

City of Chula Vista

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 13, 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 5:03 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 Padilla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- A. [21-0089](#) COVID-19 UPDATE BY CITY OF CHULA VISTA EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR MARLON KING

Fire Chief Muns, Emergency Services Coordinator King, and Community Services Director Lamb gave a presentation on the item.

- B. [21-0068](#) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER FRANK RIVERA PROCLAIMING MAY 2021 AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH IN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

Mayor Casillas Salas read the proclamation and virtually presented it to Principal Civil Engineer Rivera, who spoke regarding the item.

- C. [21-0091](#) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO THE CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT COMMUNITY PROCLAIMING APRIL 2021 AS MARITIME MONTH IN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

Mayor Casillas Salas read the proclamation and virtually presented it to Susan Johnson, who gave a presentation on the item.

- D. [21-0104](#) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 4 THROUGH APRIL 11, 2021 AS THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE IN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

Mayor Casillas Salas read the proclamation and virtually presented it to Sandy Scheller, who spoke regarding the item.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 - 4)

1. [21-0069](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 8, 2020 and January 5, 2021.

Recommended Action: Council approve the minutes.

2. [21-0041](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-054 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR OPEN SPACE AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES OF LOT "A" PER FINAL MAP NO. 16291, CHULA VISTA TRACT NO. 15-0007, OTAY RANCH PLANNING AREA 12

Recommended Action: Council adopt the resolution.

3. [21-0066](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-055 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE FA ANALYST TO FA INTELLIGENCE ANALYST IN THE AUTHORIZED STAFFING OF THE POLICE GRANTS SECTION OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND FOR THE SAN DIEGO LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Council adopt the resolution.

4. [21-0085](#) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMITS AT THE FOLLOWING SEGMENTS: (1) BONITA GLEN DRIVE BETWEEN BONITA ROAD AND THE CHULA VISTA CITY LIMIT AT 25 MPH, (2) INCREASING EASTLAKE PARKWAY BETWEEN OLYMPIC PARKWAY AND HUNTE PARKWAY FROM 45 MPH TO 50 MPH, AND (3) INCREASING BIRCH ROAD BETWEEN LA MEDIA ROAD AND EASTLAKE PARKWAY FROM 45 MPH TO 50 MPH; AND AMENDING SCHEDULE X OF THE REGISTER MAINTAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER TO REFLECT THE ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMITS (FIRST READING)

The following individuals submitted comments in support of staff's recommendation:

-Joanne Fischer, Chula Vista resident

-Sue Hathon, Chula Vista resident

-Peter Rullan
-Laurie Murphy, Chula Vista resident
-Nancy Yamagata, Chula Vista resident
-Meaghan Quirk, Chula Vista resident

Recommended Action: Council place the ordinance on first reading.

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. [21-0090](#) PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED for April 13, 2021

Margaret Baker submitted comments regarding the Automated License Plate Reader Program and the accessibility and transparency of electronic commenting for community members.

Tynan Wyatt, Chula Vista resident, submitted comments regarding the use of California native plants in the beautification projects around Chula Vista.

Kathleen Lippitt submitted an article written by Advocates for Change Today regarding the cannabis job industry and the higher career ambitions of teenagers in San Diego.

The following members of the public submitted comments in support of the Rice and Snake Canyon Loop Trail Pilot Program:

-James Murren, San Diego resident
-James Hoyle, Carlsbad resident
-Michael Hamman, San Diego resident
-Anna Carrillo, Chula Vista resident
-Paul Schroeder, San Diego resident
-Matthew Phillips, Chula Vista resident
-Anthony Alamilla, San Ysidro resident
-Arthur Casillas, Chula Vista resident
-Matt Schinderle, San Diego resident
-Patrick Murray, Chula Vista resident
-Jyale Michel, Chula Vista resident
-Jose Centeno, Chula Vista resident
-Eric Eleccion, Chula Vista resident
-Jonas Renemark, San Diego resident
-Marlon Estepa, Chula Vista resident
-Raymundo Pacheco, Chula Vista resident
-Richard Nevarez, Oceanside resident
-Aaron McElderry, Oceanside resident

-Carlos Martinez, Chula Vista resident
-Alex Arreola, Chula Vista resident
-Jason Schmidt, Chula Vista resident
-Kekoa Haslop, San Diego resident
-Omar Marquez, Bonita resident
-Devin Ridgeway, Chula Vista resident
-Melissa Ridgeway, Chula Vista resident
-Rick Ponce, San Diego resident
-Nathaniel Weissman, San Diego resident
-Enrique Alvarez Malo, Spring Valley resident
-Todd Monzingo, Chula Vista resident
-Charmaine Ernst, San Diego resident
-Jon Major, Lemon Grove resident
-Michael Clodfelter, San Diego resident
-Carlos Valdez, San Diego resident
-Georgina Garibay, San Diego resident
-Roberto Murillo, Chula Vista resident
-Merwynn Ramos, San Diego resident
-Jeff Ela, San Diego resident
-Jose Ortega, Chula Vista resident
-Andy Andrade, San Diego resident
-Robert Kay, Bonita resident
-Jun Perez, Chula Vista resident
-Ryan Jay Ramos, Chula Vista resident
-Xandro Dael, San Diego resident
-Angel Hernandez, Chula Vista resident
-Jeffrey Padgett, San Ysidro resident
-Jorge Jimenez, Chula Vista resident
-Garry Labitad, Chula Vista resident
-Mark Mina, National City resident
-Cuahutemoc Orozco, Chula Vista resident
-Jose Nolasco, San Ysidro resident
-Albert Leon, Chula Vista resident
-David Merlo, San Diego resident
-Dario Garcia, Chula Vista resident
-Andrew Palek, San Diego resident
-Hector Ayala, San Diego resident
-Curtis Wevodau, Chula Vista resident
-Sean Murphy, Chula Vista resident
-Carlos Calderon, Chula Vista resident
-Neil Nucup, El Cajon resident
-Adam Garling, Chula Vista resident
-Frank Falcone, Escondido resident
-Victor Avina, Chula Vista resident
-Mark Sepulveda, Chula Vista resident
-Marcos Caraveo, Chula Vista resident
-Andrew DePratti, Chula Vista resident
-Roger Phillips, Chula Vista resident
-Darryl Suasi, Chula Vista resident
-Steven Banh, San Diego resident
-Daniel Melendrez, Chula Vista resident
-Scott Cloyd, La Mesa resident
-Gadiel, California resident

-David Mitchell, Bonita resident
-Irma DePratti, Chula Vista resident
-Changwen Liu, San Diego resident
-Joey Fasano, Chula Vista resident
-Dom Dias, San Diego resident
-Benjamin Ruiz, San Diego resident
-Francis Lim, San Diego resident
-Jaime Bernal, San Diego resident
-Ethan Janke, Bonita resident
-Chris Wessels, El Cajon resident
-Holly Hawthorn, Lancaster resident
-Theresa Janke, Bonita resident
-Frank Padaon, San Diego resident
-Ernest Hale, San Diego resident
-Ian Kelly, San Diego resident
-Morgan Sumner, Chula Vista resident
-Robert Dela Cruz, San Marcos resident
-Oscar Martinez, Chula Vista resident
-Alex Hamana, San Diego resident
-Theodore Myers, San Diego resident
-Sigfrido Urtecho, Chula Vista resident
-Greg Baker, Chula Vista resident
-Ricardo Gomez, Bonita resident
-Ian Goodfellow, Encinitas resident
-David Villagomez, Chula Vista resident
-Ron Marquez, San Diego resident
-Gus Sanchez, El Cajon resident
-Tyler Witzel, El Cajon resident
-Jedidiah Cobarrubias, San Diego resident
-Jose De Anda, Chula Vista resident
-Edward Garcia, Chula Vista resident
-Miguel Zuniga, El Cajon resident
-Alexzander Hurst, Chula Vista resident
-Gabriela Salazar, Chula Vista resident
-Ryan Rogers, San Diego resident
-Andrew Nix, Chula Vista resident
-John Barlolong, Chula Vista resident
-Eric Abutin, Bonita resident
-Andrew Liu, La Jolla resident
-Alfredo Tapia, Chula Vista resident
-Matthew Stone, San Diego resident
-Victor Solorio, Chula Vista resident
-Angelica Solorio, Chula Vista resident
-Anthony Svonovec, Chula Vista resident
-Karlo Soria, San Diego resident
-Kim Tran, San Diego resident
-Cyril Florin, San Diego resident

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. [21-0074](#) CONSIDERATION OF MAKING CHANGES TO THE RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF SPECIAL TAXES AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE BAYFRONT PROJECT SPECIAL TAX FINANCING DISTRICT AND EXPAND TERRITORY WHEREIN IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE LOCATED AND SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-056 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE BAYFRONT PROJECT SPECIAL TAX FINANCING DISTRICT, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS, CALLING A SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION AND SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUCH DISTRICT A PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO THE RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF SPECIAL TAXES AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED THEREIN AND EXPAND TERRITORY WHEREIN IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE LOCATED AND SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-057 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA DESIGNATING CERTAIN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE IN THE BAYFRONT PROJECT SPECIAL TAX FINANCING DISTRICT SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

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.

Mayor Casillas Salas opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Bigelow announced that no comments had been received.

At the conclusion of the public commenting period, Mayor Casillas Salas closed the public hearing.

City Clerk Bigelow announced that no protests had been received.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Casillas Salas, seconded by Councilmember Galvez, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2021-056 and 2021-057, 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

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7. [21-0082](#) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE WITH REGARD TO ACCESSORY AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 19.58.022 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT) AND 19.58.023 (JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS); AND CHAPTERS 19.22 (RESIDENTIAL ESTATES ZONE); 19.24 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE); 19.26 (ONE-AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE); 19.28 (APARTMENT RESIDENTIAL ZONE); 19.30 (ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICE ZONE); 19.36 (CENTRAL COMMERCIAL ZONE); 19.48 (PLANNED COMMUNITY ZONE); AND 19.84 (BAYFRONT SPECIFIC PLAN-LAND USE ZONES) (FIRST READING)

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.

Mayor Casillas Salas opened the public hearing.

Res CV submitted a comment inquiring as to when this item would go before the Coastal Commission.

The public hearing remained open until the date to which it was continued.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Galvez, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCann, to continue the item to the May 25, 2021 City Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

City Manager Kachadoorian spoke regarding the County of San Diego Mobile Crisis Response Team and a potential partnership with the County to provide non-law enforcement response to behavioral health crises.

Police Captain Collum spoke on staff de-escalation training for psychiatric emergencies and mental health crises, provided statistics on calls for service relating to mental health, and further exploring the San Diego County Mobile Crisis Response Team program.

City Manager Kachadoorian and Police Captain Collum answered questions of the Council.

City Manager Kachadoorian thanked Sandy Scheller for recognizing the Armenian Genocide during her special order comments.

8. [21-0103](#) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN UPDATE

City Manager Kachadoorian gave a presentation on the item.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Casillas Salas thanked Arborist Alzubaidi for keeping City trees healthy and beautiful and reminded the community to stay cautious as COVID-19 cases decrease. Mayor Casillas Salas spoke regarding the following recent events: opening of Farmer's Table, a Meals on Wheels delivery day, the UCSD Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Graduation, a visit to the Heritage Elementary School to speak with the Second Grade Genius Club, the Sweetwater Union High School district Virtual Art Exhibition and a vaccination event at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Mayor Casillas Salas announced that she and other colleagues were honored by Mana de San Diego and named into their Ring of Honor in celebration of Women's History month. She recognized Ariel Conde on his 100th gallon of blood donated to the blood bank. She also stated that public comments were still being received for the Automated License Plate Reader Forum and spoke on the Fire Department welcoming new EMTs and paramedics.

9. [21-0100](#) RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

- Nicole Enriquez, Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee (Parks & Recreation Commission Rep.)
- Silvia Saldivar, Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Rep.)

At the request of Mayor Casillas Salas, Items 9 and 10 were considered together.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Cardenas, seconded by Councilmember Padilla, to ratify the listed appointments in Items 9 and 10, 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

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Padilla congratulated staff on the launch of the new medical transport. He paid tribute to former Police Chief Emerson and offered condolences to the Emerson family.

Deputy Mayor McCann recognized Easter and Passover. He thanked the community for taking COVID-19 precautions and acknowledged the Fire Department for hosting an EMT kickoff. He paid tribute to former Police Chief Emerson.

Councilmember Cardenas spoke regarding the Hilltop High School Adopt-a-Senior Campaign, a vaccination event at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and she thanked the Governor's office, UCSD Healthcare, the County of San Diego, Supervisor Nora Vargas, and Catholic Charities for their assistance with the event.

Councilmember Galvez spoke regarding the following recent events: Adopt-a-Senior Campaign, tour of the new Urbana Apartments, visit to Shake and Muddle restaurant, the Automated License Plate Forum, the Fire Department's EMT kickoff, the Fire Station 5 ribbon cutting, and the MTS Kickoff Eat Shop and Play Program.

10. [21-0101](#) COUNCILMEMBER PADILLA: RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF SAAD ILYAS TO THE MEASURE P CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (DISTRICT 3 REP.)

At the request of Mayor Casillas Salas, Items 9 and 10 were considered together.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Cardenas, seconded by Councilmember Padilla, to ratify the listed appointments in Items 9 and 10, 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

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

City Attorney Googins paid tribute to former Police Chief Emerson.

CLOSED SESSION

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.

11. [21-0023](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (d)(1)

Name of case: City of Chula Vista v Orr Builders, Inc., San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 37-2019-47190-CU-PO-CTL

Item 11 was not heard and was continued to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. in memory of Bishop George Dallas McKinney and former Police Chief Emerson.

Minutes prepared by: Leah Larrarte, Deputy City Clerk

Kerry K. Bigelow, MMC, City Clerk