

**MINUTES
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
FOR FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

March 11, 2014

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main Street, 4th Floor

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5:30 P.M.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

(City Council Conference Room, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor)

- (a) Public Comments regarding the Closed Session agenda were only accepted by the City Council at that time.
- (b) Closed Session Announcement
The City Council recessed the regular Council Meeting to discuss those items listed on the Closed Session Statement attached to the Agenda.

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR FORMER
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9)

- 1. Pending litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1):
 - a) Name of case: City of Watsonville and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Watsonville v. California Department of Finance et al. — Sacramento County Superior Court

(Case No. 34-2013-80001523)

6:30 P.M.

1.0 ROLL CALL

Mayor Cervantez, Mayor Pro Tempore Hernandez, and Council Members Bilicich, Coffman-Gomez, Hurst, and Montesino were present. Member Dodge was absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Palacios, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Assistant City Manager Tavantzis, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Fire Chief Bisbee, Administrative Services Director Vega, Parks & Community Services Director Espinoza, Library Director Heitzig, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager Manning, Assistant Parks & Community Services Director Blachly, Principal Planner Boyle, Police Lt. Gonzalez, Environmental Projects Manager Lockwood, Consultant Davison, Deputy City Clerk Ortiz, and Interpreter Vázquez-Quintero.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CITY COUNCIL

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Gary Richard Arnold spoke about California Forward and its influence on government officials. He spoke about several officials and individuals who manipulated elections and government bodies.

Rhea DeHart, District 7, spoke about the items the Let the People Vote Campaign placed on the June 3, 2014 ballot and asked the residents to vote "yes" on them. She also spoke about the special tax measure that would be placed on the ballot and stated her excitement at seeing candidates file their paperwork.

Christopher Lang stated there was a substance abuse problem within the community. He spoke about food addictions and the repercussions from indulging in dangerous foods. He stated he would be willing to work with Council to end violence and substance abuse.

Marilynn Garret spoke about her attendance at the Board of Supervisors meeting where they decided to require residents to microchip their pets. She stated microchips could affect the health of pets in a variety of different ways. She asked Council to intervene and protect animals from forced microchips.

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Member Bilicich invited the public to the Zone 7, Flood Control and Water Conservation Meeting on March 18, 2014. She spoke about her meeting with Dr. Randy Scheckman and highlighted his achievements.

Member Coffman-Gomez stated the City had several job openings and encouraged residents to apply. She invited the public to attend several community events and read a letter acknowledging the philanthropic work of Miles Ryder and his staff.

Member Hurst spoke about his attendance at the AMBAG meeting previously held in the Community Room. He also spoke about his attendance at the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation (SCCRTC) meeting and thanked Members Dodge and Montesino for their work in the SCCRTC. He commended several employees who retired for their many years of service. He spoke about the high unemployment rates in the County and the challenges in creating new jobs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hernandez invited the public to attend the Cesar E. Chavez Community awards on March 20, 2014 in the City Community Room.

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Mayor Cervantez thanked everyone for attending the Watsonville Forward event at the Appleton Grill. She invited the public to attend the Watsonville Film Festival and spoke about the benefits it brings to the City. She added that the Film Festival would be celebrating International Women's Day.

3.2 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Smith reported that Council received a report on the item on the Closed Session agenda and voted 6 to 0 with one absence. The vote was to appeal the decision of the Sacramento Superior Court.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

4.7 MOTION APPROVING SUCCESSOR AGENCY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2013

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hurst, seconded by Member Coffman-Gomez, and carried by the following vote that Consent Agenda Item 4.7 be approved:

AYES: MEMBERS: Bilicich, Coffman-Gomez, Hernandez, Hurst, Cervantez
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Dodge, Montesino

8.0 NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

8.2 REINSTATEMENT OF CITY LOANS MADE TO FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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(a) Staff Report

The report was given by Consultant Davison.

(b) City Council Questions

Consultant Davison answered questions from Member Coffman-Gomez regarding the reasons the Department of Finance (DOF) was requiring the City to reinstate City loans.

(c) Public Input (None)

(d) City Council Discussion

Member Hurst spoke about the complexity of the process for dissolving redevelopment agencies.

**(e) RESOLUTION NO. 29-14 (CM):
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING REINSTATEMENT
OF CITY LOANS MADE TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**(f) RESOLUTION NO. 1-14 (SA):
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING REINSTATEMENT
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MOTION: It was moved by Member Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Hurst, and carried by the following vote to approve the above resolutions (e) and (f):

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Bilicich, Coffman-Gomez, Hernandez, Hurst, Cervantez
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	Dodge, Montesino

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.



Karina Cervantez, Mayor/Chair

ATTEST:



Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk