

MINUTES
JOINT SAND CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Regular Meeting – September 1, 2015
5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Pendergrass opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

The invocation was led by Reverend Carl Kelleher.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Brian Ferrante.

Present: Council Member Blackwelder
Council Member Carbone
Council Member Hubler
Council Member Kruper
Mayor Pendergrass

Staff: Todd Bodem, City Administrator
Jim Heisinger, City Attorney
Leon Gomez, City Engineer
Brian Ferrante, Chief of Police
Charles Pooler, Associate Planner
Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 4, COMMUNICATIONS

- A. There was no written communication distributed to the Council.
- B. Oral

5:33 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

5:33 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

AGENDA ITEM 5, CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Agenda consists of routine items for which City Council approval can be taken with a single motion and vote. A Council member may request that any item be placed on the Regular Agenda for separate consideration.

- A. There was no discussion of the Sand City Council Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2015.
- B. There was no discussion of the Budget/Personnel Committee Meeting

Minutes, June 5, 2015.

- C. There was no discussion of the League of California Cities 2015 Annual Conference Resolutions.
- D. There was no discussion of the City **Resolution** recognizing Sergeant Dale Allen upon his Retirement and Years of Service to the Sand City Police Department.
- E. There was no discussion of the City/Successor Agency Monthly Financial Report, June 2015.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Council Member Kruper, seconded by Council Member Blackwelder. AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 6, CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

AGENDA ITEM 7, OLD BUSINESS

- A. Progress report on Public Works projects, Successor Agency Oversight Board, South of Tioga project, Coastal projects, and other Sand City community programs by City Engineer/Community Development Director/City Administrator**

City Engineer Leon Gomez reported that the desalination plant produced 23.6 acre feet of water for the month of August. Cal-Am has completed the rehabilitation work on Tioga well #5. The Stormwater Management Program is presently working with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) on its regional mapping program. AMBAG will be assisting local municipalities in meeting certain mapping requirements contained in the municipal storm water permit.

Staff met with the contractor of the Bungalows project who reported that the ADA ramps have been demolished and reconstructed, and should currently be in compliance with ADA requirements. The developer is now requesting formal acceptance of the Phase I Improvements. Staff is further reviewing a revised encroachment permit for the Redwood/Hickory Avenue return. The City Engineer and City Administrator will also be meeting with Mr. Tom Luster to provide him an update of the new wells.

Mayor Pendergrass welcomed former Mayor of Salinas, Dennis Donahue to the Council meeting.

There was Council discussion regarding the 'red' color of the ADA ramp

and reasons why 'yellow' was not chosen. The City Engineer confirmed that the red color is what the City of Monterey uses and is softer on the eyes. Council Member Kruper received information from the City Engineer regarding effects of water production from the desalination plant should excessive rain from an 'El Nino' year occur. There was further discussion regarding the upcoming desalination plant 'Open House' scheduled for September 19th, to coincide with the beach clean-up event. Vice Mayor Carbone will provide Staff with additional information for a flyer that will be mailed to residents on both upcoming events.

City Administrator Todd Bodem mentioned that a letter of support will be mailed to several agencies for the TAMC (3/8% transportation) Measure, proposed for the November 2016 election.

AGENDA ITEM 8, NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of City Street Sweeping Service

Police Chief Brian Ferrante reported on the pros and cons of contracting out street sweeping services versus performing the job in-house. Following discussion at a Public Safety Committee meeting, members were agreeable to the idea of including street sweeping services as part of the public works department's duties. Sweeping services by the current contractor are sub-standard, does not meet the City's expectations, and Staff keeps constant supervision of streets that have not been serviced. The Chief provided details to the Council regarding which streets were not serviced, reasons why, the need for public works to clean excess shrubbery, issues with storm drain compliance, and communications between the contractor and staff. Street sweeping performed in-house by the Public Works Department would provide more exemplary results. Factoring the cost of equipment, financing, insurance, and payroll, it would save the City money over a period of several years.

A short video was provided to the Council of how a SuperVac Gale Force Street Sweeper operated.

Council Member Kruper expressed support of purchasing this equipment and suggested that one Public Works employee may possibly be assigned a PM shift to conduct the work that needs to be completed. Vice Mayor Carbone added that this purchase was discussed by the Budget/Personnel Committee; committee members were in agreement of the idea of purchasing a sweeper and the willingness of Public Works employees to receive training in its operation.

There was Council discussion regarding the need for constant supervision of the sweeping contractor, housing current public works equipment within the Carroll building, future construction of a building at the public works yard to house trucks and equipment, public works personnel hours/overtime, corrosion of equipment due to weather conditions, and

equipment maintenance.

Mayor Pendergrass suggested that the above factors be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting with all recommendations to be brought before the Council at the September 15, 2015 Council meeting.

B. Consideration of a RESOLUTION authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with PM Landscaping Service for the Design, Landscaping, and Irrigation around the Monument Sign located at the Intersection of Monterey Road and California Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$5,900

Chief of Police Brian Ferrante commented that PM landscaping recently completed landscaping, and irrigation installation at the monument sign located at Contra Costa Avenue. The project significantly improved the aesthetics of the area. The monument sign at the intersection of Monterey Road and California Avenue is in need of improvement as it is the entranceway from Highway 1 into the City's shopping centers. Costs of project improvements at the Monterey Road and California Avenue intersection will be lower due to the presence of an existing water connection and irrigation timer. The estimated cost for this work is approximately \$5,893 dollars. Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution with PM landscaping.

There was Council discussion regarding the possible relocation of the Purple Heart Sign at the Contra Costa Avenue monument sign location, and whether drought proof plants would be installed at the monument sign located at the intersection of Monterey Road and California Avenue. Chief Ferrante confirmed that the landscaping work would provide an attractive variety of plants that is suitable to the coastal climate.

Motion to approve the City **Resolution by title**, authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with PM Landscaping Service for the Design, Landscaping, and Irrigation around the Monument Sign located at the Intersection of Monterey Road and California Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$5,900 was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Kruper. AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

C. Consideration of a RESOLUTION Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Tree Trimming Services of City Owned Trees with John Ley's Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$7,400

Chief of Police Brian Ferrante reported that in January, Staff received a bid of \$28,000 from a landscaping company to perform tree trimming services for the City. In August a service quote to perform the same work at a cost of \$7,400 was received from an arborist who specialized in tree

maintenance. The work would involve trimming trees that have overgrown along cables and phone lines, and the removal of a few unhealthy and dying trees. Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution to enter into an agreement with John Ley's Tree service.

Council Member Kruper commended the Public Works staff for the great job that was performed in replanting of New Zealand Christmas trees at the City bulb-outs.

Motion to approve the City **Resolution** by title, authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Tree Trimming Services of City Owned Trees with John Ley's Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$7,400 was made by Council Member Carbone, seconded by Council Member Kruper. AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

D. Comments by Council Members on Meeting and Items of Interest to Sand City

Mayor Pendergrass commented on a petition and letter of support distributed to Sand City residents to gather signatures requesting that funds be allocated towards landscaping Highway 1 at the Tioga Overpass and Seaside Exit 403. Mr. Pooler will follow up with a letter of support from the City. The Mayor also mentioned that two local newspapers composed front page articles on the 2015 West End Celebration.

Council Member Hubler reported that an Arts Committee meeting will be held next Tuesday to discuss next year's West End Celebration. The Arts Committee members will present suggestions, things they would like to work on, and input for next year's celebration that committee members would like to bring to Mr. Vagnini's attention. There was a lot of positive feedback from this year's event, and a few individuals mentioned that they had missed seeing a fashion show.

Council Member Kruper thanked Staff for including the minutes of the last Budget/Personnel Committee meeting in the agenda packet. It helped him to remain informed of what transpired at the meeting. The Public Safety Committee will be holding a meeting this Thursday, to discuss a few relevant issues.

Mayor Pendergrass reported that John King is in negotiation with Coastal Committee staff to create a more acceptable project. Dr. Ghandour has obtained his coastal permits and is in the process of working on a finance package. A groundbreaking is expected soon. The Coastal Commission is presenting a report on Sea Level Rise occurring within 80 years.

E. Consideration of cancelling City Council meeting due to League of

California Cities Conference

PURPOSE: It is proposed that the City Council cancel the City Council meeting scheduled for October 6, 2015 to minimize conflict with the League of California Cities Annual Conference on September 30-October 2, 2015

There was consensus of the Council to cancel the October 6, 2015 Council meeting.

F. Upcoming Meetings/Events

There were no RSVP's from the City Council.

AGENDA ITEM 9, CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney deemed there was no need for Closed Session.

AGENDA ITEM 10, ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Blackwelder seconded by Council Member Hubler. There was consensus of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 15, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk