



ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid City Council Chamber/Virtual Zoom Meeting
215 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

Council Members Present: Mayor Caren Ray Russom, Council Member
Jim Guthrie, Council Member Jamie
Maraviglia, Council Member Aileen Loe

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kate Secrest

Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk Julie Hawkins, City Attorney
Isaac Rosen, Assistant City Manager/Public
Works Director Bill Robeson, Administrative
Services Director Nicole Valentine, Human
Resources Officer Ashley Garcia, 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

Deputy City Clerk Hawkins 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

April 8, 2025

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
54957.6**

Meet with City-designated negotiators described below. Negotiation will include salary, compensation and benefits:

1. Unrepresented Management Employees
 - a. City-designated negotiators: Che Johnson, Special Labor Counsel

City Attorney Rosen announced that there was no reportable action.

5.b Ordinances read in title only

Moved by Mayor Ray Russom
Seconded by Council Member Maraviglia

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

AYES (4): Mayor Ray Russom, Council Member Maraviglia, Council Member Guthrie, and Council Member Loe

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro Tem Secrest

Passed (4 to 0)

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.a Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as "Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month"

Council Member Maraviglia read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as "Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month". Michael Boyer, Diversity Coalition, accepted the proclamation.

No action was taken on this item.

6.b Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as "National Bike Month"

Council Member Loe read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as "National Bike Month". Rick Ellison, Executive Director of Bike SLO County, accepted the proclamation.

No action was taken on this item.

6.c Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 4-10, 2025 as "Public Service Recognition Week"

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring May 4-10, 2025 as "Public Service Recognition Week". Ashley Garcia, Arroyo Grande Human Resources Officer, accepted the proclamation.

No action was taken on this item.

6.d City Manager Communications

Bill Robeson, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director provided City Manager Communications regarding: current job openings; Public Works summer intern program; Fair Oaks & Valley Rd. closure for installation of a traffic circle; and the Traffic Way Bridge Replacement Project.

No action was taken on this item.

7. 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.

7.a MAYOR RAY RUSSOM:

1. Audit Committee
2. California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA)
3. Five Cities Fire Authority JPA Board
4. San Luis Obispo County Mayor's Meeting
5. South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (SSLOCSD)
6. Other

7.b COUNCIL MEMBER GUTHRIE:

1. Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) Policy Board N/A No meetings held
2. Integrated Waste Management Authority Board (IWMA) Closed sessions
3. REACH Economic Development Roundtable
4. Other
5. SLOCOG projects starting Orcutt & Templeton Projects CalTrans reported that they are nearly done with a "flyover"

7.c COUNCIL MEMBER MARAVIGLIA:

1. Five Cities Fire Authority JPA Board Will meet next week
2. Visit SLO CAL Advisory Board Does
3. Other

7.d COUNCIL MEMBER LOE:

1. Council of Governments/Regional Transit Authority (SLOCOG/SLORTA)
2. County Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)

3. Zone 3 Water Advisory Board

4. Other

8. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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

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.

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

Moved by Council Member Maraviglia

Seconded by Council Member Loe

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

AYES (4): Council Member Maraviglia, Council Member Loe, Council Member Guthrie, and Mayor Ray Russom

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro Tem Secrest

Passed (4 to 0)

9.a Cash Disbursement Ratification

Reviewed and ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period of March 16 through March 31, 2025.

9.b Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 8, 2025, as submitted.

9.c Second Amendment to the Police Department Firearms Range License Agreement

1) Authorized the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the License Agreement with HIOJT Ranches to provide for the use of real property for a Police Department Firearms Range, subject to any minor, technical, or non-substantive changes as approved by the City Manager in consultation with the City Attorney; and

2) Found that entering into the proposed Second Amendment to the License Agreement (the "Second Amendment"), included as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein, is not a project subject to 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 (c)(2) and (3), 15378.) Alternatively, the signing of the proposed amendment is exempt from CEQA on the 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).)

9.d Monthly Water Supply and Demand Update

Received and filed the Monthly Water Supply and Demand Update.

9.e General Plan Update Progress Report – April 2025

Received and filed a progress report on the Comprehensive General Plan Update.

9.f Amendments to Titles 2 and 3 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code Regarding Bylaws for the City's Advisory Bodies

1) Adopted an Ordinance entitled: ***"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AMENDING TITLES 2 AND 3 OF THE ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BYLAWS FOR VARIOUS CITY BODIES;*** and

2) Found that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines section 15060, subd. (c)(2); 15061(b)(3)).

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.a City Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Trends Presentation (Assembly Bill 2561)

Human Resources Officer Garcia presented the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Nicole Bryant, SEIU Local 620 representative, provided comment on behalf of the SEIU.

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

No action was taken on this item. The report was received and filed.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

11.a Review the Plan for Pavement Management

City Engineer Shannon Sweeney presented the Item and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Judy Cecchetti, Michael Harris, and Alexandria Davis. No further public comments were received.

Council comments included adding the year of improvements to the street name, adding information to the City website, integrate information into GIS system for public use.

There was no action taken on this item.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Maraviglia thanked staff for their efforts with the Egg Hunt.

Mayor Ray Russom thanked staff for their work on the Egg Hunt; and commented on a Free Community Folk Dance on Sunday, May 4th at 1 p.m. at the Portuguese Hall.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 7:17

Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

Jessica Matson, City Clerk