

City of Chula Vista

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

4:00 PM

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

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Aguilar, Deputy Mayor Bensoussan, Councilmember McCann and Mayor Salas

Also Present: City Manager Halbert, City Attorney Googins, City Clerk Norris, and Assistant City Clerk Bigelow

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Deputy Mayor Bensoussan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- A. [14-0728](#) PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR OF RECREATION KRISTI MCCLURE HUCKABY OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SHAUN ELLIS, RECREATION SUPERVISOR III

Director of Recreation McClure Huckaby introduced employee of the month, Shaun Ellis. Mayor Salas read the proclamation and Councilmember McCann presented it to Mr. Ellis.

- B. [14-0723](#) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO ELIZABETH KOVAR, AQUATICS SUPERVISOR III, MIKE FILSON, FIRE CAPTAIN, AND JOSH SANDERS, CHULA VISTA FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION FOR RECOGNITION BY AQUATICS INTERNATIONAL AS BEST OF AQUATICS 2014: COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR THE WATER AWARENESS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS (WARN) PROGRAM

Mayor Salas read the proclamation and Deputy Mayor Bensoussan presented it to Aquatics Supervisor Kovar and Josh Sanders, representing the Chula Vista Firefighter's Foundation.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 - 4)

1. [14-0734](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 16, 2014.

Recommended Action: Council approve the minutes.

2. [14-0719](#) WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Memorandum from Councilmember Aguilar requesting an excused absence from the December 2, 2014 City Council meeting.

Recommended Action: Council excuse the absence.

3. [14-0623](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2015-001 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A FREEWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR SELECT MAINTENANCE TASKS AT LOCATIONS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROUTE 125 (SR-125)

Recommended Action: Council adopt the resolution.

4. [14-0724](#) A. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-002 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 104-01, "ORDER OF BUSINESS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS," TO SPECIFY WHICH ITEMS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 4:00 P.M. AND WHICH ITEMS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., AT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

B. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING SECTION 2.04.020 OF THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TIME AND PLACE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, CHANGING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. (FIRST READING)

Recommended Action: Council adopt the resolution and place the ordinance on first reading.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember McCann, seconded by Councilmember Aguilar, to approve staff's recommendations on the above Consent Calendar items, headings read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Aguilar, Bensoussan, McCann and Salas

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Salas recessed the meeting at 4:34 p.m. The Council reconvened at 6:05 p.m., with all members present.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.:

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. [14-0613](#) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING CHAPTER 12 (SEWER FEES) OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE (Continued from the meeting of December 16, 2014.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-003 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHAPTER 12 (SEWER FEES) OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than the time specified in the notice.

Senior Civil Engineer Yano presented information on the item.

Mayor Salas opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public who wished to speak, Mayor Salas closed the public hearing.

ACTION: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bensoussan, seconded by Councilmember McCann, that Resolution No. 2015-003 be adopted, heading read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Aguilar, Bensoussan, McCann and Salas

No: 0

Abstain: 0

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

There were none.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

6. [14-0735](#) DISCUSSION OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL

The Council discussed the process to fill the Council vacancy.

Linda Wagner, Chula Vista resident and Council applicant, requested that the Council explain why she was not selected to interview to fill the current Council vacancy.

Council discussion continued on the process to fill the Council vacancy.

There was consensus of the Council on the following items related to the process to fill the Council vacancy:

- To make the appointment of an individual to the vacant seat at the meeting of January 8, 2015, if possible.

- To allow a five-minute opening statement for each candidate, with up to a 20-minute total interview time, which would include questions from the Council, answers from the candidates, and a closing comment or statement from each candidate.

- That the order of interviews would be established by random selection by the City Clerk, who would then communicate the interview order to the candidates.

- To request that, out of respect for the interview process, candidates wait outside of Council Chambers during the interviews of other candidates.
- That any public comments would be taken following all candidate interviews and prior to the Council's deliberation.
- That each Councilmember would submit two interview questions to the City Clerk by Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., and that all questions submitted by Councilmembers would be synthesized by the City Clerk and then kept confidential until they were distributed to the Council on the dais at the beginning of the interview process.
- That the nomination process would begin with Councilmembers, in the following seniority order: 1. Mayor Salas, 2. Deputy Mayor Bensoussan, 3. Councilmember Aguilar, and 4. Councilmember McCann, making a nomination, and allowing for a second of the nomination, of the candidate he or she desired to appoint. The nominations and seconds would be held without action until all four members of the Council had the opportunity to make a nomination. Once all members had the opportunity to make a nomination, the nominations would be taken up for vote in the same seniority order that they were originally issued.
- That the same questions would be asked of each candidate and that each Councilmember would have the prerogative to ask additional questions.

At the request of Mayor Salas, there was consensus of Council to request that the City Manager investigate the cost of eliminating the use of bottled water in City departments.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Bensoussan announced that the 2015 Harborfest would be held on August 22, 2015.

Councilmember Aguilar reported on her recent public office hours and distributed information regarding input received from citizens on priorities for the City.

Councilmember McCann recognized City employees, City Manager Halbert, City Attorney Googins, and City Clerk Norris for their work. He also thanked residents for their support and expressed his willingness to serve Chula Vista's employees, citizens, and businesses.

Mayor Salas congratulated those who were selected as finalists to fill the vacant Council seat.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Salas adjourned the meeting to the Special Meeting on January 8, 2015 at 4:00, and thence to the Regular City Council Meeting on January 13, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Kerry K. Bigelow, Assistant City Clerk