



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

**April 12, 2022, 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 George, Council Member Barneich, Council Member Paulding, Council Member Storton

Staff Present: City Attorney Timothy Carmel, City Manager Whitney McDonald, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Bill Robeson, Administrative Services Director Nicole Valentine, Assistant Planner Patrick Holub, Community Development Director Brian Pedrotti, Police Chief Michael Martinez, Police Commander Zak Ayala, Police Commander Shawn Cosgrove

**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 conducted in a hybrid in-person/virtual format.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem George called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Acting Clerk Holub performed roll call.

**3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**4. FLAG SALUTE**

Rachel Cloud, Exchange Club of the Central Coast, led the flag salute.

**5. AGENDA REVIEW**

It was recommended to hear Item 9.a. after Item 11.a. The Council concurred.

**5.a. Closed Session Announcements**

None.

**5.b. Ordinances read in title only**

Mayor Pro Tem George moved, Council Member Barneich seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote that all ordinances presented at the meeting be read by title only and all further readings be waived.

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

**6.b. City Manager Communications**

City Manager McDonald highlighted the Annual Egg Hunt and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new basketball court at Strother Park; and upcoming items for Council consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

**6.c. Honorary Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2022 as "Sexual Assault Action Month"**

Mayor Pro Tem George read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2022 as "Sexual Assault Action Month". Shawn Freeman, Lumina Alliance, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

**6.d. Honorary Proclamation Declaring April 29, 2022 as "Arbor Day"**

Mayor Pro Tem George read the Honorary Proclamation Declaring April 29, 2022 as "Arbor Day". Bill Robeson, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. No public comments were received.

No action was taken on this item.

**7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. No public comments were received.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem George asked the Council if there were any questions or any items to be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Item 8.e. and 8.g. were pulled for separate vote.

Council made comments on Items 8.c., and 8.e.

Council Member Barneich referred to Item 8.d. and requested staff look into the possibility of cancelling the last City Council meeting in June rather than the first meeting in July so that it flows into the Fourth of July holiday. Council Member Storton concurred.

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Jim Guthrie and Gaea Powell. No further public comments were received.

Moved by Council Member Paulding  
Seconded by Council Member Storton

Approve Consent Agenda Items 8.a. through 8.n., with the exception of Items 8.e. and 8.g., with the recommended courses of action. City Attorney Carmel read the full title of the Ordinance in Item 8.j.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

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

Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period of March 1 through March 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 February 28, 2022, as required by Government Code Section 53646(b).

**8.c. Consideration of Acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Single Audit, and Audit Report for the Transportation Development Act Transportation Fund Reports**

Received and filed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Single Audit, and Audit Report for the Transportation Development Act Transportation Fund Reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

**8.d. Consideration of Cancellation of July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting**

Cancelled the regularly scheduled Council meeting of July 12, 2022.

**8.f. Consideration of Rotational Schedule for the South County Chambers of Commerce Monthly Arroyo Grande Business Meeting**

Considered and approved the list of City Council rotational assignments for attending the South County Chambers of Commerce monthly Arroyo Grande Business Meeting.

**8.h. Approval of Minutes**

Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 22, 2022, as submitted.

**8.i. Consideration to Declare Police and Public Works Surplus Property**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DECLARING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR SALE OR DISPOSAL"***.

- 8.j. Consideration of Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Military Equipment Use Policy in Accordance with the Requirements of AB 481**

Adopted an Urgency Ordinance entitled: ***"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY AND DECLARING THE ORDINANCE TO BE AN URGENCY ORDINANCE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION"***.

- 8.k. Consider Approval of Amendment #3 to the Amended and Restated Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Organic Materials Collection with South County Sanitary Services, Inc., to Comply with the Requirement**

Approved Amendment #3 to the Amended and Restated Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Organic Materials Collection with South County Sanitary Services, Inc.

- 8.l. Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Declaring a Continued Local Emergency Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Authorizing the Continuance of Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)**

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 AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUANCE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)"***.

- 8.m. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to the Agreement for Consultant Services with GHD to Expand Scope of Services to allow for the Completion of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan**

Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute the Amendment to Agreement for Consultant Services with GHD for the completion of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan.

- 8.n. Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding Request for the Swinging Bridge Project**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: ***"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE SWINGING BRIDGE PROJECT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT AND/OR FEDERAL APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRAMS"***, and designated the City Manager or her designee as the City's signature authority to take all actions necessary to seek and apply for the funding opportunities.

- 8.e. Consideration of Appointments to the Arroyo Grande Tourism Business Improvement Advisory Board**

Moved by Council Member Storton  
Seconded by Council Member Paulding

Appoint Myraline Morris Whitaker to the Arroyo Grande Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**8.g. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.21 to Title 2 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code (AGMC) Establishing By-District Elections for Four Council Members, Defining District Boundaries, and Scheduling the Order of Elections for Each District**

Moved by Council Member Storton  
Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Adopt an Ordinance entitled "***AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE, ADDING CHAPTER 2.21 TO TITLE 2 OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS FOR FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEFINING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND SCHEDULING THE ORDER OF ELECTION FOR EACH DISTRICT***". City Attorney Carmel read the full title of the Ordinance.

AYES (4): Mayor Pro Tem George, Council Member Barneich, Council Member Paulding, and Council Member Storton

NOES (1): Mayor Ray Russom

Passed (4 to 1)

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.a. Resolution Updating Operating Fees Set Forth in the Master Fee Schedule**

Item 9.a. was heard after Item 11.a.

Administrative Services Director Valentine presented the staff report and recommended Council adopt a Resolution updating operating fees set forth in the Master Fee Schedule, effective June 13, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem George opened the public hearing. Upon hearing no public comments, Mayor Pro Tem George closed the public hearing.

Moved by Council Member Storton  
Seconded by Mayor Ray Russom

Adopt a Resolution entitled: "***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE UPDATING OPERATING FEES set forth IN THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE***".

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**10.a. Consider Potential Permanent Parklet Program**

Item 10.a. was heard out of order.

Community Development Director Pedrotti presented the staff report and Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Robeson provided comments regarding safety as it relates to traffic on East Branch Street and the use of parklets. Staff responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Lee Samways, Dr. Charles Chadwell, Jim Guthrie, Tammy Price, Denise Andreini, who also read a letter from Amanda and Chandler Craner, and Pat Cusack, Henry Gonzalez, and Riley Taylor. Acting Clerk Holub acknowledged supplemental information received and read into the record written comments received from Alexandra Hagen, Lisa Portwood, Kristen Johnson, Aja Castilleja, Stewart and Lori Morse, Aimee Armor-Avant, Heidi Ambrose, Rebecca Richards, Colleen Tooley, Brenda Auer, Renee Westerhuis, and Toni Pelletier. No further public comments were received.

Council provided direction to staff. No action was taken on this item.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**11.a. Consider Request from South County Sanitary Service for Integrated Solid Waste Collection Rate Increase**

*Mayor Pro Tem George called for a brief break at 7:54 p.m. The Council reconvened at 8:00 p.m.*

Administrative Services Director Valentine introduced Bill Statler, Rate Review Consultant, who spoke about the rate review process and findings and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem George invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Jeff Clarin, Jim Guthrie, and Jeff Stevens. No further public comments were received.

Moved by Council Member Storton

Seconded by Council Member Paulding

1) Set a public hearing for June 14, 2022, to consider adjusting the waste collection services rates for June 15, 2022, January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024; and 2) Direct staff to prepare and distribute a Proposition 218 notice with a delayed implementation start date of May 1, 2022, for the proposed waste collection services rate increases.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

**12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Ray Russom commented on design of directional signs. Staff commented that this will be included in future reports to Council.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem George adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

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Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jessica Matson, City Clerk