

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA



CITY COUNCIL MINUES
REVISED AGENDA ADDED CLOSED SESSION ITEM 4
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MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
REVISED ON MAY 9, 2023
REVISED ON MAY 12, 2023
CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL - 501 POLI STREET, VENTURA, CA 93001

JOE SCHROEDER, MAYOR
Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – LIZ CAMPOS
DISTRICT 2 – DOUG HALTER
DISTRICT 3 – MIKE JOHNSON

DISTRICT 6 – JIM DURAN
DISTRICT 5 – BILL MCREYNOLDS
DISTRICT 4 – JEANNETTE SANCHEZ-
PALACIOS, DEPUTY MAYOR

Akbar Alikhan
Interim City Manager

Andrew Heglund
City Attorney

Michael B. MacDonald
City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION: 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Deputy Mayor Sanchez-Palacios, and Mayor Schroeder

Absent: Campos

Mayor Schroeder presiding

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION: *Teleconference/Video Conference Meeting. The Public may not participate in the Closed Session, other than for Public Comments.*

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Claimant: The Estate of Matthew Clapsaddle

Date of Injury: August 20, 2022

WCAB Case Number: ADJ16704788

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

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Claimant: Donald McPherson

1. Date of Injury: November 30, 2004

WCAB Case Numbers: ADJ5748989/ADJ3597811

2. Date of Injury: March 23, 2014

WCAB Case Number: ADJ11858583

3. Date of Injury: March 23, 1981 – December 10, 2018

WCAB Case Number: ADJ11858612

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

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

City Negotiators: Akbar Alikhan, Interim City Manager and Danielle Keys, Human Resources Director

Employee Organizations:

a. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721 CTW,CLC, representing “G” (General), “S” (Supervisory), and “Q” (Professional) Units

b. Ventura Maintenance Employees Association (VMEA)

c. Ventura Fire Management Association (VFMA)

d. Ventura City Firefighters’ Association (VCFA)

e. Ventura Police Management Association (VPMA)

f. Ventura Police Officers’ Association (VPOA)

g. Unrepresented employees

Authority: Government code Section 54957.6

CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED)

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

One Case

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

5. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

One Case

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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

Name of Case: Irallex v. City of San Buenaventura

VCSC case no. 2022-00572920-CUMC

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

ADJOURNMENT: 5:49 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION: 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Deputy Mayor Sanchez-Palacios, and Mayor Schroeder

Absent: None

Mayor Schroeder presiding

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember McReynolds

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fentanyl Presentation

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: City Attorney Andy Heglund reported that there was no reportable action.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS: *Per Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Council Communications section of the agenda provides City Council the opportunity to ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on their own activities.*

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: *Staff shall introduce the public hearing item and present their report to Council. Councilmembers may ask questions of staff if they desire. Any member of the public may speak or present evidence, after submitting a speaker card and being recognized by the Mayor. All rules of decorum apply during Public Hearings. Each member of the Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte communications concerning the subject of the hearing.*

1. [Adoption of the 2023-2024 Annual Action and Funding Plan – Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program \(HOME\)](#)

Staff: Neda Zayer, Interim Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Conduct a public hearing and receive comments.
- b. Adopt a Resolution to approve the following for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) submission:
 - 2023-2024 Annual Action and Funding Plan that details the goals and uses of CDBG and HOME funds.
 - 2023-2024 CDBG award in the amount of \$688,071 for eligible program activities.
 - 2023-2024 HOME award in the amount of \$485,152 for eligible program activities.
 - 2023-2024 CDBG Funding Plan to allocate a total of \$1,482,193 including funds from the 2023-2024 \$688,071 grant and the \$800,000 in carryover funds, as described in Exhibit A.
- c. Authorize the submission by the Interim City Manager to HUD of the 2023-2024 Action Plan and its related certifications and federal forms.
- d. Authorize the Finance and Technology Department to make necessary changes to revenues and expenditures in the 2023-2024 operating budget per the approved Action Plan.
- e. Authorize the Interim Community Development Director, or designee, to execute Subrecipient and Loan Agreements, as necessary, for 2023-2024 CDBG funding, and to adjust funding of a project, as needed, based on grant award by HUD and according to the Citizen Participation Plan, including adjustments to the allocations and expenditures of prior and current year program income up to ten percent per project.

Supplemental Packet: Communications posted online.

Public Speaker: Kendra Gonzalez

Action: M/S/C (Sanchez-Palacios/Duran) to approve the staff recommendation. Resolution No. 2023-031.

Vote: All Ayes

WORKSHOP ITEMS: *The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for Workshop Items as the item is taken up. Items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair. The public may speak up to three (3) minutes on each agenda item.*

2. [2023-2024 City Council Goals Progress Update](#)

Staff: Akbar Alikhan, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file progress update on the 2023-2024 City Council goals.

Action: No speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

3. [Workshop on Undergrounding City-Wide Utilities](#)

Staff: Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Receive and file this report.
- b. Hold a Council workshop on undergrounding city-wide utilities.

Supplemental Packet: Communications posted online.

Public Speaker: George Amandola

Action: M/S/C (McReynolds/Halter) to direct staff to return by the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting with a spending plan for the approximately \$1 million in Rule 20 Work Credit Funds, prioritizing ADA improvements, life and safety improvements, and economic development, as well as a plan to host a community workshop.

Vote: All Ayes

WORKSHOP ITEMS (CONTINUED)

4. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Workshop #3

Staff: Greg Morley, Interim Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

Receive staff presentation and provide feedback on proposed changes to the FY 2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget.

Public Speakers: Spencer Noren, Trevor Gotsman, George Amandola

Action: Presentation made and discussion held.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Speakers: Reynaldo Gaxiola, Todd Collart, Spencer Noren, Trevor Gotsman.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Meeting adjourned in honor of Gloria Molina.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the City Council meeting held on May 15, 2023.

Michael B. MacDonald, CMC
City Clerk