



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

**February 8, 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, Council Member Paulding, Council Member Barneich, Council Member Storton, Mayor Pro Tem George

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, Community Development Director Brian Pedrotti, Acting Planning Manager Andrew Perez, Associate Planner Patrick Holub

**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**

Bruce Blair, Central Coast Cops 'N Kids, 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

That all ordinances presented for introduction or adoption be read in title only and all further readings be waived.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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

City Manager McDonald provided a brief update on COVID-19 including masking requirements.

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 provided information regarding the City's Tree City USA designation, Volunteer Appreciation Drive-Thru Event; status of districting; and discussed upcoming items for Council consideration.

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

No action was taken on this item.

**7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Linda Busek and Jamie Sanbanmatsu. No further 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. There were none.

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

Moved by Council Member Barneich  
Seconded by Council Member Storton

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

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

Passed (5 to 0)

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

Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period of January 1 through January 15, 2022.

**8.b Consideration of Statement of Investment Deposits**

Received and filed the report listing investment deposits of the City of Arroyo Grande as of December 31, 2021, as required by Government Code Section 53646(b).

**8.c Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Updated CalPERS Required Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Effective as of January 7, 2022, to Incorporate Changes Approved by the Five Cities Fire Authority Board of Directors**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING THE UPDATED CITYWIDE COMBINED SALARY SCHEDULE"***.

**8.d Consideration of 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 Approval of Minutes**

Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 25, 2022, as submitted.

**8.f Consideration of a Resolution Determining to Continue Work Under Emergency Contracts and an Amendment to the FY 2021-22 CIP Budget Transferring \$115,800 from ARPA funds for the Storm Drain System at 251 E Grand Ave, PW 2021-12**

1) 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"***; and 2) Approved an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program budget to add \$115,800 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Storm Drain System at 251 East Grand Avenue, PW 2021-12.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.a Appeal Case 21-007; Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Minor Use Permit- Plot Plan Review 21-029 for the Establishment of a Vacation Rental; Location: 1562 Strawberry Ave; Appellant: Stew and Francine Errico, Et. Al.**

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

Stew and Francine Errico, Appellants, addressed the Council and responded to questions.

Patrick Goroski, Applicant, addressed the Council and responded to questions.

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Francine Errico, Ben Errico, Linda Drummy, and Michelle Chariton. City Clerk Matson stated that one written public comment was received and was read during public comment by the submitter. Upon hearing no further public comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Carmel addressed comments related to due process and noted that there was no violation.

Moved by Mayor Ray Russom  
Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Adopt a Resolution entitled: "**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DENYING APPEAL CASE NO. 21-007 AND APPROVING PLOT PLAN REVIEW CASE NO. 21-029; LOCATED AT 1562 STRAWBERRY AVENUE; APPLIED FOR BY BRENDA GOROSKI; APPEALED BY STEW AND FRANCINE ERRICO**", and to refund the Planning Commission appeal fee of \$491 to the Appellants.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**9.b Discuss and Consider Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Title 16 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code (AGMC) Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Tiny Homes On Wheels; Development Code Amendment 20-001**

*Mayor Ray Russom called for a brief break at 8:24 p.m. The Council reconvened at 8:34 p.m.*

Mayor Ray Russom, Mayor Pro Tem George and Council Member Storton declared conflicts of interest due to ownership of a permitted accessory dwelling unit. Council Member Barneich declared a conflict of interest due to compensation expected from Council Member George for design of her accessory dwelling unit.

City Attorney Carmel commented on the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) advice regarding the conflicts of interest.

City Clerk Matson explained the process for randomly drawing straws virtually to determine which of the conflicted Council members may continue to hear the item.

Mayor Ray Russom, Mayor Pro Tem George, Council Members Barneich and Storton were entered by City Clerk Matson into the virtual straw-drawing tool. Mayor Pro Tem George and Council Member Storton virtually drew the short straws and remained in the meeting to hear the item.

Mayor Ray Russom and Council Member Barneich left the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem George presided.

Community Development Director Pedrotti introduced the item and Acting Planning Manager Perez provided a presentation and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem George opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Joe Pollon and Randy Russom. City Clerk Matson read into the record written correspondence received from Joe Pollon. Upon hearing no further public comments, Mayor Pro Tem George closed the public hearing.

Council provided comments regarding removing Tiny Homes on Wheels from the ordinance and creating a separate ordinance; balancing character of neighborhoods; prohibiting short term rentals in all new ADUs; developing objective design standards; prohibiting roof top patios; permitting a fee waiver program; creating a pre-fabrication program; costs and requirements associated with solar panels; and prohibiting Tiny Homes on Wheels in front yards unless no other alternative exists.

Moved by Council Member Paulding  
Seconded by Council Member Storton

Direct staff to modify the ordinance to remove the Tiny Homes on Wheels section; to research Council conflict issues regarding Tiny Homes on Wheels and return to Council with direction on alternative means to address Tiny Homes on Wheels; and to modify the proposed ordinance to add objective design standards that fit the design of the existing structure; prohibiting roof top patios on detached ADUs; develop a permit fee waiver program; develop a pre-fabricated program; modify language to reflect that ADUs shall be located on the rear portion of a parcel unless no feasible alternative exists; and to research incentives for installation of solar panels.

AYES (3): Council Member Paulding, Council Member Storton, and Mayor Pro Tem George

ABSENT (2): Mayor Ray Russom, and Council Member Barneich

Passed (3 to 0)

**9.c Public Hearing to Discuss and Consider a Resolution Approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects for Year 2022**

Mayor Ray Russom and Council Member Barneich rejoined the meeting at 10:39 p.m. Community Development Director introduced the item, and Acting Planning Manager Perez provided a presentation and recommended that the Council adopt a Resolution approving projects to be funded with the City's allocation of CDBG funds for the Year 2022.

Mayor Ray Russom opened the public hearing. Upon hearing no public comments, Mayor Ray Russom closed the public hearing.

Moved by Council Member Storton  
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem George

Adopt a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS FOR YEAR 2022"***.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**10.a Receive an Update on Progress Toward Council Goals and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Brief discussion ensued regarding continuing this item to a future meeting.

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

Moved by Mayor Ray Russom

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem George

To continue the item to a date uncertain.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

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Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

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Jessica Matson, City Clerk