

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 14, 2015

City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holly Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Dan Baumann, John Connolly, Leo Elovitz, Vice Mayor Ed Andrisek, and Mayor Holly Sierra

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, City Attorney Steve McEwen, Finance Director Carolyn Galloway-Cooper, Public Works Director Rose Hess, Station Commander Lt. Shawn O'Grady, and City Clerk Linda Reid

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lew Adkins, Buellton, discussed the sidewalks on East Highway 246 and thanked Mayor Sierra for walking the area and asked that attention be paid to future public works contracts.

Jody Knoell, Buellton, read a letter from Kathy Vreeland, Executive Director of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau regarding events held at River View Park and submitted the letter for the record.

Jody Knoell, Buellton, requested the City consider installing lights and bike racks near the Amtrak bus station on Highway 246 in Buellton.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of April 23, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting**
2. **List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2014-15**
3. **Award of Contract for Buellton Library ADA Accessible Circulation Desk Project**
4. **Five Year Lease Agreement with the U.S. Postal Service for Property Located at 140 West Highway 246**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Mayor Sierra announced that she has a conflict of interest with regard to Item No. 4 due to her employment with the United States Postal Service and recused herself from voting on Item No. 4

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Andrisek, seconded by Council Member Elovitz, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes to Items 1 through 3. Abstain as to Item 4.

PRESENTATIONS

5. **Proclamation Recognizing California Safe Digging Month**

Mayor Sierra presented a proclamation recognizing California Safe Digging Month to John Shoals representing Pacific, Gas and Electric Company. Mr. Shoals accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council for recognizing safe digging in the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that he attended Visit Santa Barbara luncheon last week and said it was a great event.

Council Member Baumann stated he attended the Buellton Brew Fest and indicated the Buellton Chamber did a great job organizing the event.

Mayor Sierra announced that the Santa Ynez Airport has an open house scheduled this Saturday. Mayor Sierra stated she attended the Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital rededication ceremony last Saturday. Mayor Sierra said the Chamber mixer at Avant was well attended. Mayor Sierra announced that the Post Office food drive last weekend was successful.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested that staff prepare a proclamation for Steve Lykken for organizing the Albertson's vehicular opening. The Council agreed by consensus to present a proclamation to Mr. Lykken.

Mayor Sierra requested that staff draft a letter to representatives at Caltrans requesting a light at the Amtrak bus stop in Buellton.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Baumann said he attended the Library Advisory Committee meeting in April.

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended a meeting of the Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness and provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS

6. Discussion Regarding Library Zone Change

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors supporting the transfer of the Buellton Library from Zone 2 (Lompoc) to Zone 1 (Santa Barbara).

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Correspondence from Nancy and John Dorwin was received on May 12, 2015 regarding this item, which was provided to the Council and made part of the record.

Correspondence from Carole Tacher, Santa Ynez, was received on May 14, 2015 regarding this item, which was provided to Council and made part of the record.

The City of Santa Barbara and the City of Lompoc provided proposed budgets for Buellton and Solvang Library branches, which was provided to the Council and made part of the record.

The following persons spoke in support of the Buellton Library and personnel:

- Shirley Cram, Lompoc
- Doug Domingos, Buellton
- Whitney Uyeda, Buellton
- Alicia Thomas, Buellton
- Joel Wilhamson, Buellton
- Barry Souther, Buellton
- Joe Domingos, Buellton
- Julia Ashley, Buellton
- Dave Smith, Buellton

Judith Dale, Buellton, provided a history of library operations in the Santa Ynez Valley and the only viable option for Buellton is to move to Zone 1.

Jessica Cadiente, Library Director for the City of Lompoc, discussed how the Buellton Library changes have taken place and explained the zone change moving forward.

Irene Macias, Library Director for the City of Santa Barbara, discussed how refreshing it is to see how the Buellton community supports its Library. Ms. Macias discussed how Zone 1 would be a better choice for the Buellton Library by providing more services and programs for the community.

Margaret Esther, Library Services Manager for the City of Santa Barbara, discussed staffing and programming for the Buellton Library if it were transferred to Zone 1.

The Council discussed the following issues:

- The pros and cons of moving to Zone 1 versus staying in Zone 2
- Encouraging the Cities of Lompoc or Santa Barbara to hire current Buellton Library personnel
- Hours of operation of the Buellton Library
- How library funding is allocated and the types of library programs offered
- Researching budgetary issues associated with having Buellton operate its own Library

DIRECTION:

The Council agreed by consensus to direct the City Manager to submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the City Council, detailing days and hours of operation and funding for the Buellton Library and supporting a transfer of the Buellton Library from Zone 2 (Lompoc) to Zone 1 (Santa Barbara).

7. Award of Contract for Citywide Landscape Maintenance Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Citywide landscape maintenance service with The Valley Gardener in an amount of \$180,240 per year and for an initial contract period of twenty four months with possible four one-year extensions.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Larry Bishop, Buellton, thanked Alan Needham and Valley Gardner for their volunteer efforts in Buellton and he looks forward to Valley Gardner maintaining Buellton's landscaping.

Ron Anderson, Buellton, stated that Alan Needham and his crew will do a great job with maintaining Buellton's landscaping.

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Citywide landscape maintenance service with The Valley Gardener in an amount of \$180,240 per year and for an initial contract period of twenty four months with possible four one-year extensions.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member Baumann - Yes

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra - Yes

8. Budget Study Session for Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council review the Fiscal Year 2015-16 City Budget and provide direction to staff as to any desired changes.

STAFF REPORT:

Finance Director Galloway-Cooper presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, commented on the budget amount for economic development, line item for bikes and trails, and asked for a line item for Avenue of Flags downtown area

Rebecca Mordini, Buellton, requested that the Council consider funding the Library in this year's budget to keep the Library open longer hours.

Judith Dale, Buellton, discussed the funding of recreation programs, that the Council allocate additional funds to the Library, and that pass-through costs for planning be provided in the budget.

Ron Anderson, President of the Buellton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, stated the Visitors Bureau Board voted to fund economic development. Mr. Anderson stated staff should include Sky River RV as projected sales tax revenue for the City.

The City Council discussed the preliminary City budget and provided requested changes.

DIRECTION:

The City Council directed staff to implement the budget changes as discussed and bring it back for adoption at the regular Council meeting scheduled for May 28, 2015.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk