

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES



MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023
REVISED ON OCTOBER 26, 2023

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 P.M.
SPECIAL 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 SANCHEZ-
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: 5:31 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)

ADJOURNMENT: 5:40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION: 6:01 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: Councilmember Johnson

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: City Attorney Andy Heglund reported that Council met in closed session and there is no reportable action.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT ITEMS:

Public Speakers: Spencer Noren

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

Vote: All Ayes

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

2. **Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Financial Update**

Staff: Greg Morley, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Financial Update.

Action: Approved recommendation.

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.*

3. **Discussion on Council Goal to Improve Conditions of Streets, Sidewalks, ADA Ramps, and Bike Paths**

Staff: Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file Staff's report on the Council Goal to improve conditions across the City for maintenance of roads, sidewalks, medians, and public spaces.

FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

- Supplemental Packet:** Communications posted online.
- Public Speakers:** James Hrabak, Sara Ostrander, Burt Handy, Spencer Noren, Lisa Wolf, Shoshana Cohen, Sam Hyde, Schlomo Cattleberg, Glenn Overley, Karba, Kai Cater
- Action:** Presentation made, and discussion held. No action taken.

4. City Charter Amendment Discussion Workshop 1

Staff: Andy Heglund, City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

Receive this report and presentation on proposed charter amendments and after discussion and evaluation, direct staff on which amendments to include in a future Resolution to submit to the electorate for the November 2024 election and which amendments require further information and staff analysis.

- Public Speakers:** Spencer Noren, Paul Copley, Leo Frank
- Action:** Presentation made, discussion held, and the Council provided feedback on optional amendments. No action taken.

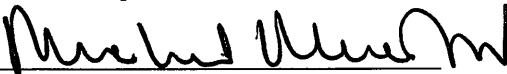
PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: Burt Handy, Alex Mangone, Scott McCarty, Zach Plahn, Spencer Noren, Johnathan Puu, Glenn Overley, Trevor Gotsman

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the City Council meeting held on October 30, 2023.



Michael B. MacDonald, CMC
City Clerk