



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

**October 25, 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 Clerk Jessica Matson, City Attorney Timothy Carmel, City Manager Whitney McDonald, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Bill Robeson, Community Development Director Pedrotti, Planning Manager Andrew Perez, Administrative Services Director Nicole Valentine

**Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns 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 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**

Moved by Mayor Ray Russom  
Seconded by Council Member Barneich

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

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

Passed (5 to 0)

## **6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **6.a. Mayor's Commendation Recognizing Arroyo Grande Valley Kiwanis Club**

Mayor Ray Russom read the Mayor's Commendation recognizing the Arroyo Grande Valley Kiwanis Club for their involvement and efforts for the nationally accredited Inclusive Playground Project at Elm Street Park. Ann McCracken accepted the commendation and presented a commemorative check recognizing the \$21k raised for the Project.

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

No action was taken on this item.

### **6.b. Honorary Proclamation Recognizing November 2022 as "Family Court Awareness Month"**

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation recognizing November 2022 as "Family Court Awareness Month." Tracey Mueller-Gibbs, Survivor and Protective Parent, accepted the proclamation.

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

No action was taken on this item.

### **6.c. Honorary Proclamation Recognizing November 2022 as "National Adoption Month"**

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation recognizing November 2022 as "National Adoption Month." Owen Martin, Child Welfare Services, accepted the proclamation.

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

No action was taken on this item.

### **6.d. Honorary Proclamation Recognizing November 14-20, 2022 as "National Apprenticeship Week"**

Mayor Ray Russom read the Honorary Proclamation recognizing November 14-20, 2022 as "National Apprenticeship Week." Diana Mann, Workforce Development Board, accepted the proclamation.

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

No action was taken on this item.

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

City Manager McDonald provided a brief update on COVID-19 and mentioned that the State will be terminating the Emergency Declaration related to the COVID-19 Pandemic on February 28, 2023.

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

No action was taken on this item.

**6.f. City Manager Communications**

City Manager McDonald provided information regarding the Halloween Carnival and Trick or Treat in the Village; the Inclusive Playground Ribbon Cutting on November 4th; Election Day on November 8th; and discussed upcoming items for Council consideration.

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Robeson provided an update on the Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project.

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 Jamie Sanbonmatsu and Joe Martinez. 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.

Council made comments on Items 8.e. and 8.j.

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.j., with the recommended courses of action.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

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

Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period of September 16 through September 30, 2022.

**8.b. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Year End Financial Status Report**

Received, considered, and filed the FY 2021-22 Year End Financial Status Report.

- 8.c. **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.d. **Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Declaring City-Owned Property Located at 400 W. Branch Street As Non-Exempt Surplus Property and Directing Staff to Proceed to Dispose of the Property Pursuant to the Surplus Land Act**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE DECLARING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400 W. BRANCH STREET (APNs: 007-011-055 AND 007-055-056) AS NON-EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED TO DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE SURPLUS LAND ACT".**

- 8.e. **Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Updated City Council Handbook**

Adopted a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL HANDBOOK UPDATE".**

- 8.f. **Approval of Minutes**

1) Approved the minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings of October 11, 2022, as submitted; and 2) Approved the minutes of the Central Coast Blue Joint City Council Special Meeting of September 14, 2022, contingent on the approval of Grover Beach City Council and Pismo Beach City Council, as submitted.

- 8.g. **Consideration to Adopt Resolutions Updating the Policy Concerning the Naming of Public Parks and Naming the Reconstructed Playground at Elm Street Park the "Kiwaniis Inclusive Playground"**

1) Adopted an updated Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE UPDATING THE POLICY CONCERNING THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS";** and 2) Adopted a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE NAMING THE RECONSTRUCTED PLAYGROUND AT ELM STREET PARK THE "KIWANIS INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND".**

- 8.h. **Consideration to Adopt a Resolution Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 Determining to Continue Work Under Emergency Contracts for the FCFA Station 1 Emergency Generator Replacement Project, PW 2021-09**

1) Received and filed an update of the emergency generator replacement project at the FCFA Station 1; and 2) 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 FOR THE FCFA STATION 1 EMERGENCY GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT".***

**8.i. Consideration of Approval of Construction Plans and Specifications for the Swinging Bridge Retrofit Project, PW 2021-06**

1) Approved the construction plans and specifications for the Swinging Bridge Retrofit Project, PW 2021-06; and 2) Authorized staff to advertise for construction bids.

**8.j. Monthly Water Supply and Demand Update**

Received and filed the monthly Water Supply and Demand Report.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.a. Discuss and Consider Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Title 16 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code (AGMC) Regarding Tiny Homes on Wheels; Development Code Amendment 22-004**

Council Member Barneich declared a conflict of interest due to design work performed on Mayor Pro Tem George's ADU, recused herself, and left the meeting. Mayor Ray Russom declared a conflict of interest due to owning an ADU, recused herself, and left the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem George presided over the meeting.

Planning Manager Perez presented the staff report and recommended that Council introduce the Ordinance to establish regulations for the use of Tiny Homes On Wheels (THOW) as an accessory use on parcels developed with a single-family dwelling.

Mayor Pro Tem George opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Joe Pollon. Upon hearing no further public comments, Mayor Pro Tem George closed the public hearing.

Council Member Paulding requested staff promote the Program on the City's website and social media channels.

Moved by Council Member Storton  
Seconded by Council Member Paulding

Introduce an Ordinance entitled: ***"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 16 OF THE ARROYO GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE (AGMC) REGARDING TINY HOMES ON WHEELS; LOCATION- CITYWIDE"***. City Attorney Carmel read the full title of the Ordinance.

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

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

Passed (3 to 0)

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Ray Russom and Council Member Barneich returned to the meeting.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**11.a. Discussion and Consideration of Updates to the Arroyo Grande Community Service Grant Program**

Planning Manager Perez presented the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Council discussion ensued regarding making appointments within districts or at-large.

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

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem George

Seconded by Council Member Barneich

Directed staff to change the Community Service Grant Program Committee to consist of five members appointed by each City Council Member, for a term of four years to run concurrent with their term, and preferably within their district; that the members must be a resident of Arroyo Grande; and directed staff to add the Committee to Section 5.2 "Committee Appointments" of the City Council Handbook.

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

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. South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (SSLOCSD)
3. Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board
4. Other

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

1. County Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)
2. Visit SLO CAL Advisory Board
3. Other

**12.c. COUNCIL MEMBER BARNEICH:**

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

4. Other

**12.d. COUNCIL MEMBER PAULDING:**

1. Air Pollution Control District (APCD)
2. Brisco/Halcyon Interchange Subcommittee
3. Council of Governments/Regional Transit Authority/ South County Transit (SLOCOG/SLORTA/SCT)
4. REACH SLO Advisory Commission
5. Other

**12.e. COUNCIL MEMBER STORTON:**

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

**13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Ray Russom stated Election Day is on November 8th; and commented regarding a recent REACH meeting where it was noted that the City of Atascadero contracts with an Economic Development Consultant and would like the City to explore this possibility. Council Member Paulding concurred.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

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Jessica Matson, City Clerk