



## MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 26, 2020

City of Watsonville  
Teleconference/Remote

**1:00 p.m.**

**1. 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.

**A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

(Government Code § 54954.5 and 54956.8)

1. Property: 275 Main Street Suite 450 (APN: 017-811-01)  
Negotiating parties: Tamara Vides (City)  
Khaled Mabrouk, Sustainable Productivity Solutions  
Under Negotiation: Lease Terms and conditions
  
2. Property: 3 Second Street (APN: 017-781-02)  
Negotiating parties: Tamara Vides (City)  
Greg Bobeda and Lacey Dent dba Corralitos  
Coffeehouse  
Under Negotiation: Lease Terms and conditions

**B. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

(Government Code Section 54957)

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:  
Title: City Manager  
Title: City Clerk  
Title: City Attorney

**2:10 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Staff members present via teleconference through Gotomeetings were City Manager Huffaker, City Attorney Smith, City Clerk Vázquez Flores, Public Works & Utilities Director Palmisano, Police Chief Honda, Fire Chief Lopez, Deputy City Managers Manning and

Vides, Administrative Services Director Czerwin, Airport Director Williams, Community Development Director Merriam, Library Director Heitzig, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Assistant Public Works & Utilities Directors Rodriguez and Di Renzo, Housing Manager Landaverry, Assistant City Clerk Ortiz, Media and Communication Analyst Vasquez, Police Media and Communications Specialist Pulido, Administrative Analyst Paz, and Interpreter Esqueda.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.A. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**4.B. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT**

**4.C. WRITTEN REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN ON THEIR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/BOARD MEETINGS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE**

**5. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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Steve Trujillo spoke favorably about Older Adult Services and asked that they continue despite financial challenges. He thanked the City for the Bridge Street Median project and asked for its estimated completion date. He suggested the City defer purchases of vehicles and reduce salaries of Council and department heads by 10%.

Ben Ward, Elkhorn Brewing Company, via email (read by City Clerk Vázquez Flores), wrote that permits and licenses requirements would cost his business a \$3,700 fee designated for a Special Use Permit Application (Existing Construction). He urged Council to consider a temporary moratorium on fees for new businesses, at minimal until effects from the COVID-19 Pandemic on the economy subsided.

Ana Moreno, Watsonville Jr. Wildcatz Youth football and cheer organization, via email (read by City Clerk Vázquez Flores), asked Council to allow sales of fireworks because revenue from sales were imperative and essential to be able to be financial stable.

Jimmy Dutra, via email (read by City Clerk Vázquez Flores)- asked Council to allow fireworks sales within the City.

**5.B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL**

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Member Estrada commended the City and public working to protect the community from spread of COVID-19 and assisting the most vulnerable members of society. He spoke about the recent spike in COVID-19 cases resulting from gatherings for Mother's Day celebrations and stated the public needed to refrain from such gatherings to prevent spread of the disease. He spoke about the importance of preventing climate change to protect the wetlands.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez spoke about the importance of preventing spread of COVID-19 and encouraged the public to seek medical help if necessary. She stated other medical services were available and people should not neglect treatments separate from COVID-19.

Member Gonzalez stressed the importance of preventing spread of COVID-19 and listed ways the public could protect themselves. He stated Community Action Board (CAB) received State funding to assist undocumented residents. He added CAB was also processing financial assistance from the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for rent assistance.

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Member Hernandez encouraged local businesses to contact El Pájaro Community Development Corporation, since their administering State and Federal aid for struggling businesses. He also asked residents to stay informed on State and County policies regarding reopening of businesses.

Member Hurst stressed the importance of patience and unity in order to overcome challenges the COVID-19 Pandemic had brought.

Member Parker commended the Parks & Community Services Department and California Conservation Corps for Bridge Street beautification efforts. She spoke about challenges the Pájaro Valley Unified School District was facing as part of regulations implemented due to COVID-19. She thanked Pájaro Vista residents for participating in celebration of essential workers. She thanked those helping with recycling efforts and asked that everyone wear face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Garcia commended the Watsonville Public Library and Santa Cruz Public Libraries for their Shelter in Faith program and spoke about topics discussed. She spoke about Cabrillo College's Latino Graduation via Zoom where she awarded the Rebecca Garcia C.H.A.C. Scholarship.

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**5.C. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING KRISTAL VALENCIA, DEE MARIE GONSALVES, AND MARCY MOCK FOR THEIR RECOGNITION AS "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" BY THE PAJARO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MEXICAN AMERICAN EDUCATORS AND COMMENDING THEIR EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION TO THEIR STUDENTS.**

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

City Attorney Smith reported that Council received reports on all items listed on the Closed Session agenda, but took no action.

**5.E. SERVICE WITH HEART AWARDS:**

Suryel Vasquez, Media and Communication Analyst  
Radovan Radich, Police Sergeant

**6. REPORTS TO COUNCIL—No Action Required**

**6.A. UPDATE FROM SANTA CRUZ REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION HIGHWAY 1 PROGRAM AND CURRENT PROJECTS**

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**1) Oral Presentation**

The report was given Guy Preston, executive director at Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) and Ginger Dykar, senior planner at SCCRTC.

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

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Mr. Preston answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding funding and timeline for the rail corridor and Highway 1 expansion projects. Mr. Preston listed ways the City could help move projects forward.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Mr. Preston and Ms. Dykar spoke about progress to the Highway 1 expansion project, plans to allow busses to transit on highway shoulders, and collaboration with Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) for implementation of rail services.

In answering Member Hernandez Ms. Dykar and Mr. Preston spoke about projects ready for construction contingent on funding and efforts to improve conditions on the rail line.

Member Hurst thanked Mr. Preston and Ms. Dykar for their work, Member Gonzalez and Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez for their participation in SCCRTC, and the voters who supported Measure D.

In answering Member Parker, Mr. Preston spoke about efforts by SCCRTC to move projects forward and what improvements to the rail corridor and Highway 1 Watsonville should expect post COVID-19 Pandemic.

Ms. Dykar answered questions from Mayor Garcia regarding criteria used for reducing alternatives for the Transit Corridor.

**3) Public Input**

Steve Trujillo spoke about importance of providing affordable public transit. He asked the Seaside Company to invest in rail to create more access to their Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. He asked Council to ensure three (3) trees were planted for every tree that would be removed in order to curb climate change.

**6.B. COVID-19 ESSENTIAL SERVICES UPDATE**

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**1) Oral Presentation**

The report was given by City Manager Huffaker.

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

City Manager Huffaker, in answering Member Hernandez stated antibody testing for COVID-19 was not available at Ramsay Park.

Member Hurst spoke about the challenges COVID-19 had presented and asked the public to follow social distancing and protect each other from spread of the disease.

City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Parker regarding effects increases in COVID-19 cases had on the City's ability to allow reopening of businesses and services. He encouraged the public to test themselves for COVID-19 to allow the County to have better numbers in identifying total exposure, but stated mobile testing sites were not planned.

City Manager Huffaker answered questions from Member Estrada regarding businesses closed due to COVID-19, its effects on unemployment, and impacts closures had on closed businesses.

Member Coffman-Gomez requested that the Powerpoint presentation be shared be with Council and requested statistics regarding impacts COVID-19 had on closed businesses. City Manager Huffaker and Deputy City Manager Vides answered questions from Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez regarding Parks & Community Services' planned summer programs and funding assistance available to local businesses through Community Development Block Grants.

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In answering Member Hernandez, City Manager Huffaker spoke about the City's business database and efforts to inform businesses regarding aide available. City Manager Huffaker added that three (3) Watsonville based restaurants had applied for the Great Plates Program.

**3) Public Input**

Steve Trujillo asked the City to allow outside dining at restaurants, suggested use of Pajaro Village Clubhouse for distributing resources to residents or as a testing center for COVID-19, and suggested reopening the library to promote Census efforts.

In answering Renee Mello, Mayor Garcia stated she would speak with her about effects testing centers have on positive COVID-19 cases.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Garcia announced Items 7.P, 7.Q, 7.R, and 7.S would be modified to set the times of hearings to 6:30 p.m. for their respective hearing dates.

At Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez' request, Mayor Garcia removed Item 7.T. from the Consent Agenda, to be discussed under Item 8.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Hurst and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item 7.T., which was removed from the Consent Agenda:

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

**Public Input on any Consent Agenda Item**

Gustavo Inda Rose, Food, Farming & Health Policy Council, spoke in support of Item 7.T.

Steve Trujillo spoke in support of Item 7.T.

- 7.A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL 28 & MAY 20, 2020**
- 7.B. MOTION TO ACCEPT OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2019 INVESTMENT REPORT** 4834
- 7.C. MOTION TO ACCEPT JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2020 INVESTMENT REPORT** 4834
- 7.D. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW TRUCKS & A NEW EXCAVATOR FOR THE WATER SERVICES DIVISION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$636,945.50** 5082

- 5082 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 59-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2020 JOHN DEERE 85G EXCAVATOR FOR THE WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE FROM JOHN DEERE COMPANY DEALER PAPE MACHINERY THROUGH THE PURCHASING AUTHORITY OF SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), CONTRACT NUMBER 032515-JDC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$136,802.30 (FUNDED BY THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FY2019/2020)**
- 5082 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 60-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2021 INTL MV VEHICLE FOR THE WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE FROM RIVERVIEW INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LLC., THROUGH THE PURCHASING AUTHORITY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA – VEHICLE CONTRACT #1-18-23-20F, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$165,848.20 (FUNDED BY THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FY2019/2020)**
- 5082 3) **RESOLUTION NO. 61-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE WITH CAS FOR ONE (1) NEW 2020 CONVEYOR APPLICATION SYSTEMS (CAS) SUPER TRACK 16: ON-ROAD SLINGER TRUCK FOR THE WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$334,295 E. RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE LINCOLN STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. ST-20-03 (ATPSB1L-5031(032))**
- 4972 7.E. **RESOLUTION NO. 62-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE LINCOLN STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. ST-20-03 (ATPSB1L-5031(032))**
- 5173 7.F. **RESOLUTION NO. 63-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS & CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE MADISON ALLEY SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. SS-20-02 (ESTIMATED COST OF \$223,500 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND)**
- 5092 7.G. **RESOLUTION NO. 64-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AWARING \$425,871 BID TO TENNYSON ELECTRIC, INC., FOR THE AIRPORT BOULEVARD AT HOLM ROAD SIGNAL INSTALLATION PROJECT NO. TR-20-01 (\$425,871 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) CYCLE 9 GRANT)**
- 7.H. **APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW AT-GRADE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS OF THE EXISTING RAILROAD TRACKS WITHIN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AS PART OF THE RAIL TRAIL SEGMENT 18 PHASE 2 PROJECT**
- 5295 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 65-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW AT-GRADE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS OF THE EXISTING RAILROAD TRACKS WITHIN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AS PART OF THE MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL NETWORK SEGMENT 18, PHASE 2 FOR RAILROAD MILE POST 2.66, NEW DOT # 978053C, NEAR LEE ROAD**
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- 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 66-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW AT-GRADE  
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS OF THE EXISTING RAILROAD TRACKS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AS PART OF THE MONTEREY BAY  
SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL NETWORK SEGMENT 18, PHASE 2 FOR  
RAILROAD MILE POST 1.71, NEW DOT # 978054J, NEAR WALKER STREET** 5295  
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- 7.I. **RESOLUTION NO. 67-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN  
& ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING &  
SIGNAL DESIGN WHICH ALSO INCLUDES THE DESIGN OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT  
AIRPORT BOULEVARD AT HOLM ROAD SIGNAL INSTALLATION PROJECT NO. TR-  
20-01, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000, & A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO  
DECEMBER 31, 2021** 5292
- 7.J. **RESOLUTION NO. 68-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM #3 TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
REPORT SEGMENT 18 FOR THE MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL  
NETWORK MASTER PLAN FOR THE RAIL TRAIL PROJECT BETWEEN LEE ROAD  
AND WALKER STREET IN WATSONVILLE (THE COST OF PREPARING ADDENDUM  
#3 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,117 WILL BE PAID BY MEASURE D FUNDS  
FOR FY19-20)** 5787
- 7.K. **RESOLUTION NO. 69-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH PETERSON POWER SYSTEMS, INC.,  
FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE & ON-CALL SERVICES FOR WATER &  
WASTEWATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE GENERATORS FOR THREE FISCAL YEARS  
FROM FY20/21 THROUGH FY22/23, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$132,250** 5822
- 7.L. **RESOLUTION NO. 70-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH MESITI-MILLER ENGINEERING, INC.,  
FOR PREPARATION OF 65% DESIGN OF LEE ROAD TRAIL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$126,902.40** 5787
- 7.M. **RESOLUTION NO. 71-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THATCHER COMPANY OF  
CALIFORNIA, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE FOR THE  
WASTEWATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$418,000** 5347
- 7.N. **APPROVAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS UNDER THE CITY'S FY2015-2019  
COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSOLIDATED PLAN & THE 2019-2020  
ACTION PLAN**
- 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 72-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION APPROVING SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY  
ACTION BOARD OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, INC., TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY  
HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME WATSONVILLE RESIDENTS  
THROUGH THEIR EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,  
PURSUANT TO THE "CARES ACT" PASSED BY CONGRESS ON MARCH 27,  
2020, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR FY19/20** 5020  
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- 5020 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 73-20 (CM):**  
5820 **RESOLUTION APPROVING SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TO CONTINUE FOOD ACQUISITION & DISTRIBUTION IN WATSONVILLE, PURSUANT TO THE CARES ACT PASSED BY CONGRESS ON MARCH 27, 2020, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR FY19/20**
- 5020 3) **RESOLUTION NO. 74-20 (CM):**  
5820 **RESOLUTION APPROVING SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH EL PÁJARO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO WATSONVILLE SMALL BUSINESSES TO ASSIST WITH RENT & UTILITY BILLS INCURRED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PURSUANT TO THE CARES ACT PASSED BY CONGRESS ON MARCH 27, 2020, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000 FOR FY19/20**
- 5660 7.O. **RESOLUTION NO. 75-20 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD FOR THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CB 20-01-QB TO C2 BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,100**
- 5099 7.P. **RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING ENGINEER'S REPORT & INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY, & COLLECT ASSESSMENTS & SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 7, 2020, TO CONSIDER LIGHTING & LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR GONZALES STREET ALLEYWAY NO. PK-94-01**
- 5099 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 76-20 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GONZALES STREET ALLEYWAY LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR**
- 5099 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 77-20 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY & COLLECT ASSESSMENTS & SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 7, 2020, TO CONSIDER THE LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM & BUDGET FOR THE GONZALES STREET ALLEYWAY LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING**
- 5714 7.Q. **RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING ENGINEER'S REPORT & INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY, & COLLECT ASSESSMENTS & SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 7, 2020, TO CONSIDER LIGHTING & LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR BAY BREEZE SUBDIVISION NO. PK-03-02**
- 5714 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 78-20 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE BAY BREEZE SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR**
- 5714 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 79-20 (CM):**  
**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY & COLLECT ASSESSMENTS & SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 7, 2020, TO CONSIDER THE LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM & BUDGET FOR**

**THE BAY BREEZE SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR**

- 7.R. RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING ENGINEER’S REPORT & INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY, & COLLECT ASSESSMENTS & SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 7, 2020, TO CONSIDER LIGHTING & LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR VISTA MONTAÑA SUBDIVISION NO. PK-03-03** 5714
- 1) **RESOLUTION NO. 80-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ENGINEER’S REPORT FOR THE VISTA MONTAÑA SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR** 5714
- 2) **RESOLUTION NO. 81-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS, LEVY & COLLECT ASSESSMENTS & SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 7, 2020, TO CONSIDER THE LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING, & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM & BUDGET FOR THE VISTA MONTAÑA SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLMAD) FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR S. RESOLUTION FIXING DATE & TIME AS JUNE 9 & 23, 2020, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 & DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE THEREOF** 5714
- 7.S. RESOLUTION NO. 82-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION FIXING DATE & TIME AS JUNE 9 & 23, 2020, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 & DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE THEREOF** 4924
- 7.T. RESOLUTION CALLING UPON CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR & STATE LEGISLATURE TO OVERTURN SB 872 - Item Removed, see Item 8.** 5111
- 7.U. RESOLUTION NO. 83-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION HONORING ESSENTIAL WORKERS & ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE & SHOW GRATITUDE & APPRECIATION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. BY COMING OUT OF THEIR HOMES BANGING POTS & PANS, CLAPPING, OR WHOOPING FOR FIVE MINUTES** 5820
- 7.V. RESOLUTION NO. 84-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR \$272,000 TO THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION GLOBAL IDEAS FOR U.S. SOLUTIONS - CITIES TAKING ACTION TEAM TO ADDRESS HEALTH, EQUITY, & CLIMATE CHANGE FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH, RESILIENCY, EMPOWERMENT & CONNECTEDNESS, & IF AWARDED APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO SPECIAL GRANTS FUND** 5797
- 7.W. RESOLUTION NO. 85-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE \$110,000 GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR A PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AT THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE AIRPORT ENTERPRISE GRANT FUND** 5210

5210 7.X. **RESOLUTION NO. 86-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$550,000 GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR AN AIRPORT  
MASTER PLAN UPDATE AT THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; &  
APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE AIRPORT ENTERPRISE GRANT FUND**

5797 7.Y. **RESOLUTION NO. 87-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$18,581.76 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA GREEN  
5485 BUSINESS NETWORK TO SUPPORT CITY OF WATSONVILLE'S GREEN BUSINESS  
PROGRAM; & APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND**

8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (None)**

5111 7.T. **RESOLUTION NO. 88-20 (CM):  
RESOLUTION CALLING UPON CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR & STATE LEGISLATURE TO  
OVERTURN SB 872**

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman Gomez stated her concerns regarding effects imposing a tax on sugary beverages would have on consumers and stated the importance of clear purpose for use of funds from said tax.

Mayor Garcia listed the reasons she requested Item 7.T. and spoke about the importance of protecting the public from consuming unhealthy sugary drinks. She spoke about the process for approving a sugary beverage tax and the challenges in doing so.

City Manager Huffaker clarified that the proposed resolution was only an advocacy effort and wouldn't guarantee the City would pursue a sugary beverage tax.

Member Parker stated she would support the resolution and consider a tax in the future depending on circumstances.

Member Hurst stated the proposed resolution conflicted with State legislature and discredited the work done to pass Senate Bill 872. He stated there was strong opposition to overturning SB 872 by commercial stakeholders.

Member Estrada stated the public should be able to vote in favor or in opposition to a sugary beverage tax. He spoke in support of Item 7.T.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez stated her concerns regarding proper use of tax revenues in order to support a potential sugary beverage tax and stated she would be willing to further discuss such a decision, but would not support it at that time.

Member Hurst spoke about the reasons Senate Bill 872 had been passed.

In answering Member Gonzalez, Mayor Garcia stated the soonest Council could consider placing a sugary beverage tax on the ballot would be 2022.

Mayor Garcia stated sugary beverage taxes reduced and prevented sugary beverage consumption.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Garcia, seconded by Member Estrada and carried by the following vote to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.T.:

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

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS**

**9.A. CONSIDERATION OF THE WATSONVILLE EVICTION MORATORIUM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE SAFE AT HOME GUIDELINES**

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**1) Staff Report**

The report was given by Housing Manager Landaverry.

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

Member Gonzalez spoke in support of Watsonville Eviction Moratorium Task Force recommendations and adoption of the Safe at Home Guidelines.

Housing Manager Landaverry answered questions from Member Hurst regarding input received from affordable housing developers, mortgage lenders, Santa Cruz County Housing Authority, and efforts to assist Section 8 Voucher participants.

In answering Member Parker, Housing Manager Landaverry spoke about reasoning for Eviction Moratorium Taskforce composition, input received from stakeholders, and work done by the taskforce in relation to State guidelines.

In answering Member Estrada, Housing Manager Landaverry spoke about efforts to prevent rent increases through the Safe at Home Guidelines, but stated the City Eviction Moratorium did not stop rent payments nor prevent rent increases. Community Development Director Merriam added the City would work to prevent displacement of tenants and advocate for rent deferrals as well as well as postponing rent increases. Member Estrada stressed the importance of assisting those most vulnerable in the community and asked that that people donate to organizations assisting those in need.

Housing Manager Landaverry and City Attorney Smith answered questions from Member Coffman-Gomez regarding updates to State legislature, template letters landlords and tenants may use to agree on rent deferral, State protections against evictions, timeline for processing of court cases related to evictions, processing of court documents related to evictions, resources available to the public related to eviction protections, input received from the Jenny Panetta of Santa Cruz County Housing Authority, input received from commercial landlords regarding rent deferral, demand for financial assistance related to payment rent, and efforts by staff to work with local agencies to disseminate information.

Mayor Garcia announced the Santa Cruz County Housing Authority would not be accepting applications for Section 8 Vouchers due to high demand.

Housing Manager Landaverry and City Attorney Smith answered questions from Mayor Garcia regarding inability for the City to extend the moratorium at that time, powers and duties of the Judicial Council, and reasons the proposed items was a resolution instead of an ordinance.

**3) Public Hearing**

Mayor García opened the public hearing.

Kathy Oliver, broker and property manager, spoke about processing of court cases and timeline for a ruling on a case from a judge. She stated her support of staff recommendation and stated extension of a moratorium was unnecessary.

Rose Marie McNair stated landlords and tenant were able to negotiate rent and evictions without government interventions. She spoke about the need for rent income for landlords and asked the City to focus on creation of new housing developments.

Victor Gomez, government affairs director at Santa Cruz County Association of Realtors, spoke in support of Eviction Moratorium Housing Taskforce recommendations and asked the Council to support Senate Bill 1410.

Steve Trujillo spoke in support of staff recommendation and stressed the importance of preventing rent increases because of the high unemployment rate.

Sandra Silva, directing attorney at California Rural Legal Assistance, stated they were never invited to participate in the Taskforce and were listed as supporters of the recommendations, which was not the case because they did not attend the meetings. She stated many of those they served had received eviction notices and spoke about the importance of extending the Eviction Moratorium.

Emily Ham, Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, spoke about their work to advocate for extension of eviction moratoriums through June 30<sup>th</sup> and asked that Council follow those recommendations.

John, Watsonville Law Center, spoke about challenges tenants face as part of COVID-19 related layoffs. He asked Council to extend the Evictions Moratorium Ordinance through July 31<sup>st</sup> and extend the deadline for submittal of documentation to landlords requesting rent deferral to 30 days.

Erika Padilla, South County Triage Partnership, via email (read by City Clerk Vázquez Flores), asked Council extend time required for tenants to notify their landlords of their COVID-19 income reduction to 30 days after the landlord informs tenants of their COVID-19 protections and how to provide notice and documentation.

Bill Hansen spoke in support of staff recommendation.

After checking if anyone in the teleconference wanted to speak, and hearing none, Mayor García closed the public hearing.

- 4) MOTION:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, seconded by Member Parker and carried by the following vote to direct staff to prepare an item for the next Council Meeting to discuss support of Senate Bill 1410 and to approve the following actions:

1) **MOTION ACCEPTING EVICTION MORATORIUM--HOUSING TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TASKFORCE** 5820

2) **RESOLUTION NO. 89-20 (CM): RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAFE AT HOME GUIDELINES FOR LANDLORDS & TENANTS DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS** 5820

**5) City Council Deliberation on Motion**

In answering Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez, Housing Manager Landaverry explained requirements to qualify for rent financial assistance through CDBG funding.

Member Estrada spoke about the high unemployment rates and his concerns regarding ability for tenants to pay their rent.

Member Gonzalez spoke in support of staff recommendation.

In answering Member Hurst, Housing Manager Landaverry spoke about quantity of rental units within the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Coffman-Gomez clarified staff recommendation and spoke about the importance of consistency in policy throughout the County.

Member Parker thanked those who participated in the Eviction Moratorium Housing Taskforce and the importance of continuation of those discussions.

Mayor Garcia listed the reasons she would not support the proposed recommendations and would prefer an ordinance to prevent bad landlords from imposing rent increases or evicting tenants unable to pay rent due to financial challenges stemming from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Coffman-Gomez, Gonzalez, Hurst, Parker
NOES:	MEMBERS:	Estrada, Garcia
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	Hernandez

**10. EMERGENCY ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA**

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

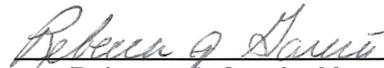
Member Gonzalez requested a resolution at a future meeting that supports passenger rail services.

Member Coffman-Gomez requested a discussion Item on a future agenda regarding Senate Bill 1410.

Member Parker requested a discussion item at a future meeting regarding allowing fireworks sales.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

  
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Rebecca J. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk