



ACTION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Hybrid City Council Chamber/Virtual Zoom Meeting
215 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Jessica Matson, Interim City Attorney Isaac Rosen, City Manager Whitney McDonald, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Bill Robeson, Administrative Services Director Nicole Valentine, Community Development Director Brian Pedrotti, Recreation Services Director Sheridan Bohlken, Police Chief Michael Martinez, FCFA Chief Steve Lieberman, Human Resources Officer Tashina Ureno, Management Analyst Aleah Bergam, Utilities Manager Shane Taylor

This meeting was held in an in-person/hybrid format.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Barneich called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Matson took roll call.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Barneich led the flag salute.

Mayor Ray Russom joined the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

4. CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

4.a Fiscal Year 2023-25 Goal Setting Study Session

City Manager McDonald presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Budget process and introduced facilitator, Sommer Kehrli, from the Centre for Organizational Excellence.

Sommer Kehrli introduced herself and facilitated a goal-setting workshop with City Council.

Management Analyst Bergam presented results from the online Community Priorities Survey and answered questions from Council.

City Manager McDonald invited public comment. Speaking from the public was Greg, and Jeff Lane. No further public comments were received.

Police Chief Martinez responded to comments regarding crime statistics in the city.

Ms. Kehrli presented the Council Prioritized Goals.

City Manager McDonald invited public comment. Speaking from the public were Greg, and Krista Jeffries. No further public comments were received.

Council took a brief break from 6:48 p.m. to 7:04 p.m.

Ms. Kehrli reviewed the Prioritized Goals Summary. Council discussed the 7 goals listed in the summary: 1. Funding: sales tax measure, new revenue sources, economic development; 2. Five Cities Fire Authority; 3. Address our current infrastructure needs; 4. General Plan; 5. Water Resilience; 6. Homeless/Housing; and 7. Staff resources/employee attraction and retention.

Council discussion ensued regarding the top funding focus.

Police Chief Martinez and FCFA Chief Lieberman responded to questions from Council regarding cannabis businesses.

City Manager McDonald explained the process and next steps which includes staff working to identify what work needs to start, continue, or stop based on the Council goals discussion; and staff will bring back a Council goals item as part of the FY 2023-25 Budget process for Council consideration and adoption.

No action was taken on this item.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Ray Russom adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Matson, City Clerk