

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 / WORKSHOP

APRIL 15, 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 5:16 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

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

CS4. CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room

1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: City Manager

Authority: Government Code Section 54957

CS5. ADJOURNMENT

Closed session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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 6:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere presided.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor LaVere led the pledge of allegiance.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor LaVere invited Patty Jenkins, Volunteer Coordinator of the Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group; Aurora Soriano, Volunteer Advocate and Susan Kline to receive the Proclamation naming April 2019 Parkinson's Awareness Month.

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 informed the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is holding community meetings this week on the future of carpool lanes for the 101 freeway; more information is available on the VCTC website; meeting will be held April 16, 2019, 6-8 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall. This week is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, congratulated Megan Williams as the Ventura Police Department Dispatcher of the Year.

Councilmember Nasarenko stated Megan William's mother was also a dispatcher for Ventura Police Department. Recognized and thanked City Attorney Gregory Diaz as the principal manager of the City's litigation strategy. Acknowledged him for implementing the direction of Council and for helping to preserve taxpayers' dollars in a fiscally legal and prudent way.

6:17 p.m. Councilmember Friedman absent; 6:18 present.

***7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor LaVere requested Sabrena Rodriguez, Ventura Unified School Board Member speak to the City Council.

SPEAKERS

Sabrena Rodriguez, Ventura Unified School Board; Roland Roberts, Straight Up Ventura County; Dan Long, Midtown Community Council; James Forsythe, Westside Community Council; Cherie Egbert and Gabriel Teran

DOCUMENTS

Handouts

Ventura Unified School District and James Forsythe, Westside Community Council

12. FORMAL ITEMS**12A. Adoption of a Resolution Appointing an Interim Community Development Director****SPEAKER**

Presenter

Human Resources Director Elizabeth Foushee

12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

Adopt a resolution appointing Peter Lyons as Interim Community Development Director.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING PETER LYONS AS INTERIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 21221(h)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-016

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.

13. WORKSHOP**13A. The California Environmental Quality Act for Decision Makers****SPEAKERS**

Presenters City Attorney Gregory Diaz and Assistant City Attorney Miles Hogan

M. Katherine Jensen, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

Public Daniel Cormode and Leslie Purcell

7:49 p.m. Councilmember Friedman absent; 7:53 p.m. present. 7:50 p.m. Councilmember Heitmann absent; 7:54 p.m. present.

DOCUMENTS

Correspondence Daniel Cormode

PowerPoint

Council received a presentation and asked questions to gain a better understanding of the California Environmental Quality Act process and their role as decision makers.

13. WORKSHOP (continued)**13B. Commissions, Boards and Committees – Status Update/Receive City Council Direction**

8:14p.m. Councilmember Weir absent; 8:18 p.m. present.

SPEAKERS

Presenter City Clerk Antoinette Mann

Public Vic Georgino; James Forsythe, Tree Advisory Committee; Stephanie Caldwell, Ventura Chamber of Commerce; William McReynolds; Douglas Wood; Sandy Smith; John Silva, The DuPuis Group; Steve Doll; Shawn Hughes, Ventura City Firefighters and Dan Long

DOCUMENT

PowerPoint

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the motion as amended to:

Direct staff to bring back to the City Council proposals that would streamline, improve, add clarity and simplify our current design review process related to the Design Review Committee. Accompanying staff report should discuss the legal, staffing and financial implications of disbanding the Design Review Committee.

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

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the motion as amended to:

Direct staff to bring back to the City Council a revised ordinance that disbands the Historic Preservation Committee and replaces it with city staff and outside consultants, when needed. Accompanying staff report should discuss the legal, staffing and financial implications of disbanding the Historic Preservation Committee.

13. WORKSHOP (continued)

Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the motion to:

Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance changing the way planning commissioners are appointed. Going forward, each City Council Member would appoint their own Planning Commissioner who would serve at their pleasure and whose term would run concurrently with the term of the Council Member.

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.

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the motion as amended to:

Direct the City Attorney to bring back an ordinance for City Council approval that would enact the following changes to the existing commission and committee structure:

- 1) Create a new nine-member Cultural Affairs Commission with composition being three members from the Cultural Affairs Commission, with three members of the Public Arts Commission and three members of the Library Commission thereby creating a new nine-member Cultural Affairs Commission with member qualifications to match new composition. Staff to address 2019 recruitment options in when reporting back to City Council.
- 2) Direct staff to bring back to the City Council the guidelines the Tree Advisory Committee follows and conducts their hearing and appeals. Address modifying the current Tree Advisory Committee hearings and appeals process.

13. WORKSHOP (continued)

- 3) For the Water Commission, eliminate the alternate positions and implement the suggested staggered the terms for the 2019 recruitment.
- 4) For the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee, adjust the current membership categories, reduce the commercial property owner category to one member and increasing the City resident at-large category to two members, leaving the committee at seven members.
- 5) Commissioners, board and committee members, with the exception of Planning Commissioners, will be limited to a term of two consecutive four-year terms.
- 6) Reduce the number of City Council votes needed to remove a commissioner, board or committee person from five to four.
- 7) Limit members to a single committee or commission to allow for more participation from residents.
- 8) Require that each commission and committee develop an annual work plan and provide an annual report to the City Council outlining accomplishments achieved during the year.
- 9) Disband the Investment Review Committee.
- 10) Create a new ad-hoc committee, Senior Strategic Planning Committee, with their purpose to develop the Senior Strategic Plan. Once developed and adopted by City Council, the ad-hoc committee will be disbanded.

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

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried.

13C. Code Enforcement Update

Council item was continued to a future date. No action taken

7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

SPEAKERS Brad Austin and Burt Handy

DOCUMENT

Comment Card Christopher James Grant

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

Councilmember Friedman thanked the Council for supporting his recommendations at this meeting and complimented Council on their decorum during City Council meetings.

Mayor LaVere thanked City Council for having a civil and thoughtful discussion on the workshop item and thanked City Clerk Antoinette Mann for her hard work with the presentation.

16. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Acting Assistant City Manager Barry Fisher expressed thanks from City Manager Alex McIntyre to Dave Ward for being responsive and helpful in taking on the position of Interim Community Development Director and wished him the best of luck as he leaves the City of Ventura.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned to Regular Meeting on May 6, 2019 and cancelling the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2019, at 10:57 p.m.



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

*Items heard out of order