

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES



MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR 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 – DR. JEANNETTE SÁNCHEZ-
PALACIOS, DEPUTY MAYOR

Bill Ayub
City Manager

Andrew Heglund
City Attorney

Michael B. MacDonald
City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION: 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios and Mayor Schroeder

Absent: None

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

Name of Case: Pacific Maritime Group, Inc. v. City of San Buenaventura
VCSC Case No. 2023CUWM010835
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

2. 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)

ADJOURNMENT: 5:56 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION: 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios and Mayor Schroeder

Absent: None

Mayor Schroeder presiding

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Attorney Andy Heglund

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 2023 Dysautonomia Awareness Month

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT ITEMS

Supplemental Packet: Communications posted online.

Public Speakers: James Hrabak

Action: M/S/C (Halter/Sánchez-Palacios) to approve the consent items in one motion.

Vote: Ayes: Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios Mayor Schroeder; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

1. **Move all Resolutions and Ordinances presented tonight be deemed read by title only and all further reading be waived.**

Action: Approved recommendation.

2. **Ordinance for Second Reading – An Ordinance of the Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, Extending the Term of Ordinance No. 2018-016 Which Amended Certain Provisions Pertaining to Height Determinations and Implementation and Restating the Thomas Fire Rebuild Overlay Zone**

Staff: Michael B. MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Waive the second reading in full and adopt the Ordinance of the Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, Extending the Term of Ordinance No. 2018-016 Which Amended Certain Provisions Pertaining to Height Determinations and Implementation and Restating the Thomas Fire Rebuild Overlay Zone.

Action: Approved recommendation. Ordinance 2023-10

CONSENT ITEM (CONTINUED)

3. **Ordinance for Second Reading – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, Amending, in Part, Division 24, Chapter 24.430 Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units and Determining the Ordinance to be Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act**

Staff: Michael B. MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Waive the second reading in full and adopt the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, Amending, in Part, Division 24, Chapter 24.430 Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units and Determining the Ordinance to be Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Action: Approved recommendation. Ordinance 2023-09

4. **Application for Zero Percent Interest Loan from Southern California Regional Energy Network and Approval of Job Order Contract for the LED Lighting Retrofit Project**

Staff: Phil Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program and add LED Lighting Retrofit Project (93116).
- b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for and accept a \$172,444 Southern California Regional Energy Network Revolving Savings Fund 0% Interest Loan.
- c. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to act as agent for the City to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, without limitation, applications, agreements, amendments, resolutions, and billing statements that may be necessary to accept loans, grants, and other incentives, from Southern California Regional Energy Network for energy efficiency projects.
- d. Upon receipt of loan award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations and revenues in the amount of \$172,444 in the appropriate fiscal year(s), project(s) and accounts for use as provided in the loan agreement.

CONSENT ITEM (CONTINUED)

- e. Approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a purchase order for \$344,735, including a \$31,000 contingency for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$377,000, to MTM Construction Inc. for the LED Lighting Retrofit project per Job Order Contract number 2021-078.
- f. Authorize an increase in CIP appropriations in Fund 65, Facilities Maintenance in the amount of \$377,000.
- g. Authorize an appropriations increase in Fund 65 in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in the amount of \$377,000.

Action: Approved recommendation. Resolution 2023-76

5. **WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects Grant for Fiscal Year 2024**

Staff: Gina Dorrington, Ventura Water General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Ventura Water General Manager, or designee, to apply for, receive grant funds, enter into a cooperative agreement, and administer a grant for up to \$5,000,000 for the Drought Resiliency Projects Grant funding with a \$5,000,000 City match.
- b. Authorize the Ventura Water General Manager, or designee, to act as agent for the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, without limitation, applications, agreements, amendments, and billing statements that may be necessary to accept these grants and complete the project under the grant.
- c. Authorize the Finance Department to assign increased appropriations to the proper funds, projects, and accounts if the grant is awarded.

Action: Approved recommendation. Resolution 2023-77

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

6. General Plan Update Draft Land Use Designations and Preferred Land Use Map *(Continued from October 9, 2023)*

Staff: Neda Zayer, Interim Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION

Endorse the draft Land Use Designations and Preferred Land Use Map for the General Plan Update.

Supplemental Packet: Communications posted online.

Public Speakers: Wendy Sauter, Amy Cherrie, Pete Freeman, Paul Farry, Carol Spector, Spencer Noren, Glenn Overley, Mark Abbe

Action: M/S/C (Campos/Johnson) to suspend the Council Protocols.

Vote: Ayes: Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: M/S/C (Campos/Johnson) to reconsider area 3 of the Westside map.

Vote: Ayes: Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: M/S/F (Campos/Johnson) to designate area 3 of the Westside map as a Neighborhood Center.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Campos, Noes: Duran, McReynolds, Halter, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios, Mayor Schroeder; Abstain: None; Absent: None

FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

- Action:** M/S/C (Johnson/Campos) to endorse the Victoria map as presented.
- Vote:** All Ayes
- Action:** M/S/C (Duran/Johnson) to designate the city-owned parcel as Commercial for the Pierpont map.
- Vote:** Ayes: Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: McReynolds; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- Action:** M/S/C (Duran/Johnson) to designate the former fruit packing plant as low-medium designation on the Pierpont map.
- Vote:** All Ayes
- Action:** M/S/C (McReynolds/Sánchez-Palacios) to designate Marina Village as a neighborhood center on the Pierpont map.
- Vote:** Ayes: Duran, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: McReynolds, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- Action:** M/S/C (Campos/Johnson) to endorse the SOAR map as proposed.
- Vote:** All Ayes
- Action:** M/S/C (Duran/Johnson) to designate the two shopping centers as Commercial on the Eastside Map.
- Vote:** Ayes: Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Campos, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: Halter; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- Action:** M/S/C (Duran/Halter) to designate area 2 and the remaining 1 of the Eastside map as a Neighborhood Center.

FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Vote: Ayes: Duran, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: McReynolds, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: M/S/C (Duran/Halter) to designate area 1 on the Downtown map as a Neighborhood center.

Vote: Ayes: Duran, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: McReynolds, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: M/S/C (McReynolds/Duran) to study a height overlay on the downtown parking structure to match the Crowne Plaza.

Vote: Ayes: Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: Campos; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: M/S/C (McReynolds/Duran) to endorse the Arundell map as recommended and to include a specific plan with no design standards.

Vote: All Ayes

7. **POLICY CONSIDERATION - Closed Session Minutes** *(Continued from October 9, 2023)*

Introduced by: Liz Campos, Councilmember, District 1

RECOMMENDATION

Request that the City Clerk's Office sit in on Closed Session to take minutes and control other important aspects generally handled by the Clerk's Office.

Public Speakers: Spencer Noren

Action: M/S/F (Johnson/Campos) to approve the recommendation.

Vote: Ayes: Duran, McReynolds, Johnson, Halter, Campos, Deputy Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios, Mayor Schroeder; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

8. **Spanish Language Interpretation and Translation for City Council Meetings** *(Continued from October 9, 2023)*

Staff: Michael B. MacDonald, City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Continue offering Spanish Interpretation services at City Council meetings on a by-request basis only, with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice.
- b. Continue to translate all City Council meeting agendas into Spanish.

Public Speakers: Marco Curvas, Maria Davalos

Action: M/S/C (Sánchez-Palacios/McReynolds) to continue offering Spanish Interpretation and Translation at all City Council meetings with no request required.

Vote: All Ayes

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

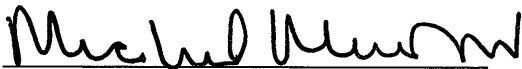
Speakers: Amy Cherrie, Spencer Noren, Carol Spector, Bob Guthrie, Glenn Overley, Natalie Bruton

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Meeting adjourned in memory of Emily Harley.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the City Council meeting held on October 23, 2023.



Michael B. MacDonald, CMC
City Clerk

