



ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 11, 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, Mayor Pro Tem George, Council Member Barneich, Council Member Storton, Council Member Paulding

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

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Russom called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Matson performed roll call.

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. FLAG SALUTE

John Durant, Arroyo Grande Knights of Columbus Council 1375, led the flag salute.

5. AGENDA REVIEW

5.a Closed Session Announcements

The City Attorney will announce reportable actions taken, if any, from the Special Meeting of January 11, 2022:

a) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property: Harden Street at North Mason Street

Agency negotiators: Whitney McDonald, City Manager; Bill Robeson, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director

Negotiating parties: Ty Green, on behalf of Alex Carapeti and Kristiane Schmidt

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

b) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property: 202 Le Point Street

Agency negotiators: Whitney McDonald, City Manager; Bill Robeson, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director

Negotiating parties: Jena Simmons and Chad Jackson

Under negotiation: Lease Renewal

City Attorney Carmel announced that the City Council discussed negotiations with real property negotiators, and that there was no reportable action.

5.b Ordinances read in title only

None.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.a Update Regarding Countywide COVID-19 Efforts

City Manager McDonald provided a brief update on new COVID-19 health guidelines and how the current surge is impacting City staffing and services provided to the public.

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 on water supply due to the recent storms, baseline letters regarding the Water Shortage Emergency, 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. No 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 Storton

Seconded by Council Member Paulding

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

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

Passed (5 to 0)

8.a Consideration of Cash Disbursement Ratification

Ratified the listing of cash disbursements for the period of December 1 through December 15, 2021.

8.b Consideration of Statement of Investment Deposits

Received and filed the attached report listing investment deposits of the City of Arroyo Grande as of November 30, 2021, as required by Government Code Section 53646(b).

8.c 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.d Consideration of Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 14, 2021, as submitted.

8.e Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 Determining to Continue Work Under Emergency Contracts for the Storm Drain System at 251 East Grand Avenue Project, PW 2021-12

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***".

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

10.a **Consideration of Approval of Water and Wastewater Rate Study and Setting Public Hearing in Compliance with Proposition 218**

Administrative Services Director Valentine introduced the item and recommended that Council adopt a resolution adopting the Water and Wastewater Rate Study, directing staff to issue Proposition 218 Notifications, and directing staff to schedule a public hearing on March 8, 2022 to consider amending the Water and Wastewater Rate Schedules. Clayton Tuckfield, Tuckfield & Associates, presented the Water and Wastewater Rate Study. Staff responded to questions from Council.

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

Moved by Council Member Storton
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem George

1) Adopt a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ADOPTING CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY; DIRECTING STAFF TO ISSUE PROPOSITION 218 NOTIFICATIONS; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 8, 2022 TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULES"**; 2) Set a public hearing for March 8, 2022, to consider adjusting the water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2026; and 3) Direct staff to prepare and distribute a Proposition 218 notice for the proposed water and wastewater rate increases.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

11.a **Consider and Adopt a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Policy**

City Manager McDonald presented the staff report and recommended that Council adopt a resolution approving the proposed Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Policy and responded to questions from Council.

Council discussed and recommended bringing back a request for funds during budget time for a consultant to evaluate the City's needs as it relates to the policy.

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. City Clerk Matson read into the record written correspondence received from Jami Fordyce. No further public comments were received.

Moved by Council Member Storton
Seconded by Council Member Paulding

Adopted a Resolution entitled: **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE ADOPTING A DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND JUSTICE POLICY"**.

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

Passed (5 to 0)

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Storton requested a review of the fireworks Ordinance to be brought back to Council on a future agenda. Council Member Barneich concurred.

Mayor Ray Russom stated that the Strother Park public art project is postponed until spring due to weather; commented on the potential designation of the Northern Chumash Marine Sanctuary; and regional efforts being made for a broadband consortium acquisition.

13. CLOSED SESSION

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Matson, City Clerk