



ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid City Council Chamber/Virtual Zoom Meeting
215 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Jessica Matson, City Attorney Isaac
Rosen, City Manager Matthew Downing,
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director
Bill Robeson, 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 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 Honorary Proclamation Declaring October 2024 as "Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring October 2024 as "Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Month". Michael Boyer and Nancy DePue, Lumina Alliance, accepted the Proclamation.

No action was taken on this item.

6.b City Manager Communications

City Manager Downing commented on the Harvest Festival's success and provided information on the Five Cities Fire Authority Open House on October 12th at 10 a.m.; Rancho Hoops Ribbon Cutting on October 12th at 1:30 p.m.; Community Paint Day at Rancho Grande court on October 10th; final virtual Town Hall meeting on October 10th at 6 p.m.; and the City Hall ballot drop box.

No action was taken on this item.

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 was Gaea Powell. No further public comments were received. City Attorney Rosen responded to questions from the public.

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 Secrest, Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie, and Mayor Ray Russom

Passed (5 to 0)

9.a Cash Disbursement Ratification

Reviewed and ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period of September 1 through September 15, 2024.

9.b Statement of Investment Deposits for August 2024

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

9.c Fiscal Year 2023-24 Year-End Financial Status Report

Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Year-End Financial Status Report.

9.d Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 24, 2024, as submitted.

9.e Cancellation of the December 24, 2024, City Council Meeting

Cancelled the second regular City Council meeting in December due to its proximity to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

9.f Temporary Use Permit 24-007 Authorizing Use of Heritage Square Park for the 2024 Arroyo Grande Beer and Wine Festival

1) Adopted a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 24-007; AUTHORIZATION TO USE CITY PROPERTY FOR A BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 9, 2024; LOCATED AT HERITAGE SQUARE PARK; APPLIED FOR BY CHEERS ARROYO GRANDE"**; and

2) Determined that this project is categorically exempt per Section 15304(e) of the CEQA Guidelines regarding minor temporary uses of land.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.a Approval of a Six-Month Lease Agreement Between the City of Arroyo Grande and RE/MAX Success for Property Located at 214 East Branch Street

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Robeson presented the item and responded to questions from City Council.

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Mike Harris, and Alisa Williams. Upon hearing no further public comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed the public hearing.

Moved by Council Member George
Seconded by Council Member Secret

1) Adopted a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SIX-MONTH LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AND RE/MAX SUCCESS FOR THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 214 EAST BRANCH STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS OLD CITY HALL"**; and

2) Determined that the approval of a short-term lease agreement for 214 East Branch Street 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). The lease of the property, where no development or demolition is proposed, constitute an administrative activity of the City. Alternatively, the adoption of resolution to enter a lease agreement is exempt from CEQA on that basis that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).) The entering into a lease agreement is for the collection of rental fees and does not result in new construction or physical change in the environment.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

None.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Barneich thanked Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie for his service on the Harvest Festival Committee; and encouraged the public to attend the Melodrama's production of Werewolf of Arroyo Grande.

Mayor Pro Tem Guthrie thanked the Harvest Festival Committee team for their work on the event; and encouraged any individuals interested in serving next year to contact him.

Council Member Secret thanked the Harvest Festival Committee.

Mayor Ray Russom commented on the Melodrama's production, Werewolf of Arroyo Grande.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Matson, City Clerk