

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Sofia Rubalcava
Mayor

Doug Halter
Councilmember District 2

Jim Friedman
Councilmember District 5

Mike Johnson
Councilmember District 3

Lorrie Brown
Councilmember District 6

Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios
Councilmember District 4

Joe Schroeder, Deputy Mayor
Councilmember District 7

Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager
Gregory G. Diaz, City Attorney
Antoinette M. Mann, City Clerk



REGULAR MEETING

JULY 26, 2021

City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 pertaining to the Brown Act and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

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 6:02 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 led the pledge of allegiance.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rubalcava stated that for this evening's City Council meeting, we are welcoming the public both virtually and in-person. When attending meetings at City Hall, all visitors must always wear a mask including when speaking.

Tonight, Agenda Item 12A (Public Hearing on District Boundaries) is a time specific agenda item per Election Code Section 21627.1 and cannot start before 6:15 p.m. If Council is on another agenda item at 6:15 p.m., we are allowed to finish it and then move to 12A. This could result in a change to our agenda order.

5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Gregory Diaz reported there was no Closed Session this evening, therefore no City Council Actions to report.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – None**7. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Alex McIntyre stated during August the community is encouraged to participate in three important surveys surrounding the General Plan: Climate Action and Resilience Plan survey, Visioning survey, and Active Transportation Plan survey. All surveys are available in English and Española and are available on www.PlanVentura.com. In addition, there will be future workshops and

7. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

activities. This is a great opportunity to help shape our community's future from the comfort of your home.

In addition, the General Plan's Draft Housing Element is coming before Council on August 2, 2021, as a joint City Council and Planning Commission topic. Afterwards, Council will take a much deserved five-week summer break. The next meeting will be September 13, 2021.

9. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Friedman pulled Agenda Item 9E (Professional Service Agreement with HDR, Inc. for VenturaWaterPure Brine Line and Ocean Outfall) for questions. Ventura Water Pure Director Linda Sumansky responded to Councilmember Friedman's questions.

Deputy Mayor Schroeder pulled Agenda Item 9E (Professional Service Agreement with HDR, Inc. for VenturaWaterPure Brine Line and Ocean Outfall) for questions. Ventura Water Pure Director Linda Sumansky responded to Deputy Mayor Schroeder's questions.

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann stated there were no public comments and no speakers.

Prior to voting, Councilmember Halter declared he would be abstaining from Agenda Item 9G (Consideration of a Resolution of Intention to Abandon a Portion of Church Street West of North Ann Street) due to set back distance.

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve Agenda Items 9A – 9H recommendations. Councilmember Sanchez-Palacios seconded:

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

9B. Consider Contract Extension with MuniServices, LLC

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 6 with MuniServices, LLC extending the agreement through June 30, 2022 for an additional payment amount of \$109,957 making the total contract not-to-exceed \$727,981 and to specify compensation for City-specific audits which was previously undefined. AGREEMENT NO. 2014-032.6

9. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)**9C. Consider for Approval Proposed VenturaWaterPure Environmental Protection Agency Infrastructure Loan and Application Fee Payment**

Approve the submission of the VenturaWaterPure Water Infrastructure and Finance Innovation Act loan application and payment of the \$100,000 application fee.

9D. Consideration of Purchase of Fire Ladder Truck

- a. Authorize the Mayor to execute a purchase order not to exceed \$1,459,682, including applicable taxes and a Performance Bond, to South Coast Fire Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of one 2022 Pierce Ladder Truck to replace a 1995 Seagrave Ladder Truck.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment or change order to South Coast Fire Equipment, Inc. for this purchase order in a contingency amount not to exceed \$50,000 pursuant to Section 4.600.200 of the Municipal Code.
- c. Authorize \$146,000 to purchase Fire Suppression Tools and Equipment to outfit the ladder truck.
- d. Authorize Increased appropriations of \$115,682 from the Fleet Replacement Fund (Fleet Fund 64) and authorize the Finance and Technology Department to make changes to expenses and revenues in the proper, fund, project, and accounts for the purchase of the ladder truck.

9E. Professional Service Agreement with HDR, Inc. for VenturaWaterPure Brine Line and Ocean Outfall

- a. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute in substantial the form submitted, subject to the concurrence of the City Manager and City Attorney, the Professional Service Agreement with HDR, Inc.; term July 26, 2021 to December 31, 2023; not-to-exceed \$2,970,100 during the total duration of the contract pursuant to section 4.600.140 of the Municipal Code. AGREEMENT NO. 2021-060
- b. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute amendments for the Professional Service Agreement with HDR, Inc not-to-exceed \$445,515 during the total duration of the contract, pursuant to Section 4.600.200 of the Municipal Code and a total time extension of 365 calendar days.

9. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)

- c. Authorize Finance and Technology to increase CIP Appropriations and the CIP Spending Plan by \$3,415,615 from the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund 71, as well as increase the FY 2021-22 Budget by \$1,700,000 in Project No. 96938.

9F. Consideration of Professional Services Agreement with Waterways Consulting, Inc. for Fish Passage Improvements Design Services for Project 97945 – Ventura River Fish Passage Improvements at Foster Park

- a. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute subject Agreement with Waterways Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$61,500 with a contract completion date of December 31, 2021. AGREEMENT NO. 2021-061
- b. Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute future amendments to subject Agreement up to a total maximum contingency of \$6,150 for a total not to exceed Agreement amount of \$67,650 and a total time extension of 180 calendar days.

9G. Consideration of a Resolution of Intention to Abandon a Portion of Church Street West of North Ann Street

Adopt a Resolution Declaring the Intention to Vacate (abandon) a portion of the street right-of-way on Church Street and setting September 13, 2021 for a Public Hearing on this item. Resolution titled:

“A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF CHURCH STREET”

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF CHURCH STREET RESOLUTION NO. 2021-067

9H. Evoqua Water Technologies – Granular Activated Carbon System Lease

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a lease equipment agreement, in substantially the form submitted subject to the concurrence of the City Attorney and City Manager, with Evoqua Water Technologies to provide the Granular Activated Carbon Treatment System that is intended to reduce disinfection byproducts in drinking water from the Avenue Water Treatment Plant; agreement term from August 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022; agreement

9. CONSENT ITEMS (continued)

amount is \$283,400 plus taxes of \$3,325 with a ten percent contingency of \$28,673 for a total not to exceed amount of \$315,398.

AGREEMENT NO. 2021-062

The vote was as follows for Agenda Items 9A – 9H:

AYES: Councilmembers Sanchez-Palacios, Brown, Johnson, Halter, Friedman, Deputy Mayor Schroeder, and Mayor Rubalcava
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: Councilmember Halter (Consent Agenda Item 9G only)

For Agenda Items 9A – 9F and 9H City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No.

For Agenda Item 9H City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstain (with Councilmember Halter abstaining from Agenda Item 9G, citing set-back distance).

12. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**12A. Public Hearing to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Redrawing of Election District Boundaries**

Mayor Rubalcava opened the Public Hearing.

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann stated all publications and mailings have been completed as required and are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

SPEAKERS

Presenters Antionette M. Mann, City Clerk and Gregory Diaz, City Attorney
 Consultant Kristen Parks with National Demographics Company (NDC)

DOCUMENT

PowerPoint

Mayor Rubalcava requested hearing from the public speaker before the City Council questions.

Public Speaker *Virtual:* Liz Campos

12. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM (continued)

Discussion included concerns with relying solely on neighborhood councils, specifically for Midtown which doesn't have a community council, the Montalvo Community, the five year average information used from the American Community Survey, communities with negative deviation numbers, changes in the community census blocks, if Montalvo could be considered a community of interest, adequate translation during community outreach, what other communities are using for translation, City website translation upgrades, the final maps cannot be drawn until they have received the California redistricting data, the changes in total population will be available in late August, request for the consultants contact information, how the census accounted for the homeless population, if there have been complaints about current district boundaries, are non-citizens allowed to vote, district boundaries are driven by census data not registered voters, if there are cities that have changed from appointed mayors to direct elected mayors after the boundaries have been drawn, utilizing charter amendments, transcript translation changes in the City's website upgrades, and the possible challenges of diluted voting power of minority votes in a direct elected mayor scenario.

Mayor Rubalcava closed the Public Hearing.

No motion was required.

8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann stated there are no speakers and 3 emails from the public.

DOCUMENTS

Comments via email Burt Handy, Steve Storz, and Trevor Gotsman

Supplemental Packet All Public Communications are listed and posted online.

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

Councilmember Johnson reported Darren Kettle is moving on from the Ventura County Transportation Commission which leaves an opening in leadership. Councilmember Johnson will not be able to attend the next meeting and has reached out for an alternate attendee.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next Regular session is scheduled for August 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



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