

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA**

MAY 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmembers Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Boysen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Trujillo, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Simms spoke about problems with a City tree on his property and requested help from the City to deal with it.

RECESS:

Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:17 p.m. for a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9., Buddy Brannon v. City of Santa Maria, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ9162144; ADJ10164839.

INVOCATION:

Karen Franklin of the Baha'i Faith gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmembers Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Boysen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Human Resources & Records Anderson, Fire Battalion Chief Clayburg, Police Chief Hansen, Director of Finance Harvey, Planning Division Manager Hostetter, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works Kahn, Director of Recreation & Parks Posada, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Director of Utilities Springer, Assistant City Manager Wiemiller, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Trujillo announced that there was no reportable action associated with the Closed Session item.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week, May 20-26, 2018. Public Works Engineer, Chris Petro, accepted the Proclamation and introduced members of the Public Works Department.

B. PRESENTATION – “GOING THE EXTRA MILE” (GEM) AWARD

City Manager Stilwell presented the City’s *Going the Extra Mile* (GEM) Award to Casey Stone, Senior Parks Services Officer with the Recreation & Parks Department, in recognition of his initiative to address, on a Citywide basis, illegal activities of homeless individuals.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sara Macdonald spoke about pedestrian safety on Enos across from Foods Co. and suggested adding a crosswalk with flashing lights to make the crossing safer. She also suggested that the City continue to clean up brush and bushes along sidewalks.

Gale McNeeley spoke about the City’s Priorities Survey and encouraged more youth representation on the Mayor’s Youth Task Force.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3G were approved on motion by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Boysen
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES

The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of May 1, 2018, were approved as submitted.

C. BOND RELEASE – ROSE GARDEN VILLAGE, TRACT 5725

The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with Rose Garden Village, Tract 5725, Unit 2, and released the Faithful Performance Bond [#0400003] in the reduced amount of \$2,500 posted in the form of a Surety for the installation of public landscape and irrigation improvements; and ordered that the Contractor, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of \$278,722.50 and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond in the amount of \$92,984.00 be retained for six (6) months and one (1) year, respectively, from the date of the release of the Faithful Performance Bond for Landscape and Irrigation Improvements.

D. WARRANTS

Warrant No. 213906 to 214193 totaling \$2,047,969.13 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance. Warrant Nos. 207008, 208142, 210312, 213805 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL

Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

F. ANNEXATION AND ASSESSMENTS TO LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

The City Council adopted resolutions annexing parcels into the Northwest, South Miller/College Avenue, and Northeast Landscape Maintenance Districts.

Resolution No. 2018-43 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ANNEXING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FEES FURUKAWA WAREHOUSE, WHITE COURT, PEPPERTREE CHEVRON, AND CANDY MAN LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22500, ET SEQ.)

Resolution No. 2018-44 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ANNEXING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FEES TO SANTIAGO'S CAR WASH LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22500, ET SEQ.)

Resolution No. 2018-45 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ANNEXING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FEES TO 2811 CENTER AND SKYWAY OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22500, ET SEQ.)

Resolution No. 2018-46 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ANNEXING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FEES TO NEWLOVE EAST APARTMENTS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH MILLER STREET/SOUTH COLLEGE DRIVE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22500, ET SEQ.)

G. ENGINEER REPORTS AND INTENT TO LEVY 2018-19 LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENTS

Resolution Nos. 2018-47 and 2018-48 were adopted approving the Engineer's Reports; and declaring the intent to levy and collect the property tax assessments for each of the four Landscape Maintenance Districts and the 24 Special Benefit Zones, and set a public hearing for June 19, 2018, to consider the proposed landscape assessments.

Resolution No. 2018-47 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORTS FOR ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Resolution No. 2018-48 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT

ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON FOR THE FOUR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND THE 24 SPECIAL BENEFIT ZONES.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING MARCH 31, 2018. The City Council considered the Quarterly Financial Report for the third quarter of 2017-2018; budget amendments to approve operational changes to the 2017-18 Budget; and an update to the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

Director of Finance Harvey gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report which focused primarily on the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. The beginning fund balance of \$10.1 million was the final audited balance at July 1, 2017.

Concerning City revenues, through the third quarter of the year, sales tax receipts were at 9.2 percent, \$1.4 million greater than the third quarter last fiscal year. This variance is due to continued growth in building and construction sales, fuel prices, and the opening of businesses at Enos Ranch. Enos Ranch revenues will likely spike for the first six months to a year, before coming down to a more consistent level.

Non-Hazardous Impacted Soils (NHIS) Program revenues are at nearly \$1.3 million, which is a decrease of 11.7 percent as compared to approximately \$1.5 million in receipts received through the third quarter of last year. This reduction was expected, in fact staff had reduced NHIS projections for 2017-18 to \$400,000. The unexpected uptick in NHIS revenues was due to the Chevron project at the Orcutt Refinery site that required more excavation than expected. However, since the completion of the Orcutt project, NHIS activities slowed. With minimal NHIS material received in April and no set start date for Chevron's San Luis Tank Farm project, staff was projecting NHIS revenues of about \$200,000 in the fourth quarter.

Permit revenue was at about \$2.1 million or 79.6 percent of budget and was a 47 percent decrease compared to the \$3.9 million received during the same period last year. Revenues had been higher when permits were being issued in the previous year for the Enos Ranch development.

General Fund expenditures were at 70.8 percent of budget and were currently on course to realize \$2 million in salary savings included in the 2017-18 budget to help address the budget deficit. Even with the higher sales tax and NHIS revenues, staff was still projecting expenditures would exceed revenue estimates by about \$2.1 million.

Concerning Measure U, revenues through the third quarter were ahead of budget at 78.1 percent or \$3.5 million. Expenditures were at 77.7 percent of budget or \$3.5 million but were over budget because March had three pay periods. Through the first half of the fiscal year, overall Measure U expenditures exceeded revenues by \$21,600, reducing the fund balance to about \$296,000. Based on the current pace of expenditures over revenues, Measure U fund balance was projected to remain positive at the end of fiscal year 2017-18. Through March, 90 percent of all Measure U expenditures were spent on public safety activities with 39 percent expended on fire operations and 51 percent expended on police operations.

Regarding Enterprise funds, the Water and Wastewater Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$6.6 million. Expenditures included the semi-annual debt service payments totaling \$4.6 million for

the 2012 refunding bonds. Additional capital expenditures were anticipated to occur by the end of the fiscal year.

For the Solid Waste Fund, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1.9 million with operating expenses about 3 percent or \$446,000 greater than the prior year.

The Transit Fund also showed revenues greater than expenditures by \$54,000. Three Clean Air Express buses account for the majority of the capital expenditures to date.

In conjunction with the 3rd Quarter Financial Report, staff recommended four budget amendments for Council's consideration: 1) reinstate the full-time classification of Utilities Engineer; 2) the purchase of a replacement Landfill Service Truck; 3) City Ranger Taser upgrades; and 4) public nuisance abatement litigation expenses, and a Conflict of Interest Code update associated with the reinstatement of personnel classification

Public input

There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion

There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2018-49 was adopted approving amendments to the 2017-18 Budget and authorizing the City Manager to implement same, on motion by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Boysen
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2018-49 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017-18 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

Resolution No. 2018-50 was adopted approving amendments to the City of Santa Maria Conflict of Interest Code, on motion by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Boysen
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2018-50 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Stilwell reported the next regular City Council meeting would be June 5, 2018. Items on the agenda would include a retirement resolution for Mike Spears from the IT Department and the

approval of an application for the Recreation & Parks Department to obtain funding for an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended a meeting with Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park residents; the National Day of Prayer event; a LAFCO meeting; an agenda review meeting with SBCAG; an air show kick-off meeting; the Kiwanis non-profit fashion show; a gang prevention conference in Carson; the APCD budget briefing; a Veteran's Treatment Court ceremony; the Elks Citizen and Student of the Year celebration; and a police briefing for the upcoming Police Council golf tournament fundraiser.

Councilmember Moats reported that he attended the Elks Citizen and Student of the Year celebration and a Public Arts Council sub-committee meeting.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a meeting with Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park residents; the Elks Citizen and Student of the Year celebration; the National Day of Prayer event; the Veteran's Treatment Court ceremony; the North County Economic Forecast; and a meeting with the Strawberry Commission.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the National Day of Prayer; met with the Elks Club regarding the Union Valley Parkway exit during the rodeo; a conference call with Mayors and Councilmembers Executive Forum; a gang prevention conference in Carson; the North County Economic Forecast; a Mayors and City Managers meeting; and a Veteran's Treatment Court ceremony.

Mayor Patino took a moment to summarize activities the Recreation & Parks Department would be offering for youth over the summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.