



ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid City Council Chamber/Virtual Zoom Meeting
215 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

Council Members Present: Mayor Ray Russom, Council Member Barneich, Council Member George, Council Member Secrest, Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie (virtually)

Staff Present: City Clerk Jessica Matson, City Attorney Isaac Rosen, City Manager Matthew Downing, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Bill Robeson, Administrative Services Director Nicole Valentine, Community Development Director Brian Pedrotti, City Engineer Shannon Sweeney

This meeting was conducted in a hybrid in-person/virtual format.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Russom called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Matson stated that Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie is participating remotely in accordance with AB 2449 regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie made a statement that he is attending virtually under AB 2449 "just cause" provision as he is traveling for official City business in Cincinnati, Ohio and that no other adults were in the room.

City Clerk Matson took roll call.

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ray Russom led the flag salute.

5. AGENDA REVIEW

5.a Closed Session Announcements

None.

5.b Ordinances read in title only

Moved by Mayor Ray Russom
Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Move that all ordinances presented at the meeting shall be read by title only and all further readings be waived.

AYES (5): Mayor Ray Russom, Council Member Barneich, Council Member George, Council Member Secret, and Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie

Passed (5 to 0)

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.a Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as "National Foster Care Awareness Month"

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as "National Foster Care Awareness Month". Julie Kadis, Department of Social Services and Lilly Green-Williams, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

6.b Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as "ALS Awareness Month"

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as "ALS Awareness Month".

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

6.c Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 19-25, 2024 as "National Travel and Tourism Week"

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 19-25, 2024 as "National Travel and Tourism Week". Matt Halvorson, Visit SLO Cal, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

6.d City Manager Communications

City Manager Downing announced that there was a major water line break at the intersection of Fair Oaks and Valley Road over the weekend and crews were able to repair the waterline and thanked staff; the Branch Street closure for digouts and slurry seal project; crews are mobilizing for the Swinging Bridge Project; the Peace Officer Memorial event will take place on Thursday and closure of City Hall 10-11 a.m.; and answered questions from Council.

No action was taken on this item.

Receive correspondence/comments as presented by the City Manager and Provide direction, as necessary.

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

Reports are made during the Second Council Meeting each month.

8. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Garry Schmidt, Brenda Auer, Gaea Powell, Michael Punsalon, Shannon Kessler, and Darcy Cole. No further comments were received.

City Attorney Rosen responded to questions from the public. Mayor Ray Russom asked that staff provide information to the speaker regarding the Verizon cell tower.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ray Russom asked the Council if there were any questions or any items to be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. There were none.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

Moved by Council Member Barneich
Seconded by Council Member George

Approve Consent Agenda Items 9.a. through 9.f., with the recommended courses of action.

AYES (5): Council Member Barneich, Council Member George, Council Member Secret, Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie, and Mayor Ray Russom

Passed (5 to 0)

9.a Consideration of Cash Disbursement Ratification

Reviewed and ratify the listing of cash disbursements for the period of April 1 through April 15, 2024.

9.b Consideration of Statement of Investment Deposits

Received and filed the attached report listing investment deposits of the City of Arroyo Grande as of March 31, 2024, as required by Government Code Section 53646(b).

9.c Fiscal Year 2023-24 Third Quarter Status Report and Budget Adjustment Requests

Considered, received, and filed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Third Quarter Financial Status Report (the "Third Quarter Report") and approve Two Budget Adjustment Requests.

9.d Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 23, 2024, as submitted.

9.e Consider Adoption of Resolutions Ordering the Preparation and Filing of Annual Engineer's Reports for the Parkside Village & Grace Lane Assessment Districts, & the Landscaping & Lighting District No. 1, Within Tract 1769, for FY 2024-25

1) Adopted Resolutions entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ORDERING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF THE ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GRACE LANE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025"**; **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ORDERING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF THE ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE PARKSIDE VILLAGE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025"**; and **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ORDERING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF THE ANNUAL ENGINEERS REPORT FOR THE ARROYO GRANDE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, WITHIN TRACT 1769, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025"**; and 2) Determined that adopting the Resolutions ordering the Engineer's reports is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it has no potential to result in either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.)

9.f Consider Traffic Way Bridge Temporary Construction Easement Execution

Authorized the City Manager to fully execute temporary construction easements (TCEs) for certain real property, more particularly described as Assessor Parcel Numbers 006-311-056, 007-482-026, 007-481-007, 007-481-008, 007-481-009, 007-482-020, and 007-482-018, that are necessary for the Traffic Way Bridge Replacement Project.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.a Amendments to the Arroyo Grande Public Art Regulations, Guidelines, and Donation Program

Community Development Director Pedrotti presented the item. Director Pedrotti and City Attorney Rosen responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Cindy Blankenburg, and Shirley Horacek. Upon hearing no further public comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed the public hearing. City Attorney Rosen and Director Pedrotti responded to questions from the public.

Moved by Council Member George
Seconded by Council Member Secrest

1) Introduce an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AMENDING SECTION 16.16.200 OF THE ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PUBLIC ART AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT"**;

2) Adopt a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC ART GUIDELINES AND PUBLIC ART DONATION PROGRAM AND FINDING THE ACTION NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA"**; and

3) Determine that the amendments to the Public Art Guidelines and Public Art Donation Program are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3).

AYES (5): Council Member George, Council Member Secret, Council Member Barneich, Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie, and Mayor Ray Russom

Passed (5 to 0)

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.a Water Supply Evaluation, Central Coast Blue Member Agency Status Update, and Requested Direction

City Manager Downing introduced the item and commented on the Grover Beach City Council action on May 13, 2024. City Engineer Sweeney presented. City Engineer Sweeney, Administrative Services Director Valentine, and City Manager Downing responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom opened public comment. Speaking from the public were Pamela Storton, Alexandria Davis, Brenda Auer. Upon hearing no further public comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed public comment. City Manager Downing responded to questions from the public.

Council discussion ensued regarding withdrawing from the Central Coast Blue (CCB) Project and the CCB Regional Recycled Water JPA; deferring a State water ballot measure; looking into other recycled water projects; and continuing to work with regional partners.

Moved by Council Member George
Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Approve staff's recommendation to withdraw from the Central Coast Blue Regional Recycled Water Authority Joint Powers Agreement, proceed with Water Master Plan and Water Utility Plan updates once these items are approved in the FY 2024-25 budget, and defer a State Water ballot measure until at least 2026.

AYES (5): Council Member George, Council Member Barneich, Council Member Secret, Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie, and Mayor Ray Russom

Passed (5 to 0)

12. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ray Russom called for a brief break at 7:35 p.m. The Council reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

12.a Discussion of Financing Options Related to the Top Three Priorities from the Community Priorities Survey Results and City Council Direction on a Potential Sales Tax Measure

City Manager Downing introduced the item, and Administrative Services Director Valentine presented. City Manager Downing commented on staff's recommendation and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Jon Hoffman, and Alexandria Davis. No further public comments were received.

Council discussion ensued regarding financing options including placing a 1% sales tax measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot; the addition of a sunset clause in the ballot language; and a citizens oversight committee.

City Manager Downing commented on the California Business Roundtable initiative as it relates to sunset clauses.

Administrative Services Director Valentine provided information regarding financing options.

Moved by Council Member George
Seconded by Mayor Ray Russom

Direct staff to prepare a resolution and ordinance for City Council consideration at the May 28, 2024 meeting, to place a 1% Transaction and Use (“sales tax”) measure with a 10-year sunset clause on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

AYES (5): Council Member George, Mayor Ray Russom, Council Member Barneich, Council Member Secrest, and Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie

Passed (5 to 0)

13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member George stated that a presentation regarding the State of Youth Mental Health will be held in Arroyo Grande on May 22nd.

Mayor Ray Russom thanked the Rotary Clubs of Arroyo Grande and Pismo Beach for funding the redwood tree lighting, which is lighted blue and gold in appreciation to the Rotary Clubs.

Council Member Secrest stated that she attended the We Heart AG event; Public Service Employee Recognition Lunch; Redwood Tree Lighting event, and GALA Evening of Action event where she presented a Proclamation for Pride Month on behalf of the City Council.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Matson, City Clerk