

CITY OF VENTURA  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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**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**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

**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 Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere

ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere presided.

**CS3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**CS4. CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Name of Case: *Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board and City of San Buenaventura*

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: 19STCP01176 (previously San Francisco Superior Court Case No.: CPF-14-513875)

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

**CS5. ADJOURNMENT**

Closed Session adjourned 6:05 p.m. to Regular Session. Back to Closed Session following Regular Session at 8:34 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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**2. ROLL CALL**

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ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere presided.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Eagle Scout Josh Harrison, Boys Scout Troop 128 Sespe District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor LaVere introduced Mayor For A Moment student Serena Springer, Citrus Glen Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grader, who read her essay on Honesty. A Community Access Partners (CAPS) video about Serena Springer, Citrus Glen Elementary School and Honesty was shown. Mayor LaVere presented Serena Springer with a Key to the City.

Mayor LaVere and Sespe Commissioner Brendan Hendrick recognized the nine Boy Scouts from the Sespe District earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout Designation; three Eagle Scouts attending the meeting received their Certificate of Recognition. The Eagle Scout recognition is awarded to those demonstrating service and leadership by completing a project that benefits our community. Mayor

#### **4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

LaVere presented each with a certificate of recognition.

Assistant City Manager Akbar Alikhan, Assistant City Attorney Miles Hogan, Ventura Water General Manager Susan Rungren, and City Attorney Greg Diaz provided an update on the "Ventura River and Efforts to Work Towards Cooperative Solutions". Mr. Alikhan stated the PowerPoint was the same used at the Westside Community Council Meeting last week and will be used at the upcoming public outreach meetings. Staff responded to City Council questions.

#### **5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz stated City Council met in Closed Session this evening for the items listed on the Public Agenda. City Council will be returning to Closed Session at the end of the Regular Meeting. No reportable action is anticipated at this time.

#### **6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Heitmann reported walking the Promenade managed retreat area, with Councilmember Weir and Deputy Mayor Rubalcava, to see the effects on our coastline. Recognized efforts of Councilmember Weir, former Mayor Brian Brennan, City Engineer Brad Starr, and The Surfrider Foundation for attending, providing information to the public, leading the effort to look at resiliency along our coastline, and for all the creative ideas proposed to protect our coastline.

Deputy Mayor Rubalcava requested tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Xavier Raul (Bix X) Montes.

Councilmember Brown attended a climate action group meeting with Deputy Mayor Rubalcava.

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

##### SPEAKERS

Larry Martinez; Elizabeth Campos; Lorenzo DeStefano, Julia Campbell and Tamara Varney, NAMBA Performing Arts Space; Betsy Erickson; Brandon Thomson; Marie Anderson; Ron DiSanto; Gerardo Gallegos; and Miguel Rodriguez

##### DOCUMENT

Video

Elizabeth Campos

## 8. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Heitmann pulled Consent Agenda Item 8C (2020-2021 Legislative Platform).

Councilmember Weir pulled Consent Agenda Item 8B (Adoption – City Council Protocols; Budget Principles and 2020-2021 City Council Goals).

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 Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 7-0.

**\*8D. Cooperative Agreement with the Ventura County Port District**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Authorize the City Manager execute the Cooperative Agreement with the  
Ventura County Port District. AGREEMENT NO. 2020-008

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 7-0.

**8E. Ordinance for Second Reading – Consideration of Ordinance Adding Arts and Culture Commission and Repealing Cultural Affairs and Public Art Commissions**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

**8. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)**

Waive the second reading in full and adopt the Ordinance of the Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, pertaining to adding Arts and Culture Commission and Repealing Cultural Affairs and Public Art Commissions. Introduced and approved by the City Council on January 27, 2020 (Vote: 7-Yes; 0-No; 0-Absent).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 2.435, "CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION," OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE; REPEALING CHAPTER 2.445, "PUBLIC ART COMMISSION," OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE; AND ADDING CHAPTER 2.470, "ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION", TO THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-004

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 7-0.

**8F. Ordinance for Second Reading – Required Obedience to Traffic Ordinance; Chalking of Tires**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Waive the second reading in full and adopt the Ordinance of the Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, pertaining to required Obedience to Traffic Ordinance; Chalking of Tires. Proposed ordinance introduced and approved by the City Council on January 27, 2020 (Vote: 7-Yes; 0-No; 0-Absent).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY, SECTION 16.115.070, "REQUIRED OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE," OF CHAPTER 16.115, "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT," OF DIVISION 16, "VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS," OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-005

**8. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)**

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 7-0.

**\*8C. 2020-2021 Legislative Platform**

Councilmember Heitmann moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve the 2020-2021 Legislative Platform, as amended – adding under the Public Safety Bullet, “Supporting efforts by the Department of Justice to better monitor compliance with State and Federal laws as it pertains to the sale of firearms and ammunition at gun shows.”

Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 7-0.

**\*8B. Adoption – City Council Protocols; Budget Principles and 2020-2021 City Council Goals****SPEAKERS**

City Manager Alex D. McIntyre, City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz, Community Development Director Peter Gilli and Public Works Director Phillip Nelson

**DOCUMENT**

PowerPoint

7:23 p.m. Councilmember Nasarenko absent; 7:23 p.m. present. 7:36 p.m. Councilmember Brown absent; 7:39 p.m. present.

**8. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)**

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. Adopt a Resolution reconfirming the City Council Protocols entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, RECONFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOLS FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS, POLICY MAKING, AND RELATED MATTERS

- b. Approved the Budgeting Principles for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 which includes Measure O funds.
- c. Adopt the 2020-2021 City Council Goals developed during the January 25, 2020 City Council Goals Session and as amended on February 10, 2020. Updated Goals are reflected in Attachment A to these minutes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, RECONFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOLS FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS, POLICY MAKING, AND RELATED MATTERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-005

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 7-0.

**11. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM****11A. 2020-2024 Regional Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Drafts**

The public hearing was opened.

City Clerk Antoinette Mann stated that affidavits of publication and posting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.





**12. FORMAL ITEM (continued)**DOCUMENT

PowerPoint

8:25 p.m. Councilmember Nasarenko absent; 8:26 p.m. present.

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Authorize the Mayor to execute the first amendment to Raimi and Associates, Inc. adding \$30,733 for a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,383,814 and updating the scope of services to include the Arts and Culture and Historic Preservation components to the plan.

AGREEMENT NO. 2019-116.1

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 7-0.

**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 Design Review Committee****Design Review Committee January 22, 2020 Actions: Approved  
PROJ-13726 – SV-7-19-51265**

Target Beacon Sign and Drive-up Parking Sign Variance located at 245 South Mills Road - Sign Variance to install an "Order Pick-up" beacon sign for Target near the southeast entrance of the parking lot adjacent to the drive-up parking spaces. The directional sign will be 12 square feet (12 feet tall by 1 foot wide), which exceeds the requirements for total square footage (4 square feet) and maximum height (4 feet) and on a 13.2 acre parcel lot that contains a portion of the parking (474 uncovered parking spaces and 4 drive-up spaces); Kacie Won, applicant; Limited Commercial (C-1A)/Commerce (C) zone.

**14. PUBLIC NOTICES (continued)****Design Review Committee January 22, 2020 Actions: Approved  
PROJ-13941 – DRC-10-19-52543 & SV-12-19-53694, MC-10-19-52544**

Sign Program & Variance for Portside Harbor Development located at 947 Schooner Drive – Formal Design Review of a new Sign Program and Sign Variance for the Portside Harbor Development project. The Sign Program and Sign Variance includes two monument signs and Buildings “W” tenant signage for four retail spaces and seventeen live/work units. Minor Change to the previously approved Coastal Development Permit is also required for the proposed Sign Program and Sign Variance. The project is located at Portside Ventura Harbor; Vogue Sign Company, applicant; Harbor Mixed Use/Harbor.

**Design Review Committee January 22, 2020 Actions: Approved  
PROJ-8647 – SV-10-19-52447**

Ultra Storage Sign Variance located at 2701 Golf Course Drive - Formal Design Review of a Sign Variance to allow an additional wall sign for a total of two all signs instead of the one allowed by code for a 78,359 square-foot self-storage facility located on a 3.6-acre lot; Michael Reese, applicant; Manufacturing Planned Development (MPD/Industry (I)) zone.

**7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None****15. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS – REGIONAL  
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES – None****16. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS – None****17. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in memory of Xavier Raul (Bix X) Montes at 8:34 p.m. back to Closed Session. Closed Session adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Antoinette M. Mann, MPPA, MMC, CRM  
City Clerk

\*Items heard out of order

**EXHIBIT TO FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MINUTES**

A 2020-2021 City Council Goals

**EXHIBIT A – CITY COUNCIL GOALS  
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 10, 2020****2020 – 2021 City Council Goals**

- 1. Stabilize and Strengthen the Organization**
  - A. Focus on Delivery of Core Services
  - B. Develop a Communications Strategy
  - C. Develop an Information Technology Master Plan
  
- 2. General Plan Update**
  - A. Kick-Off General Plan Update
  - B. Create the General Plan Advisory Committee
  - C. Create an effective Community Outreach strategy
  
- 3. Economic Development Strategy**
  - A. Complete Economic Development strategy
  - B. Implement initial recommendations of the Matrix Report
  - C. Renewed focus on growing the local economy
  
- 4. Find Opportunities to Invest in Beautifying the Community**
  - A. Adopt and implement the Tree Master Plan
  - B. Identify sites for Monument Signage
  - C. Develop an Abandoned Building Ordinance
  - D. Address Tier 3 Code Enforcement issues (e.g. News racks)
  
- 5. Develop Coastal Area Strategic Plan**
  - A. Work with State Beaches and Harbor for Beach Beautification, maintenance and clean-up
  - B. Strengthen the Promenade and other ocean facing infrastructure to anticipate the Impacts of Sea Level Rise
  - C. Identify and implement improvements to Lower Seaward
  - D. Explore feasibility of community facilities district or “resort fee” funding mechanism to pay for ocean-front repairs and improvements



## **2020 – 2021 City Council Goals**

### **6. Stabilization and Augmentation of our Water Supply**

- A. Draft Net Zero Policy Amendments
- B. Provide pathway to successful Ventura Water Pure project, or alternatives
- C. Provide pathway to successful State Water Interconnect Project
- D. Focus on critical improvements to existing water infrastructure

### **7. Environmental Initiatives**

- A. Begin Outreach for Climate Action Plan
- B. Propose a new Energy Action Plan
- C. Active Transportation
- D. Electric Vehicle Blueprint
- E. Mobility Plan – emphasis on walking/biking
- F. Electric Vehicle Fleet Infrastructure

### **8. Charter/Voter Initiatives**

- A. Draft proposed Charter modifications for Public Bidding Procedure
- B. Develop a Cannabis Voter Initiative
- C. Consider a TOT Voter Initiative