259,000 and extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.  
AGREEMENT NO. 2019-002
- C. 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to Orion Structural adding \$180,000 for a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$494,515 and extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.  
AGREEMENT NO. 2019-003

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**8. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)****8F. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and Ventura Fire Management Association; Adoption of Ventura Fire Management Association Unit Salary Resolution for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020; and Adoption of a Revised Salary Resolution for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

- A. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Ventura Fire Management Association.  
AGREEMENT NO. 2019-004
- B. Adopt a resolution Providing for a Systematic Classification of Positions and a Standardization of Salaries for Fire Management Unit Employees for the City (Salary Resolution) for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 to reflect salary increases proposed herein for the Ventura Fire Management Association.
- C. Adopt a revised Resolution Providing for a Systematic Classification of Positions and a Standardization of Salaries of Certain Paid Officers and Employees of the City for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Fiscal Years (Salary Resolution) and previously approved actions (all employee groups except Ventura Police Officers' Association, Ventura Police Management Association, and Ventura Maintenance Employees' Association, Service Employees International Union, and Ventura Fire Management Association) and rescinding Resolution 2018-073.
- D. Authorize Finance and Technology to adjust appropriations in the appropriate fiscal years affected by the terms of the agreement discussed in this report.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEMATIC CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND A STANDARDIZATION OF SALARIES OF FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR THE 2018-2019 AND 2019-2020 FISCAL YEARS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-001**

**8. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEMATIC CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND A STANDARDIZATION OF SALARIES OF CERTAIN PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR THE 2018-2019 AND 2019-2020 FISCAL YEARS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2018-073

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-002

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**8G. Barranca Vista Recreation Center Repairs and Refurbishment Authorization to Advertise**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve the contract plans and specifications for the Barranca Vista Recreation Center Repairs and Refurbishment, Specification No. 2018-002, and authorize the advertisement for bids to be received on February 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**8. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)****8H. Payment Authorization – SoftChoice Corporation**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Authorize the City Manager to approve payment in the amount of \$120,469.35 to SoftChoice Corporation for the annual renewal fees required to maintain the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**\*8D. Councilmember Assignments – 2019**

Discussion held on adjusting Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) and City Legislative Committee adding Councilmember Nasarenko to both. Councilmember Nasarenko will be the primary member for VCREA and Councilmember Weir will be the alternate member.

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

Concur with the Mayor and approve Councilmembers assignments/appointments to various agencies, boards, committees, and liaison roles with modifications to the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance adding Councilmember Nasarenko and making Councilmember Weir the alternate and adding Councilmember Nasarenko to the City Legislative Committee.

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.





**12. FORMAL ITEMS****12A. Chestnut Alleyway Improvement Project Appropriations**SPEAKERS

Presenters Interim Public Works Director Mary Joyce Ivers and  
Acting City Engineer Brad Starr

Public George Amandola

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Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

- A. Approve the increased scope of work for the Chestnut Alleyway Improvement Project.
- B. Authorize the Finance and Technology Department to adjust appropriations in the amount \$206,500 for the proposed improvements.

Councilmember Friedman seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**12B. Year-Round Homeless Shelter Memorandum of Understanding**SPEAKERS

Presenters Acting Assistant City Manager Barry Fisher

Public Karen Flock, Housing Authority of City of San  
Buenaventura

**FORMAL ITEMS (continued)**

Councilmember Nasarenko moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding, in substantially the form submitted subject to City Manager and City Attorney's approval, between the County of Ventura and City of Ventura regarding the financial sharing arrangement for a permanent year-round shelter.

AGREEMENT NO. 2019-005

Councilmember Friedman seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

**12C. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the City of San Buenaventura****SPEAKERS**

Presenters Interim Finance and Technology Director Mary Eckman, Accounting Manager Bridgette McNally and City Manager Alex McIntyre

Robert Callanan, Partner, White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP

7:39 p.m. Councilmember Friedman absent; 7:42 p.m. present.

Public David Grau, Ventura County Taxpayers Association and Burt Handy

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Council received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with the Independent Auditors' Report for the City of San Buenaventura for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018.

City Council requested that staff present future financial workshop on pension liability, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and comparison of Funded Ratios of surrounding Cities.

**FORMAL ITEMS (continued)****12D. City Hall North Update****SPEAKERS**

Presenters Interim Public Works Director Mary Joyce Ivers, Acting City Engineer Brad Starr, Property Management Specialist Charlotte Modugno, Economic Development Manager Estelle Bussa and City Manager Alex McIntyre.

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8:44 p.m. Councilmember Nasarenko absent; 8:46 p.m. present.

Council received report on potential disposition of 505 Poli Street building and provided direction to staff on maintaining 505 Poli Street as a City asset.

**13. WORKSHOP – None****14. PUBLIC NOTICES**

Items listed under Public Notices are a matter of public record only. These items do not require City Council action.

**Recent Decisions of the Planning Commission and Design Review Committee:**

**Planning Commission and Design Review December 19, 2018 Action:  
Approved  
PROJ-11236 – Case No. DRC-10-17-42620 & UP-10-17-42621**

Formal Design Review and Use Permit request for the proposed demolition of an existing 1,777 square foot service station and 1,005 square foot canopy, and the construction of a new 2,849.5 square foot convenience store, a 2,491 square-foot canopy, a 835.5 square foot drive-through car wash, and 3,773 square-feet of new landscaping on a 0.60-acre property located at 3500 East Main Street in the General Commercial (C-2) Zone.

**7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**15. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS – REGIONAL  
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES**

Councilmember Weir attended the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) meeting. This weekend's storm will bring the King Tide to Ventura on Sunday, January 20 at 8:00 a.m. and Monday, January 21 at 8:30 a.m. The public is encouraged to view the power of the ocean and what it will do to our shorelines in the future.

Councilmember Brown attended a Ventura Council of Governments meeting.

**16. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS – None****17. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Antoinette M. Mann, MMC, CRM  
City Clerk

\*Items heard out of order