

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of January 8, 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 Staff Assistant Clare Barcelona

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lew Adkins, Buellton, discussed the Avenue of Flags striping improvements.

Jody Knoell, Buellton, requested that the City Council look into televising City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

Larry Bishop, Buellton, requested that the City Council not close River View Park for special events.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of December 11, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2014-15**

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Andrisek, seconded by Council Member Elovitz, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2 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

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Elovitz agreed that River View Park should not be closed for special events.

Mayor Sierra thanked staff for trimming the vegetation around the stop sign at River View Drive and Second Street. Mayor Sierra announced she is still receiving complaints regarding the Avenue of Flags striping.

COUNCIL ITEMS

The Council agreed by consensus to the request that staff bring back information regarding televising City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

Vice Mayor Andrisek requested that staff place an article on the City's website and in the Buellton Buzz pertaining to citizen awareness of graffiti, vandalism, and homeless issues.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Sierra announced that she attended the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) meeting and provided an oral report regarding the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS**3. Discussion and Direction Regarding Zaca Creek Golf Course****CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Council Member Baumann declared a conflict of interest regarding this item due to the proximity of his residence to Zaca Creek Golf Course and left the dais at 6:20 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council waive the \$10,000 lease payments from 2012 and authorize the City Manager to amend the Zaca Creek Golf Course lease to allow one year of lease payments (\$15,000) to be used for golf course improvements with supporting documentation provided for all expenditures. Improvement priorities include upgrading the irrigation lines/sprinkler heads and repair of the fences around the property.

STAFF REPORT:

City Manager Bierdzinski presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Correspondence supporting the Zaca Creek Golf Course was received from Gerald/Marcia Brichan and Dennis Strong. The correspondence was distributed to the Council and made part of the record.

Mike Brown, operator of Zaca Creek Golf Course spoke about the golf course and discussed the proposed recommendations referenced above.

Peggy Brierton, Buellton, spoke about her concerns regarding the financial arrangements between Zaca Creek Golf Course and the City of Buellton and submitted a letter for the record.

The following individuals spoke in support of the Golf Course:

- Lenne Grant
- Kathy Vreeland
- Jill Cavanaugh
- Mark Cavanaugh
- Monica Escalera
- Dan Heedy
- Morgen McLaughlin

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Future revenue projections
- Proposed Golf Course improvements
- Past City Council discussion of outstanding memberships

- The excellent condition and management of the Golf Course
- The decision of the prior City Manager in 2012 regarding the outstanding \$10,000 in lease payments
- That the Public Works Director work with the Golf Course staff regarding the design of the new irrigation system
- Monthly or quarterly statistics on rounds of play

MOTION:

Motion by Vice Mayor Andrisek, seconded by Council Member Connolly approving the waiver of \$10,000 in lease payments from 2012.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Elovitz, seconded by Vice Mayor Andrisek authorizing the City Manager to amend the Zaca Creek Golf Course lease to allow one year of lease payments (\$15,000) to be used for golf course improvements, as specified by the Public Works Director with plans and specifications submitted for approval by the Public Works Director, with supporting documentation provided for all expenditures. Improvement priorities include upgrading the irrigation lines/sprinkler heads and repair of the fences around the property.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Council Member Connolly - Yes

Council Member Elovitz - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek - Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

Council Member Baumann returned to the dais at 7:07 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk