

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

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1. Join a **WebEx meeting LIVE:**

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Join with only an “audio” connection: **2553 340 7750**

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3. Submit your comments via email **by 4:00 p.m. on the City Council meeting date to allow the comments to be read before the Meeting.** Please submit your comment to the City Clerk using this form www.cityofventura.ca.gov/publicinput or send an email to cityclerk@cityofventura.ca.gov (up to 1000 characters) When sending an email, please indicate in the Subject Line, the Agenda item number (i.e. Item No. 8A). Your form/email will be read by City Council and placed into the item’s record at the meeting.
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6. **Attend the meeting at City Hall.** Please note that the meeting will be a hybrid meeting, with attendees both in-person and virtually.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTIONS to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

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The public has the opportunity to address the City Council on any item appearing on the agenda. Persons wishing to address the City Council are limited to three minutes on any agenda item with a cumulative total of five minutes for all agenda items, except if there are one or more Successor Agency, Public Facilities Financing Authority and Parking Authority items on the agenda, members of the public shall have an additional total of three minutes on any agenda item with a cumulative total of five minutes for all agenda items to address all Successor Agency, Public Facilities Financing Authority and Parking Authority matters.

At the first regular meeting of the month, City Council has allocated a total of 30 minutes for members of the public to address City Council on items of City business other than scheduled agenda items near the beginning of the agenda and will continue speakers beyond the 30 minutes until the end of the agenda under the heading of "Public Communications". Individuals may not acquire additional time from other speakers during Public Communications but may do so on formal agenda items per City Council Protocols. City Council cannot take action on any items not on the agenda. These items may be referred to staff or scheduled on a future agenda. **Refer to box above on how to submit comments, including public comments, to City Council. You may also scan the QR Code to access the form to submit public comments or comments related to a specific agenda item via email before the meeting or during the meeting.**

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Resource Items for the Public:

- [City Council Protocols](#) which includes Rules of Decorum for the Public
- [City Council Goals 2021-2022](#)
- [Budget Principles 2021-2022](#)
- [City Charter](#)

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CS1. CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION: 5:01 p.m.

CS2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Sanchez-Palacios, Brown, Johnson, Deputy Mayor Schroeder

Absent: Halter, Friedman, Mayor Rubalcava

Deputy Mayor Schroeder presiding

CS3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

CS4. 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**
Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Case
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Action: No reportable action

CS5. ADJOURNMENT: 5:15 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION – 6:08 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Sanchez-Palacios, Brown, Johnson, Halter, Friedman, Deputy Mayor Schroeder, and Mayor Rubalcava

Absent: None

Mayor Rubalcava presiding

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Deputy Mayor Schroeder

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4A. **NAMI Ventura County Proclamation**

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

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: None

7. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager Akbar Alikhan provided the following update:

- Community members are invited to participate in the next budget workshop.
- On June 1, 2022, the City will host a virtual meeting to gather input for the new Ventura Rail Trail grant project, intended to connect Montalvo to Saticoy through the new trail along the Santa Paula branch line.
- Special Council meeting on May 31, 2022, scheduled a budget workshop.
- The final budget workshop and proposed final adoption of the budget will be on June 13, 2022.

9. CONSENT ITEMS

Action: M/S/C (Friedman/Sanchez-Palacios) to approve the Consent Items in one motion as presented.

Vote: All Ayes

9A. Move all resolutions and ordinances presented tonight be deemed read by title only and all further reading be waived.

9B. Ordinance Establishing a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Police Department

Staff: Darin Schindler, Chief of Police

ADVANCE ITEM Posted April 22, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt an Ordinance approving a Military Equipment Use policy.

Action: No speakers. Recommendation approved. Ordinance No. 2022-005 schedule for Second Reading on June 13, 2022.

13. FORMAL ITEMS

Council Recess: 7:53 p.m. – 8:08 p.m.

Council Recess: 10:14 p.m. – 10:37 p.m.

13. FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

13A. Consideration of an Interim Urgency Ordinance for Just Cause Evictions for Demolition and Substantial Remodel

Staff: Peter Gilli, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

1. Find the Interim Urgency Ordinance to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act based on Section 15061 (b)(3).
2. Adopt an Interim Urgency Ordinance for Just Cause Evictions for Demolition and Substantial Remodel (requires 4/5 vote), titles as follows:

“AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8.1100, “JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS FOR DEMOLITION AND SUBSTANTIAL REMODEL TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES” TO THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF”

Supplemental Packet: All Public Communications are listed and posted online.

Public speakers: Judy Alexandre, Elsy Iniguez, Paul Iniguez, Ryan Drury, Katherine Peik, Maria Felix, John Vargas, Maria Navarro, Kristian Nunez, Michael Gutierrez-Felix, Joel Simon, Helen Eloyan, Stephanie Caldwell, Pedro Guzman, Matt Bello, Mayerleng Villarroel, Juan Valenzuela, Luis Conchas, Yolanda Alvarez, Juan Alvarez, Taylor Buck, Liz Campos, Francisco Figueroa, Norma Ramirez, Maria Perez, Hector Bizzaro, Steve Peterson, Jeff Belzer, Matt Capritto, Maria Davalos, Karen Hoffberg, Ashley Anderson, Danielle Leidner-Peretz, Matt, James Forsythe, Trevor Gotsman, Leah, Janet Sprissler, Glenn Overley, Jana Scarborough, Leslie Purcell

13. FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Action: M/S/F (Johnson/Rubalcava) to accept the staff recommendation.

Vote: Ayes: Brown, Johnson, Mayor Rubalcava; Noes: Sanchez-Palacios, Halter, Friedman, Deputy Mayor Schroeder; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: M/S/F (Rubalcava/Johnson) to revise the recommendation to include 2 months of HUD Fair Market Rent as relocation assistance, and to remove the retroactive clause.

Vote: Ayes: Brown, Johnson, Halter, Deputy Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Rubalcava; Noes: Sanchez-Palacios, Friedman; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Friedman) to continue the meeting beyond 11 p.m., per the Council Protocols.

Vote: All Ayes

Action: M/S/C (Brown/Friedman) to accept the staff recommendation, amending subsection B to remove the retroactive clause.

Vote: Ayes: Brown, Johnson, Halter, Friedman, Deputy Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Rubalcava; Noes: Sanchez-Palacios; Abstain: None; Absent: None

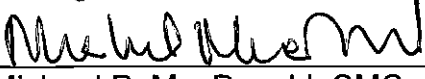
8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Speakers: Terrence Foley, Spencer Noren, Maria Navarro, Stephanie Caldwell, Liz Campos, Trevor Gotsman

17. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the City Council meeting held on May 23, 2022.



Michael B. MacDonald, CMC
City Clerk

