

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



**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND BE WELL AT HOME ORDER RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), CITY HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-20-20 and N-35-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

**1. CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MEETING**

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in Special Session utilizing WebEx Events Meeting software from various Ventura locations at 6:07 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Heitmann, Weir, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava, and Mayor LaVere (via teleconference/video conference)

ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere presided.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor LaVere led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Gregory Diaz stated he has reportable action related to the Garcia v. City of San Buenaventura, et al. case.

In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.1 to reflect actions previously approved by the City Council, but for which documents were not completed and subject to reporting until this evening. The City Council met in Closed Session on June 29, 2020 to discuss settlement of the pending litigation filed against it by Jose J. Garcia. The City Council, with all Members present, unanimously approved the Settlement Agreement including \$42,000 in damages.

Copies of the Settlement Agreement will be available for inspection and copying in the morning of September 22, 2020 in the City Clerk's Office.

**6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Heitmann requested tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Marilyn Vitt.

**7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None**

Mayor LaVere announced a change in Agenda Order, hearing 12B first this evening.

**12. FORMAL ITEMS**

**\*12B. Approve Second Extension - Redflex Traffic Systems Agreement**

SPEAKERS

Presenters Chief of Police Darin Schindler, Commander Rick Murray, City Attorney Gregory Diaz, Principal Civil Engineer Jeff Hereford, Assistant City Attorney Andy Viets and City Manager Alex D. McIntyre

Edward Tiedje, Redflex Representative

Public Jay Beeber; Marilyn; John Carvello; and George Amandola

DOCUMENTS

City Clerk Antoinette Mann stated that all comments received through electronic communications have been posted online in the Supplemental Packets. All names will be reflected into the record.

Comments-via Email Jim Lissner (3); R. Allen Baylis, R.A. Baylis & Associates; Jay Beeber, Safer Streets; Marilyn Kellar; Sarah Aspell; Janet Allen; Judy Alexandre; and Steven Smith

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Councilmember Nasarenko moved to approve the amended recommendation to:

- a. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Second Extension to the Redflex Traffic System Agreement (Agreement Number 2015-022) for two years, effective May 10, 2020 to May 9, 2022, for \$473,040 annually or \$946,080 over two years.
- b. Staff needs to look at Traffic Safety beyond a Red-Light Camera system. At the end of the current two year contract, and prior to issuing an Request for Proposal for a new Red Light Camera System, a comprehensive collision analysis and data be performed by an external source and evaluated to determine if such a camera system is still needed for Traffic Safety.

**12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)**

Approving this motion will allow us to gradually withdrawal from Redflex as this contract sunsets, that as an organization, we cannot rely upon these funds in the future but we need to be open and mindful of the data collected. If the data shows we still need a Red-Light camera, that should be pursued but it is the strong preference of current City Council, not to award the contract to Redflex.

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-Yes and 1-No (Councilmember Heitmann)

**\*12A. Police Department Presentation to Council****SPEAKERS**

Presenters Chief of Police Darin Schindler, Assistant Chief David Dickey, Commander Sam Arroyo, Commander Sarah Starr, Commander Darrick Brunk, Records Manager Karen Moore, Commander Rick Murray, Commander Ryan Weeks, and Commander Matt Cain

**RECESS**

9:21 p.m. City Council went into Recess

9:34 p.m. City Council Reconvened with all Council present

**12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)**

Public John Carvello, Sarah Aspell, and George Amandola

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**12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)**

Comments-via Email Janet Allen and Kari Aist

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Councilmember Brown motioned to continue the meeting past 11 p.m. Deputy Mayor Rubalcava seconded. The vote was as follows (verbal vote):

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

Mayor LaVere declared the motion carried 7-0

City Council received the presentation and provide observations on the Ventura Police Department Operations. No action taken.

**16. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS – None****17. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in memory of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Marilyn Vitt at 11:49 p.m.



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

\*Items heard out of order