

ACTION MINUTES

SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 E. BRANCH STREET ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

This City Council meeting was conducted in a hybrid in-person/virtual format as allowed by the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Ralph M. Brown Act.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Russom called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Lan George, Keith Storton, Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Paulding, and Mayor Caren Ray Russom were all present. Council Member Kristen Barneich was absent.

Staff Present: City Manager Whitney McDonald, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Bill Robeson, City Attorney Timothy Carmel, City Clerk Jessica Matson.

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ray Russom led the flag salute.

5. AGENDA REVIEW

5.a. Closed Session Announcements.

None.

5.b. Ordinances read in title only.

None.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.a. Update Regarding Countywide COVID-19 Efforts.

Recommended Action: Receive update, accept public comments, discuss, and provide direction, as necessary.

City Manager McDonald provided a brief update on COVID-19 efforts and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

6.b. City Manager Communications.

Recommended Action: Receive correspondence/comments as presented by the City Manager and provide direction, as necessary.

Assistant City Manager Bill Robeson provided a brief update on a partial closure of Bridge Street Bridge beginning in September 2021; City Manager McDonald noted that the Council will consider a Development Code Amendment regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Tiny Homes at a future meeting; and that the discussion on Central Coast Blue and Water Supply Alternatives will be heard at the September 14, 2021 City Council meeting.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

6.c. Mayor's Commendation Recognizing Arroyo Grande Grocery Outlet for its Independence from Hunger Campaign.

Mayor Ray Russom read the Mayor's Commendation recognizing Arroyo Grande Grocery Outlet for its Independence from Hunger Campaign. Michael and Haley Testa, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

6.d. Introduction and Oath of Office – Police Officers Ashley Donovan, Brandon Earnest, Milan Muguira, Gregory Pierce, and Garret Sousa.

Police Chief Martinez introduced Police Officers Ashley Donovan, Brandon Earnest, Milan Muguira, Gregory Pierce, and Garret Sousa, highlighted their educational and professional backgrounds, and facilitated the badge pinning ceremony. City Clerk Matson administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ray Russom asked the Council if there were any questions or any items to be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

Action: Council Member Storton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.a. through 8.d., with the recommended courses of action. Council Member George seconded, and the motion passed on the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Storton, George, Paulding, Ray Russom
NOES: None
ABSENT: Barneich

8.a. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Ratification.

Action: Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period July 16, 2021 through July 31, 2021.

8.b. Adoption of Resolution Declaring a Continued Local Emergency Related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DECLARING A CONTINUED LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC”***.

8.c. Consideration of Resolution Approving the Updated CalPERS Required Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Effective July 9, 2021.

Action: Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING THE UPDATED CITYWIDE COMBINED SALARY SCHEDULE”***.

8.d. Consideration to Renew the Exclusive Vendor Police Tow Service Agreement.

Action: Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute a two-year exclusive vendor police tow service agreement with College Towing South for towing services.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.a. Public Hearing to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Establishment of a District-Based Election System.

City Clerk Matson presented the staff report and recommended that the City Council: 1) Receive a report from the consultant and staff on the districting process and permissible criteria to be considered to create district boundaries; 2) Conduct a public hearing to receive input on neighborhoods and communities of interest; and 3) Receive a report and provide direction to staff regarding a districting outreach plan. Daniel Phillips, National Demographics Corporation, provided a presentation on the districting process and demonstrated an online mapping tool. City Clerk Matson provided a presentation on the City’s outreach plan. City Clerk Matson and Mr. Phillips responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing. Upon hearing no public comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed the public hearing.

No action was taken on this item. The report was received and filed. City Council provided staff direction on outreach measures.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.a. Consider Report regarding Five Cities Fire Authority Service Delivery Models and Cost Analysis.

City Manager McDonald presented the staff report and recommended that the City Council receive and file the report from the FCFA regarding fire and emergency service delivery models and an analysis of associated costs. Steve Lieberman, Five Cities Fire Authority Fire Chief, provided a presentation and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comments. Speaking from the public was Barbara Harmon. No further public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item. The report was received and filed.

Mayor Ray Russom called for a brief break at 8:01 p.m. The Council reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Paulding stated that the County Board of Supervisors has decided to withdraw from the IWMA.

Mayor Ray Russom noted that the next Mayors meeting will include a discussion on the ramifications of the County's decision to withdraw from the IWMA.

Council Member Storton stated that he will be attending the IWMA meeting on Wednesday and will report out at the next City Council meeting.

13. CLOSED SESSION

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

/s/Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Jessica Matson, City Clerk

(Approved at CC Mtg 08/24/2021)