

# MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING



March 10, 2020

City of Watsonville  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor

4:33 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor García, Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez and Council Members Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez (arrived at 5:00 p.m.), Hurst, and Parker (arrived at 5:06 p.m.) were present.

**2. INFORMATION ITEMS—Written Report(s) Only**

**2.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**2.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**2.C. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN ON THEIR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/BOARD MEETINGS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE (None)**

**3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**3.A. WASTEWATER FACILITIES MASTER PLAN STUDY SESSION**

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**1) Staff Report**

The report was given by Elaine Simmons, from Carollo Engineers.

**2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**

Mayor García announced that Council toured the Wastewater Treatment Facility the day before.

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano answered questions from Member Hurst regarding differences between the wastewater collection system and the storm water collection system, funding needs for wastewater systems, and challenges in planning for wastewater needs.

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano and Principal Engineer Green answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding collaboration with PG&E and Army Corps of Engineers to complete the Levee Reinforcement Project, PG&E supplying power to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, efforts to install additional generators to maintain the facility in service, and impacts of not repairing the facility would have on the public.

In answering Member Hernandez, Ms. Simmons stated the Wastewater Treatment Facility did not meet current seismic code and also needed to be elevated out of the flood zone.

Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano and Principal Engineer Green answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding potential increases to utility rates for residents, process and review for the River Levee Reinforcement Project, planning for power shut-offs, and potential revenue generating sources.

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In answering Mayor García, Ms. Simmons and Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano explained reasoning for replacing versus repairing infrastructure in wastewater treatment facilities.

**3) Public Input (None)**

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Hurst to accept the Wastewater Facilities Master Plan.

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion(s)**

In answering Member Parker, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano listed the agencies and districts served by the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Member Hurst spoke about the importance of outreach to the community regarding needs of the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

**MOTION:** The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item (None)**

Members Hernandez, Hurst and Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez spoke in support of Item 4.B.

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez spoke about timeline for Item 4.B.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

**4.A MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2020, MEETING**

**4.B. RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING GRANT & APPROVING PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS & CALLING FOR BIDS FOR AIRPORT BOULEVARD AT HOLM ROAD SIGNAL INSTALLATION PROJECT NO. TR-20-01 (HSIPL-5031 (036)) (COST OF \$481,600 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 9 GRANT)**

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**a) RESOLUTION NO. 26-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) GRANT CYCLE 9 OF \$481,600 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT**

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OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) DIVISION OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITY TO FUND THE AIRPORT BOULEVARD AT HOLM ROAD SIGNAL INSTALLATION, PROJECT NO. TR-20-01 (HSIP-5031(036)) 5485  
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b) RESOLUTION NO. 27-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS & CALLING FOR BIDS FOR AIRPORT BOULEVARD AT HOLM ROAD SIGNAL INSTALLATION PROJECT NO. TR-20-01 (HSIPL-5031 (036)) (COST OF \$481,600 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 9 GRANT) 4902

4.C. RESOLUTION NO. 28-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO SST CONSTRUCTION, LLC., DBA SUNSYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY, TO PROVIDE OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS AT THREE CITY SITES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$104,370 FOR FIVE YEARS, (\$104,370 WILL BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND - 17%, WATER ENTERPRISE FUND - 27%, & WASTEWATER FUND - 56%) 5770

4.D. RESOLUTION NO. 29-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO CALCON SYSTEMS, INC., FOR ON-CALL SCADA SYSTEM INTEGRATION SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$285,000 OVER THREE YEARS FROM FY 20/21 THROUGH FY 22/23 (\$285,000 WILL BE SPREAD OVER THREE FISCAL YEARS: FUNDED BY WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND & WATER ENTERPRISE FUND) 5807

4.E. RESOLUTION NO. 30-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO LUHDORFF & SCALMANINI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., TO PLAN & DESIGN A NEW WELL & PUMP STATION & DEVELOP BID DOCUMENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$434,088, (\$434,088 WILL BE FUNDED BY THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND) 5807

4.F. RESOLUTION NO. 31-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER WITH ACCURATE AIR ENGINEERING, INC., FOR A NEW DIGESTER GAS ROTARY SCREW AIR COMPRESSOR, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$240,138.00 PLUS FREIGHT & SALES TAX, PAID BY WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS 5822

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (None)

*The City Council recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:28 p.m.*

**5:30 p.m.**

6. CLOSED SESSION  
(City Council Conference Room, 275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

(a) Public Comments regarding the Closed Session agenda were 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.

**6.A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

(Government Code § 54954.5 and 54956.8)

- 1. Property: 21, 27, and 31 West Beach Street (APN: 017-111-19)  
 Negotiating parties: Tamara Vides (City)  
 In Sook Yum dba Top USA Co.  
 Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease
- 2. Property: 280 Main Street (APN: 017-182-16)  
 Negotiating parties: Tamara Vides (City)  
 Pajaro Valley Arts  
 WatsNews, LLC dba Register Pajaronian  
 Under Negotiation: Price, and terms of Lease

**6.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Government Code Section 54956.9)

- 1. Pending litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1):  
 Name of case: City of Watsonville v Pacific Air Care et al. - Santa Cruz  
 County Superior Court (Case No. 19CV03564)

**6:42 p.m.**

**7. ROLL CALL**

Mayor García, Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez and Council Members Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, and Parker were present.

Staff members present were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Police Chief Honda, Fire Chief Lopez, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Community Development Director Merriam, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Deputy City Managers Manning and Vides, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Directors Di Renzo and Rodriguez, Assistant Police Chief Sims, Administrative Services Manager Gordo, Solid Waste Division Manager Rivera, Principal Engineer Fontes, Senior Utilities Engineer Berry, Police Sergeant Thul, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Senior Administrative Analyst Peralta, and Interpreter Esqueda.

**8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**9. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9.D. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Smith reported that Council discussed the items listed on the Closed Session Agenda and authorized filing of an answer to the complaint listed under 6.B.1.

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**9.A. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS NATIONAL RED CROSS MONTH**

**9.B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Dori Rose Inda, chief executive officer at Salud Para la Gente, stated they had taken precautions to identify Coronavirus victims and deter spread of the illness. She gave recommendations and listed resources on how to prevent spread of Coronavirus. 5820

Jennifer Schacher, trustee at Pájaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD), spoke about efforts by PVUSD to prevent spread of Coronavirus. She thanked Council for approving Complete Streets to School Plan. She stated Starlight Elementary School had submitted a petition that requests that parking be allowed on the east side of Pennsylvania Drive during school hours (submitted petition to Council). 5076

Becky Steinbruner spoke about her experience in running for County Supervisor and stated her willingness to work with the City to address issues with water contamination at Landmark Elementary School and Renaissance High School.

Steve Trujillo spoke in opposition of Council's approval of the special use permit to allow the project at 975 Main Street that included fast food establishments (submitted flyer regarding effects of fast food). He asked Council to prevent further fast food drive-throughs.

Deputy City Manager Vides asked the public to participate in the Council's Strategic Plan survey. She spoke about challenges in collecting survey results due to the Coronavirus.

**9.C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL**

Member Hernandez spoke about his attendance at International Women's Day Festivities, Portuguese Crab Feed, Slavic American Cultural Organization Dinner and invited the public to Cesar Chavez Community Awards. He thanked the voters for supporting Measure Y. 5074

Member Gonzalez thanked the voters who supported Measure Y. He spoke about his attendance at the Portuguese Crab Feed. He invited the public to the Buddhist Temple Cleanup event.

Member Estrada thanked Salud Para la Gente and the City for their efforts to address Corona Virus. He spoke about events he attended over the previous weeks. He commended the voters for participating in the Presidential Primary Election. He invited the public to the Buddhist Temple Cleanup event and the Mayor's Bike Ride.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez spoke about her attendance at a conference regarding, transportation, housing and homelessness. She spoke about the importance of participating in the census and spoke about the success of Measure Y.

Member Parker invited the public to the Buddhist Temple Cleanup event. She thanked those who voted and supported Measure Y in the Presidential Primary Election. She thanked staff for preparing for COVID-19.

Member Hurst spoke about the success of Measure Y in the Presidential Primary Election. He spoke about low voter turnout and asked for more participation from registered voters. Mayor García spoke about her participation on a climate change panel with Assembly Member Rivas. She spoke about the City's Climate Action Plan and stated it was a model for other cities. She stated her commitment to speaking about climate change at each meeting during oral communications.

## 10. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

### 10.A. CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE (WMC) CHAPTERS 14-16 (DISTRICT REGULATIONS) & 14-53 (CANNABIS FACILITIES) REGARDING CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TESTING, DELIVERY & RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS & CANNABIS PRODUCTS

#### 1) Staff Report

The report was given by Community Development Director Merriam.

#### 2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions

Community Development Director Merriam answered questions from Member Hurst regarding ability for growers outside City limits to export cannabis to Watsonville manufacturers, legalization of marijuana statewide, reasons for loss of operating cannabis cultivators, police experience in dealing with cannabis use related crime, and difficulty in obtaining cannabis licenses.

Community Development Director Merriam and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Parker regarding the City's Cannabis Equity Program, challenges by staff to integrate said program, and ability for cannabis businesses to operate between jurisdiction and type of cannabis business types.

Community Development Director Merriam answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding review and approval of cannabis licenses, distinctions and limitations between license types, tax revenues from cannabis, requirement for identification of a location for a cannabis facility in order to secure a permit, process for obtaining a cannabis permit, and use of a location for multiple types of cannabis businesses.

Member Gonzalez spoke about the importance of prioritizing local residents in their pursuit of cannabis businesses. Assistant Police Chief Sims and Community Development Director Merriam answered questions from Member Gonzalez regarding cannabis facility security, customer age verification, required cannabis facility staff identification, cannabis delivery restrictions, protections against minors entering cannabis dispensaries, cannabis delivery hour restrictions, and age verification as part of cannabis purchases.

In answering Member Hernandez, Community Development Director Merriam and City Manager Huffaker explained the City's Cannabis Equity Program.

Community Development Director Merriam and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Estrada regarding Cannabis taxation, delays in cannabis businesses beginning operation, State legalization of cannabis, potential revenues from cannabis, proposed allowed cannabis dispensaries, restrictions against vaping products, process for reviewing cannabis applications, security of cannabis facilities, compliance monitoring, and criteria for use of Measure M tax revenues.

In answering Member Parker, Community Development Director Merriam spoke about reasoning used to justify reduction in distance requirements for cannabis facilities.

In answering Mayor García, Community Development Director Merriam spoke about impact to health and equity that cannabis businesses would bring the City and reasoning for proposed allowed cannabis delivery licenses.

### 3) **Public Hearing**

Mayor García opened the public hearing.

Crystal Salazar-Nieto, District 3, stated her concerns regarding cannabis effects on youth and contribution to crime.

Ashley Mazon stated her concerns regarding effects cannabis businesses would have on youth.

Sebastian Perez-Catano, Watsonville High School student, stated his concerns regarding amount of cannabis licenses being proposed.

Karla Orozco, Watsonville High School student, stated it was easy for youth to obtain marijuana and staff recommendation would further contribute to that.

Ana, student at Watsonville High School, stated it was easy for youth to obtain marijuana and staff recommendation would further contribute to that.

Ulises Geronimo, Ceiba College Preparatory, stated his concerns with staff recommendation in changing distance requirements from schools.

Jeren Rodriguez asked Council to reduce amount of allowed dispensaries.

Georgia Acosta, District 7, stated her concerns regarding no requirements for location identification to grant a cannabis permit and asked Council to revisit the Cannabis Equity Ordinance.

Seth Smith, Santa Cruz Veterans Alliance, asked Council to implement a cannabis compassion program to assist low income residents in obtaining medicinal cannabis.

Laura Del Castillo, Eden Infusions, spoke in support of staff recommendation.

Jennifer Schacher stated her concerns regarding zoning changes proposed by staff and no requirements to disclose location prior to receiving permit.

Steve Trujillo, District 7, recommended cannabis dispensaries be closed during school hours. He asked Council for the Cannabis Equity Program to be included in the proposed ordinance.

Erin Newson, Santa Cruz Veterans Alliance, spoke about the benefits of a regulated cannabis market.

Lisa Tollner spoke in support of staff recommendation and spoke about challenges of running cannabis businesses.

James Cunningham, Fog City Farms, spoke in support of staff recommendation.

Drew Lineham, asked Council to integrate the Cannabis Equity Program in the proposed ordinance.

Wes Clark, Horizon Capital, spoke about the importance of providing an opportunity for veterans to be able to compete for cannabis licenses through an equity program.

Mariline Onofre, parent, asked Council to reduce cannabis delivery licenses to three (3) and reduce cannabis dispensary licenses to two.

Guillermina, District 1, asked Council to reduce cannabis delivery licenses to three (3) and reduce cannabis dispensary licenses to two.

Bryce Berryesa, cannabis business owner, spoke about the strict guidelines for obtaining a cannabis business license.

Carmen Herrera Mansir, District 2, asked Council to postpone action on cannabis regulations in order to create more equitable policies for the community as a whole.

Paul Lessard spoke in support of staff recommendation and offered to work with the City to explore benefits of cannabis for medical purposes.

McKenna Maness, Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance (PVPSA), stated increased cannabis outlets would lead to more access for underage youth.

Erika Trejo, PVPSA, asked Council to reduce cannabis delivery licenses to three and reduce cannabis dispensary licenses to two.

Adrian Rocha, District 3, asked Council to reduce cannabis delivery licenses to three and reduce cannabis dispensary licenses to two.

Alan Flores asked Council to create policy that sets licenses aside for equity program participants.

Cristina Negrete, District 6, asked Council to reduce cannabis delivery licenses to three (submitted petition to Council).

Colin Disheroon, Santa Cruz Naturals, spoke about the benefits his business has brought the community. He asked Council remove Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) for the proposed allowed zones for cannabis facilities, allow cultivators and manufacturers to deliver their products, require local dispensaries to provide 15% of their shelf space for local products, create policy that requires environmental sustainability, and create setback requirements between cannabis dispensaries and fast food establishments.

Jonathan Kolodinski asked Council to allow cannabis cultivators to cultivate on multiple premises and allow distribution of those products.

Alejandro Nolasco, spoke in support of integrating the cannabis equity program within the proposed ordinance, not requiring a location prior to granting a license, and approving dispensaries locally.

Chrystal Gonzalez, PVPSA, asked Council to reduce proposed allowed licenses and dispensaries.

Sandra Savala spoke in opposition to cannabis dispensaries being allowed in Watsonville, especially near schools.



Patrica Mata, PVPSA, asked Council to reduce allowed delivery permits and dispensaries. 5764

Victor Marani recommended that Council reserve licenses for equity program participants and require a location prior to granting any cannabis permit.

Seeing no one else approach the podium, Mayor García closed the public hearing.

4) **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Hurst to introduce the following ordinances 10.A.4)a), 10.A.4)b), approve resolution 10.A.4)c), integrate language from the cannabis equity program into the proposed ordinances, and exclude the Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) zone from allowed zones for cannabis facilities:

a) **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 14-16 (DISTRICT REGULATIONS) OF TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE REGULATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY** 5764

b) **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION REPEALING CHAPTER 53 (CANNABIS FACILITIES) OF TITLE 14 (ZONING) IN ITS ENTIRETY & ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE 14 (ZONING) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TESTING, DELIVERY & RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS & CANNABIS PRODUCTS** 5764

c) **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING & ADOPTING CERTAIN FEES RELATED TO THE REVIEW & PROCESSING OF CANNABIS FACILITY APPLICATIONS & ISSUANCE & ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CANNABIS FACILITIES IDENTIFICATION BADGES BY THE WATSONVILLE CHIEF OF POLICE TO OWNERS, MANAGERS & EMPLOYEES OF PERMITTED & APPROVED CANNABIS FACILITIES OPERATING IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE** 5764  
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5) **City Council Deliberation on Motion(s)**

**MOTION AMENDMENT 1:** It was moved by member Parker and seconded by Member Hernandez, to integrate the Cannabis Equity Program policies within the proposed ordinance, direct staff to appoint a certification officer, and reserve permits for equity program participants.

Member Parker asked that cannabis permit applicants disclose the location where they would intend to operate at the time they applied for a permit. Member Hernandez declined to accept Member Parker's last request.

Member Estrada asked Council to table the item in order to better study the proposed changes.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked for data regarding youth access to cannabis due to changes in law and asked for more information regarding the Cannabis Equity Program and how it could be integrated within the proposed ordinance.

Member Gonzalez asked that participant criteria from the Cannabis Equity Program be integrated within the proposed ordinance. City Manager Huffaker explained that the Cannabis Equity Program Ordinance would be utilized during the application process and it was not necessary to integrate said ordinance within the proposed ordinances.

Member Parker spoke about community collaboration to create cannabis policies and spoke about the importance of the Cannabis Equity Program integration in the proposed ordinances.

**MOTION AMENDMENT 1 VOTE:** Motion Amendment 1 carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	Gonzalez, Estrada
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

**MOTION AMENDMENT 2:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez and seconded by Member Gonzalez to require dispensaries to reserve fifteen percent (15%) of shelf space for local cannabis products.

In answering Member Parker, City Manager Huffaker and City Attorney Smith stated the proposed amendments were significant and would require that the ordinances return for introduction.

**MOTION AMENDMENT 2 VOTE:** Motion Amendment 2 carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

**MOTION AMENDMENT 3:** It was moved by Member Parker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez to require cannabis dispensary permit applicants to disclose the premise in which they would operate at the time of application submittal.

Member Gonzalez stated requiring cannabis dispensary permit applicants to disclose the premise in which they would operate at the time of application submittal would hurt the industry and increase lease rates for cannabis businesses.

Member Hurst spoke about the challenges cannabis businesses faced as part of Council's timeline for approval of policies.

**MOTION AMENDMENT 3 VOTE (Failed):** Motion Amendment 3 failed by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Parker
NOES:	MEMBERS:	Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, García
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

**MOTION AMENDMENT 4 (Failed):** It was moved by Member Gonzalez and failed due to lack of second to restrict cannabis product deliveries to delivery between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only.

**MOTION AMENDMENT 5:** It was moved by Member Estrada and seconded by Mayor García to reduce cannabis dispensaries to two and restrict cannabis product delivery from non-retail facilities to five.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez spoke about the input received and work done to identify proposed number of cannabis facilities.

Members Hurst and Gonzalez spoke about the need to be bold with cannabis policy since Council had been careful and thoughtful up to that point.

Mayor García spoke about adverse effects cannabis product deliveries brought communities. She added that studies showed that there had been increases in hospital visits related to cannabis use due to increase in outlets and ease of access.

**MOTION AMENDMENT 5 VOTE (Failed):** Motion Amendment 5 failed by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Estrada, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

Member Hurst spoke about the importance of establishing a policy for cannabis in order to deter black market purchases.

Member Gonzalez stated the Commercial Thoroughfare zone was not included in staff proposal and dispensaries would not be allowed in shopping centers. He spoke about the benefits of medicinal marijuana.

**MOTION TO TABLE ORIGINAL AMENDED MOTION:** It was moved by Member Gonzalez, seconded by Member Estrada and carried by the following vote to table the amended original motion to return at the March 24, 2020, Council meeting:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker
NOES:	MEMBERS:	García
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

Mayor García recessed the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Mayor García reconvened the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**11.A. PRESENTATION ON OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS FOR ORGANIC WASTE METHANE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS (SB 1383)**

**1) Staff Report**

The report was given by Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Senior Administrative Analyst Peralta, and Philip Mainolfi, Senior Associate at HF&H Consultants.

**2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**

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Mr. Mainolfi and Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano answered questions from Member Parker regarding recommended bins and locations where organics could be disposed.

Mr. Mainolfi answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding fees for disposing of lumber, reduction of greenhouse gasses, increase of staff time, logistics of new waste pickup duties, and challenges of sanitation of organics waste.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano and Mr. Manolfi spoke about potential for use of a digester to reduce food waste to an outside location.

Mr. Mainolfi, in answering Mayor García, stated the City needed to adopt an ordinance to address Senate Bill 1383 mandates by January 1, 2022.

**3) Public Input (None)**

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Hernandez to Accept the Draft Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions (SB 1383) Implementation Plan.

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion**

In answering Member Hurst, Mr. Mainolfi stated only one anaerobic digester was in operation in Marina.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked staff to collaborate with Monterey County to explore the rail corridor for potential transportation of waste.

In answering Mayor García, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano stated SB 1383 was an unfunded State mandate.

**MOTION:** The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

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**11.B CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PROJECT LISTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY MEASURE D & SB 1**

**1) Staff Report**

The report was given by Principal Engineer Fontes.

**2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**

Principal Engineer Fontes and Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding timeline for the Lee Road Trail, prioritization of improvements to City streets, traffic calming measures citywide and funding thereof, project specifics for Green Valley Road Reconstruction, and project specifics for Freedom Boulevard improvements. Mayor

Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked that staff notify Council Members when work was being done within their districts.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Principal Engineer Fontes spoke about costs associated with the Bridge Street Improvements, pot hole repair prioritization. Member Gonzalez stated there were problematic pot holes between Stanford Street and Madison Street.

In answering Mayor García, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Rodriguez explained how the public could report poor street conditions.

**3) Public Input (None)**

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to approve the following resolutions:

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	None

a) **RESOLUTION NO. 32-20 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2020 MEASURE D 5-YEAR PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (FY 2020/2021 - FY 2024/2025) FUNDED BY MEASURE D APPROVED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016** 5809

b) **RESOLUTION NO. 33-20 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE - SB1 PROJECT LIST FY 20/21 TO BE FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 FUNDS** 5809

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion (None)**

**12. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA**

**12.A DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)** 5778  
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**1) Staff Report**

The report was given by Fire Chief Lopez.

**2) City Council Clarifying & Technical Questions**

Fire Chief Lopez and City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding efforts by staff to prevent spread of COVID-19 and listed resources available to the public.

In answering Member Estrada, City Manager Huffaker stated Police Media and Communications Specialist Pulido had been appointed Public Information Officer for COVID-19 and was working on reaching the Spanish speaking community. City Manager Huffaker, in answering Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, spoke about ease of restrictions by the City to help businesses cope with COVID-19 worries.

Member Hurst spoke about importance of being responsible and empathetic in dealing with COVID-19 worries.

In answering Member Parker, City Manager spoke about protocols the City was exploring to prevent spread of COVID-19.

**3) Public Input (None)**

**4) MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Parker, and carried by the following vote to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION DECLARING LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez,  
Hurst, Parker, García

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion (None)**

**MOTION:** The above motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez,  
Hurst, Parker, García

NOES: MEMBERS: None

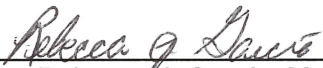
ABSENT: MEMBERS: None

**14. REQUESTS & SCHEDULING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez asked for an update from Watsonville Community Hospital.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

  
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Rebecca J. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

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