



**ACTION MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**January 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**Webinar ID: 832 5584 8846**  
**ByTelephone: 1-669-900-6833; 1-346-248-7799**

Council Members Present: Mayor Ray Russom, Mayor Pro Tem George,  
Council Member Barneich, Council Member  
Storton, Council Member Paulding

Council Members Absent: Brian Pedrotti, Patrick Holub

Staff Present: City Clerk Jessica Matson, City Attorney  
Timothy Carmel, City Manager Whitney  
McDonald, Assistant City Manager/Public  
Works Director Bill Robeson, Administrative  
Services Director Nicole Valentine

**Given the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in San Luis Obispo County, and in compliance with  
Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Ralph M.  
Brown Act, this meeting was held by teleconference.**

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**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 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**

None.

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**6.a Update Regarding Countywide COVID-19 Efforts**

City Manager McDonald provided a brief update on COVID-19 and highlighted the recent COVID-19 County press release regarding case numbers.

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

No action was taken on this item.

**6.b City Manager Communications**

City Manager McDonald discussed upcoming items for Council consideration, and highlighted a new app designed by CalPoly in collaboration with San Luis Obispo County to help prevent opioid overdose deaths.

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

No action was taken on this item.

**6.c Honorary Proclamation Declaring February 2022 Black History Month**

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring February 2022 as Black History Month. Courtney Haile, RACE Matters, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public was Preston Allen. No further public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

**7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

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

**8. 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.

City Manager McDonald acknowledged the Supplemental Staff Report for Item 8.h. and highlighted the revised recommended action.

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

Moved by Council Member Paulding

Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Approve Consent Agenda Items 8.a. through 8.i., with the recommended courses of action.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**8.a Consideration of Cash Disbursement Ratification**

Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period of December 16 through December 31, 2021.

**8.b Consideration of Approval of Annual Adjustment of Development Impact Fees**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ADJUSTING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES BY THE CHANGE IN THE ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX"***.

**8.c Consideration of Adjustment of Sewer Connection Fees**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ADJUSTING SEWER CONNECTION FEES BY THE CHANGE IN THE ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX"***.

**8.d Adoption of a Resolution Declaring a Continued Local Emergency Related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DECLARING A CONTINUED LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC"***.

**8.e Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Continuance of Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the City of Arroyo Grande Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUANCE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE PURSUANT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)"***.

**8.f Consideration of Approval of Minutes**

Approved the minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of January 11, 2022, as submitted.

**8.g Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 Determining to Continue Work Under Emergency Contracts for the Storm Drain System at 251 East Grand Avenue Project, PW 2021-12**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DETERMINING A NEED TO CONTINUE WORK UNDER EMERGENCY CONTRACTS TO REPAIR THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM AT 251 EAST GRAND AVENUE"***.

**8.i Calendar Year 2021 Water Supply and Demand Update**

Received and filed the Calendar Year 2021 Water Supply and Demand Report.

**8. h. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Director to Submit an Application for the CalRecycle/SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program**

1) Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE CALRECYCLE SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM"***; and 2) Authorized the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the IWMA, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney, enabling the City to obtain from the IWMA its non-competitive share of Grant Program funds currently estimated at \$24,046 for projects authorized under the Grant Program.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.a Appeal Case 21-006; Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Minor Use Permit-Plot Plan Review 21-033 for the Establishment of a Vacation Rental; Location; 263 Spruce St, Unit D; Appellant – Sharon Valienzi**

Community Development Director Pedrotti introduced the item and Patrick Holub, Assistant Planner, provided a presentation. Staff responded to questions from Council.

Sharon Valienzi, Appellant, addressed the Council and responded to questions.

Ken Steitz, Applicant, and Dirk Poeschel, addressed the Council and responded to questions.

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Alex Hughson, Laura, Paul Erb, and Jason Motter. Upon hearing no further public comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed the public hearing.

Council comments ensued regarding driveway/garage parking, and a possible three month trial period.

City Attorney Carmel read into the record additional conditions of approval to be included in Exhibit A of the Resolution as follows:

16. Guests leasing the vacation rental will be required to use the interior of the garage as parking.

17. Parking of vehicles in the driveway other than in the designated guest parking space is prohibited. The applicant shall place signage in two (2) conspicuous places on the property with that wording.

18. Conditions 16 and 17 referenced above, will be incorporated in any applicable lease agreement and house rules and on the listing of the vacation rental for the short-term vacation rental.

Mayor Ray Russom moved to deny Appeal Case No. 21-006 and approve Plot Plan Review 21-033. Council Member Barneich seconded the motion adding conditions to include "quiet time" in the listing and signage posted inside the house with specific times identified, and requiring

wording to reflect that the deposit may be at risk if rules are not followed. Mayor Ray Russom stated that she is not willing to amend her motion.

Council Member Barneich withdrew her second.

Council Member Storton seconded Mayor Ray Russom's original motion.

Moved by Mayor Ray Russom

Seconded by Council Member Storton

Adopt a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DENYING APPEAL CASE NO. 21-006 AND APPROVING PLOT PLAN REVIEW CASE NO. 21-033; LOCATED AT 263-D SPRUCE STREET; APPLIED FOR BY KEN STEITZ; APPEALED BY SHARON VALIENZI,"** with the addition of Special Condition No.'s 16, 17, and 18 to Exhibit A of the Resolution.

AYES (3): Mayor Ray Russom, Council Member Storton, and Council Member Paulding

NOES (2): Mayor Pro Tem George, and Council Member Barneich

Passed (3 to 2)

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

### **10.a Consideration of Approval of a Cost Sharing Agreement with the Cities of Grover Beach and Pismo Beach for the CCB Project and Resolution Authorizing an Application to the State Water Resources Control Board for a State Revolving Fund Loan for the Project**

Mayor Ray Russom called for a brief break at 9:04 p.m. The Council reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

City Manager McDonald presented the staff report and recommended that the Council: 1) Consider and authorize the City Manager to execute a Cost Sharing Agreement for the Central Coast Blue project; and 2) Consider and approve the proposed Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for financial assistance from CWSRF administered by the State Water Board for the City's share of anticipated construction costs for the Project. Staff responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public was Manley McNinch. No further public comments were received.

Council Member Paulding suggested that the agreement include a provision that was in the CCB project framework stating: "at least one public meeting will be held prior to procurement to discuss methods for implementing local hire provisions including discussions of various agreements".

Council discussion ensued.

Moved by Council Member Storton

Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Cost Sharing Agreement for the Central Coast Blue project.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

Moved by Council Member Storton

Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Adopt a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND ASSISTANCE FOR THE CENTRAL COAST BLUE PROJECT AND DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE"***.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **11.a Consideration of Project Update and Approval of the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP)**

Community Development Director Pedrotti introduced the item and Kathryn Kleinschmidt, GHD, provided a presentation on the LRSP process and guiding principles. Staff responded to questions from Council.

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

Moved by Council Member Paulding

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem George

Receive the project update and adopt a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING THE LOCAL ROADS SAFETY PLAN (LRSP)."***

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

Passed (5 to 0)

## **12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

The City Council provided brief reports from the following committee, commission, board, or other subcommittee meetings that they attended as the City's appointed representative.

### **12.a MAYOR RAY RUSSOM:**

1. California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA)
2. Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE)

3. City Selection Committee
4. South San Luis Obispo Sanitation District
5. Tourism Business Improvement District Board
6. Other

**12.b MAYOR PRO TEM GEORGE:**

1. Community Action Partnership SLO County
2. County Water Resource Advisory Committee
3. Visit SLO CAL Advisory Board
4. Other

**12.c COUNCIL MEMBER BARNEICH:**

1. Audit Committee
2. Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)
3. Zone 3 Water Advisory Board
4. Other

At 10:52 p.m., Mayor Ray Russom stated that pursuant to Council policy, the Council must vote unanimously to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Ray Russom  
Seconded by Council Member Storton

It was moved to continue the meeting to 11:06 p.m.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**12.d COUNCIL MEMBER STORTON:**

1. Brisco/Halcyon Interchange Subcommittee
2. Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA)
3. Governmental Affairs Committee
4. Integrated Waste Management Authority Board (IWMA)
5. Other

**12.e COUNCIL MEMBER PAULDING:**

1. Air Pollution Control District

2. Brisco/Halcyon Interchange Subcommittee
3. SLOCOG/RTA
4. REACH SLO Advisory Commission
5. Other

**13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Storton requested staff help coordinate Council attendance at the Arroyo Grande Chamber Business meeting.

Mayor Ray Russom commented on the recent tragic passing of an Arroyo Grande teen and mentioned the GoFundMe campaign where donations can be made to help the family with funeral expenses.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 11:06 p.m. in honor of Tyler Marie.

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Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

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Jessica Matson, City Clerk