

City of Chula Vista

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

5:00 PM

Via Teleconference/Council Chambers
276 4th Avenue, Building A
Chula Vista, CA 91910

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to the Governor of the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20, and in the interest of public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the City Council and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public participated remotely and were not present in Council Chambers. All votes were taken by roll call and public comments were submitted electronically or otherwise in writing.

The City Council minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the City Council Agenda. Agenda items may be taken out of order during the meeting.

The agenda items at this meeting were considered in the order presented.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 5:07 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Deputy Mayor McCann, Councilmember Padilla and Mayor Casillas Salas

Also Present: City Manager Kachadoorian, City Attorney Googins, City Clerk Bigelow, and Assistant City Clerk Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Cardenas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Casillas Salas called for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of recent shootings in Atlanta, Georgia and Boulder, Colorado.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- A. [21-0070](#) COVID-19 UPDATE BY CITY OF CHULA VISTA EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR MARLON KING

Fire Chief Muns and Emergency Services Coordinator King gave a presentation on the item.

- B. [21-0067](#) PRESENTATION BY TOM ROSALES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT OF CITY OF SAN DIEGO REGARDING STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH ON COST RECOVERY OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL PROGRAM FEES

Tom Rosales, representing the Public Utilities Department of the City of San Diego, gave a presentation on the item and responded to comments from the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 - 4)

- 1. [21-0086](#) ORDINANCE NO. 3500 OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.56 (PURCHASING SYSTEM) TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR CITY ENGINEER TO ACQUIRE INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (SECOND READING AND ADOPTION)

Dee Cisneros submitted comments in opposition to staff's recommendation.

Recommended Action: Council adopt the ordinance.

- 2. [21-0050](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-050 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND TAMAR COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE TRANSLATION AND SPANISH-LANGUAGE COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA SERVICES

Recommended Action: Council adopt the resolution.

- 3. [21-0063](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-051 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE FORMATION OF THE BAYFRONT PROJECT SPECIAL TAX FINANCING DISTRICT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BEST BEST & KRIEGER, LLP

Recommended Action: Council adopt the resolution.

- 4. [21-0080](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-052 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHAPTER 15 - FIRE FEES OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ANCILLARY AMBULANCE FEES

The following members of the public submitted comments in opposition to staff's recommendation and/or questions regarding the item:

- Theresa Acerro
- Pablo Quilantan
- Jo Anne Springer
- Bettie Lupi

Recommended Action: Council adopt the resolution.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Casillas Salas, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCann, to approve staff's recommendations on the above Consent Calendar items, headings read, text waived. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Cardenas, Galvez, McCann, Padilla and Casillas Salas

No: 0

Abstain: 0

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. [21-0088](#) PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED for March 23, 2021

Susie Murphy, representing the San Diego Mountain Biking Association, submitted a letter on behalf of 94 individuals in support of the Rice and Snake Canyon Loop Trail Pilot Program.

ACTION ITEMS

6. [21-0081](#) UPDATE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA'S ENROLLMENT OF ITS MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS WITH SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTION

Conservation Specialist Downs gave a presentation on the item and responded to questions of the Council.

The following members of the public submitted comments in support of the item:

*-Carolyn Scofield, Chula Vista resident
-Gina Woodward, Chula Vista resident
-Karinna Gonzalez, Chula Vista resident
-Rita Clement*

7. [21-0060](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-053 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA SUPPORTING THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RENAME THE SAN DIEGO BAYSHORE BIKEWAY TO THE GREG COX SAN DIEGO BAYSHORE BIKEWAY

Principal Civil Engineer Rivera and Andy Hanshaw, representing the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition and Interim Chair of the SANDAG Bayshore Bikeway Working Group, spoke regarding the item.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Galvez, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCann, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-053, heading read, text waived. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Cardenas, Galvez, McCann, Padilla and Casillas Salas

No: 0

Abstain: 0

8. [21-0072](#) STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR OR LPR) SYSTEMS AND DATA SHARING AGREEMENT THROUGH VIGILANT/ MOTOROLA

Police Chief Kennedy and Captain Thunberg gave a presentation on the item and responded to questions of the Council.

City Clerk Bigelow and Marketing and Communications Manager Steinberger spoke regarding public participation options for an upcoming community forum on the topic.

The following individuals submitted comments in opposition to the ALPR program:

- Sandra Lobato*
- Katie Zeitz*
- Oren Robinson, San Diego resident*
- Rosario Ortiz*
- Margaret Baker, on behalf of 53 individuals and 25 organizations*
- Nan Kar*
- Kathy Hardy*
- Michael M, San Diego resident*
- Huy Tran*
- Shay Miller*
- Noun Abdelaziz, San Diego resident*
- Francis Riley, Chula Vista resident*
- Stacey Uy*
- Nancy Nguyen*
- Homayra Yusufi, San Marcos resident*
- David Harris, San Diego resident*
- Aude Ruffing, San Diego resident*
- Cassandra Fullerton, San Diego resident*
- Vianney Ruvalcaba, Chula Vista resident*
- Mae Case, San Diego resident*
- Emily Zaehring, San Diego resident*
- Brenda Aguirre, Chula Vista resident*
- Amanda Cornell, Chula Vista resident*
- Katharine Bigel, Chula Vista resident*
- Dulce Garcia, San Diego resident*
- Justin Joseph*
- Dinora Reyna*
- Nicholas Webber, San Diego resident*
- Dee Cisneros, Chula Vista resident*
- Vanessa Aguilera, Chula Vista resident*
- Alicia Arambula, Chula Vista resident*
- Oren Robinson, San Diego resident*
- A G*
- Jose Lopez, San Ysidro resident*
- Nancy Relaford, San Diego resident*
- Jerilyn Brown*
- Silvia Saldivar*
- John Earl, Chula Vista resident*
- Monica Santos*
- Zehraa Haddawi, Poway resident*
- Erin Tsurumoto Grassi, San Diego resident*
- Christy Lopez, San Ysidro resident*
- Pedro Rios, Chula Vista resident*
- Amin Nyakoui, San Diego resident*
- Maggie McCann, San Diego resident*
- Wendy Gelernter, San Diego resident*
- Luz Lopez, Chula Vista resident*
- Ismahan Abdullahi, San Diego resident*
- Edgar Hopida, Chula Vista resident*
- Josemar Gonzalez, San Ysidro resident*
- Kelly Callejo*

*-Anaiz Alegria, San Diego resident
-Mejgan Afshan
-Naomi Leon, Chula Vista resident
-M Ramirez
-Margaret Baker
-Adina Johnson
-Sarah Farouq*

Norma Cazares, Chula Vista resident, submitted comments in support of the ALPR program:

Patricia Aguilar, Chula Vista resident, submitted comments expressing a neutral position on the ALPR program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

City Manager Kachadoorian provided an update regarding funds the City would receive under the American Rescue Plan and spoke regarding a grant from the Community Congregational Development Corporation for use to construct pickleball and bocce ball courts.

Police Chief Kennedy spoke regarding a recent incident at Sunset View park.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Casillas Salas spoke regarding the following recent events: Chula Vista resident Maggie Arveson's 106th birthday and the Drones as First Responders program press conference and visit to the drone launch pad at Southwestern College.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Cardenas spoke regarding the tragic shootings in Atlanta and Boulder, and regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

Deputy Mayor McCann thanked Chief Kennedy and Police detectives for their response to the Sunset View park incident and recognized the department for its drone program.

Councilmember Padilla encouraged people to get their COVID-19 vaccination.

Councilmember Galvez spoke regarding the Drones as First Responders program press conference and visit to the drone launch pad at Southwestern College, delivering meals with Meals on Wheels, and the upcoming Easter holiday. She offered condolences to the Murphy family and paid tribute to their family member Pop.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Googins announced that the Council would convene in closed session to discuss the items listed below.

Mayor Casillas Salas recessed the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The Council reconvened in Closed Session at 8:05 p.m., with all members present.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 13706 and Council Policy No. 346-03, Official Minutes and records of action taken during Closed Sessions are maintained by the City Attorney.

9. [21-0062](#) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Maria Kachadoorian, Glen Googins, Courtney Chase, Kelley Bacon, Simon Silva, David Bilby and Tanya Tomlinson

Employee organization: ACE, IAFF, MM/PR, POA, WCE and unrepresented employees.

ACTION: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Kerry K. Bigelow, MMC, City Clerk