

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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Councilmember District 5

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Councilmember District 3

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Councilmember District 6

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Councilmember District 4

Joe Schroeder, Deputy Mayor
Councilmember District 7

Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager
Andy Heglund, City Attorney
Michael B. MacDonald, City Clerk



AMENDED
5/27/2022

Agenda Item 13A
Resolution and
Position Added

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

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CS1. CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION: 5:00 p.m.

CS2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Brown, 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-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)

Action: No reportable action

CS5. ADJOURNMENT: 5:55 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 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: Councilmember Friedman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4A. Community Highlight – Denise Wise

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

6. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Lorrie Brown

- Thanked the Fire Department for hosting the future community meetings in each district and looks forward to meeting everyone.
- Acknowledged former Mayor Matt LaVere for sending a letter of support for funding for air conditioning in the EP Foster Library.
- Looks forward to the Streamlining Ordinance that is coming back to Council on June 13.
- Looks forward to the conversation around grandfathering ADU permits for those who submitted permits and live in fire areas in the City.
- Thank you to the Human Resources Director Danielle Keys for working hard to get new employees hired.

Councilmember Sanchez-Palacios

- Reminder that on 6/1 the City is holding a community virtual forum for an upcoming Caltrans active transportation grant program.
- Thursday at the Farm neighborhood park, hosting the first neighborhood watch program meeting at 5:30 p.m. to provide the district 4 community with an opportunity to share ideas of how to work with public safety officers.
- Second entrance to community park has been opened. Thanked everyone for making that happen.

Councilmember Halter

- Recognized the diversity of our community. On June 8, 2022, the County will be raising the LBGTQ Pride flag in recognition of the 53rd uprising at Stone Wall.

Councilmember Johnson

- Glad to see Councilmember Brown at the ribbon cutting at the new apartment building on Kalorama.
- June 2, 2022, District 3 get together at Rincon Brewery.
- June 11, 2022, second Saturday cleanup at the 99 Cent Store on Victoria from 10-12 p.m.
- June 15, 2022 Station 3 Fire Department community forum.
- Adjourn in memory of Bernie Furlong, retired Senior Deputy Sheriff.

7. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Alex McIntyre provided the following update:

- Gina Dorrington named the new Ventura Water General Manager.
- On June 1, 2022, at 6 p.m., there will be a virtual public meeting for the Ventura Rail Trail grant project.
- The top three level and stairwell of the Harbor Blvd parking garage will be closed this week.
- June 7, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., the Ventura Police Department will be participating in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.
- On June 13, 2022, the Council will hold the final budget workshop for final adoption. The Council will also consider the Streamlining Ordinance.

9. CONSENT ITEMS

Action: M/S/C (Brown-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. **Request for Authorization to Amend Outside Counsel Services – Best, Best & Krieger for On Call Services**

Staff: Andy Heglund, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Attorney to amend the legal services agreement with Best, Best and Krieger, LLP to increase the compensation to an amount not to exceed \$175,000 (increase of \$75,000).

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.

9C. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 State Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 Project List (SB1)**

Staff: Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

a. Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 Project List.

9. CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

- b. Adopt a Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Project List to add the Telegraph Road Resurfacing Project and the Navigator Drive, Spinnaker Drive/Anchors Way Resurfacing Project to the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 Project List. Resolution titled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY SB1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.
Resolution No. 2022-028

9D. Consideration of Approval of General Services Agreement with Merrimac Energy Group for Fuel Supplier Services

Staff: Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Merrimac Energy Group, in the amount of \$784,640 for an initial term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and an option to extend for up to four one-year terms for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$3,923,200.
- b. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute four annual amendments, in the amount of \$784,640 each, to extend the term of the contract, for which sufficient funds have been appropriated, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$3,138,560.
- b. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute future modifications to the annual appropriations in an amendment, with modifications not to exceed \$50,000.

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.

9. CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

9E. Amendment No. 2 to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Implementation Agreement Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program

Staff: Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Implementation Agreement Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program and extend the term of Agreement one (1) year to end on September 11, 2023.

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.

9F. Consideration of the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2021-061 with Waterways Consulting, Inc. for Design Services on Project 97945 – Ventura River Fish Passage Improvements at Foster Park Phase 1

Staff: Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Second amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2021-061 with Waterways Consulting, Inc. with a new contract completion date of December 31, 2022.
- c. Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute future amendments to the subject Agreement up to a total time extension of 180 calendar days.

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.
Agreement No. 2021-061.2

9. CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

9G. Three Year On Call Professional Services Agreements to provide Professional Engineering and Technical Support Services

Staff: Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the subject Three-Year On Call Professional Services Agreements with 62 firms across 32 disciplines of work, to provide professional engineering and technical support services over a three-year period (June 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025).

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.

9H. Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Director Appointments

Staff: Susan Rungren, Ventura Water General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Adopt a Resolution appointing a Director and Alternate Director to the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency. Resolution titled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY”

- b. Adopt a Resolution appointing a Director to the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Resolution titled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY”

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.
Resolution No. 2022-029 and Resolution No. 2022-030

9. CONSENT ITEMS (CONTINUED)

9I. Final 2022 Comprehensive Water Resources Report and Water Shortage Event Update

Staff: Susan Rungren, Ventura Water General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Receive the Final 2022 Comprehensive Water Resources Report.
- d. Confirm that a water shortage stage is not triggered based on current supply and demand projections referenced in the Final 2022 Comprehensive Water Resources Report and triggers as described in the 2020 Water Shortage Event Contingency Plan.
- e. Authorize the City Manager or designee to expand the public information campaign for water conservation to comply with the State Drought Related Emergency Regulation for Water Conservation as adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on May 24, 2022.

Action: No speakers. Approved recommendation.

12. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

12A. 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Applications Review

Staff: Peter Gilli, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing and receive comments.
- b. Provide direction on recommended funding for the applications received.

Public Speakers: Karen Flock, Jackie Pearce, Spencer Noren

Action: Public Hearing opened and closed. M/S/C (Schroeder/Brown) to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes

13. FORMAL ITEMS

13A. Adoption of Revised Salary and Benefits Resolutions

Staff: Danielle Keys, Human Resources Director

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- a. Adopt a Resolution Providing for a Systematic Classification of Positions and a Standardization of Salaries of Certain Paid Officers and Employees as of May 31, 2022. Resolution titled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEMATIC CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND A STANDARDIZATION OF SALARIES OF CERTAIN PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA AS OF MAY 31, 2022"

- b. Adopt a Resolution Providing for Benefits and Additional Compensation for Unrepresented Employees in Salary Schedules "E", "M", "C" and "D" effective May 31, 2022. Resolution titled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES IN SALARY SCHEDULES "E", "M", "C" and "D" EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2022"

Public Speakers: Spencer Noren

Action: M/S/C (Friedman/Brown) to approve the staff recommendation. Resolution No. 2022-031 and Resolution No. 2022-032

Vote: All Ayes

13. FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Council recess 8:49 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.

13B. Redflex Traffic Systems Agreement

Staff: Darin Schindler, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a new five-year Redflex Traffic System Agreement for \$473,040 annually or \$2,365,200 over five years.

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

Public Speakers: Spencer Noren, George Amandola

Action: M/S/C (Friedman/Sanchez-Palacios) to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes

13C. Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget Workshop #2

Staff: Michael Coon, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

Receive staff's presentation and provide feedback on proposed changes to the FY 2022 – 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget.

Public Speakers: Terrence Foley, Liz Campos, Spencer Noren, George Amandola, Trevor Gotsman

Action: Receive and file.

8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

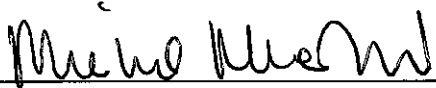
Public Speakers: Liz Campos

17. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn in memory of Bernie Furlong and Jordana Ybarra-Telias

Adjourned at 10:39 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