

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

Regular Meeting – February 18, 2020
5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Carbone opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

The invocation was led by Reverend Robert Hellam

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

Present: Mayor Mary Ann Carbone
Vice Mayor Blackwelder {excused absence}
Council Member Hawthorne
Council Member Sofer
Council Member Cruz

Staff: Aaron Blair, City Manager
Vibeke Norgaard, City Attorney
Brian Ferrante, Police Chief
Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 4, ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY STAFF

Mayor Carbone reported on the absence of Vice-Mayor Blackwelder and provided an update regarding his health. She also announced the upcoming Ribbon Cutting celebrating Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's new location on El Estero.

City Manager Blair reported on the update of the well permit for the desalination plant and his meeting with DBO regarding the South of Tioga project. The project has reached new benchmarks and is moving forward.

City Attorney Norgaard confirmed that although there are many moving parts to the South of Tioga project, it is moving forward with a few minor items that need to be addressed regarding the Development Agreement (DA). The DA is expected to go before the Council for review sometime next month. She further reported on her activities regarding the conveyance of, and Council's direction regarding the Slivers properties, affordable housing issue for the Independent, the application submitted by DBO development for a lot line adjustment, and permit negotiations.

Council Member Hawthorne announced the next Arts Committee meeting and the possibility of having ten murals painted before the West End Celebration. Council Member Sofer informed the Council of the upcoming Sand City Chamber of Commerce meeting.

City Manager Blair added that the City Engineer will be ready to submit a notice of a request for bids sometime next month for the West Bay Street repair project.

AGENDA ITEM 5, PUBLIC COMMENT

5:43 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

Sand City resident Carl Auel who resides at the Independent building commented on his living conditions, water damage, and flooding that occurred on February 3, 2020 from the unit above his apartment. He provided photographs to the Council of his apartment unit. He sent several emails to the property manager who was unresponsive. There has been a change of property managers three times since he moved into the unit, and explained his displeasure with the management company.

In response to the Council's inquiry to whom Mr. Auel sent emails too, Mr. Auel replied that he has informed the property manager, owner of the building and management firm. He had also informed them that living amidst the repair poses a health issue to him and his fiancé, and that other units were affected by the water damage as well.

The Mayor suggested that Mr. Auel coordinate a time with the City Manager to look at the apartment as the City seeks to address the welfare of its residents.

City Attorney Norgaard clarified to Mr. Auel that he has a landlord/tenant issue and that the City is limited in its jurisdiction. The Council has no recourse unless there is a code enforcement issue.

Mr. Auel further explained that fans were provided but there was no one to come back and inspect the damage. He thanked the Council for allowing him to speak to the issue and is hopeful that some form of resolution will happen.

6:00 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

AGENDA ITEM 6, CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. There was no discussion of the February 4, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. There was no discussion of the City/Successor Agency Monthly Financial Report, November, 2019.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Council Member

Hawthorne, seconded by Council Member Cruz. AYES: Council Members Carbone, Cruz, Hawthorne, Sofer. NOES: None. ABSENT: Council Member Blackwelder. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 7, CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

AGENDA ITEM 8, NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of City RESOLUTION Adopting Amendment #1 to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

City Manager Blair reported that a Budget/Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled on February 13th but due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting was not held. The amendment to the budget includes changes made to incoming revenues, projected fees for building permits and a decrease in expenses for South of Tioga. Some changes were also made to staff retirement. The items highlighted in yellow are the amendments to the budget.

In response to the Mayor's question regarding the financial report received for period ending December 2019 involving financial investments that are maturing, City Manager Blair responded that those funds may be reinvested.

6:06 PM Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

6:06 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

Motion to approve the City **Resolution** adopting Amendment #1 to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was made by Council Member Sofer, seconded by Council Member Hawthorne. AYES: Council Members Carbone, Cruz, Hawthorne, Sofer. NOES; None. ABSENT: Council Member Blackwelder. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

B. Comments by Council Members on Meetings and Items of interest to Sand City

There were no additional comments by the Council Members.

C. Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Deputy City Clerk reminded the Council of the upcoming Annual Awards Dinner hosted by the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

The Mayor announced that Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony next week at their new location. The Deputy City Clerk will provide additional information.

AGENDA ITEM 9, CLOSED SESSION

6:08 p.m.

A. **City Council/Successor Agency Board adjourned to Closed Session regarding:**

- 1) **Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to Government code section 54957.6.
Agency designated representatives: Donna Williamson/Vibeke Norgaard, City Attorney
Employee organization: Sand City Police Officers' Association (POA)**

7:05 p.m.

B. **Re-adjourned to Open Session to report any action taken at the conclusion of Closed Session in accordance with 54957.1 of the Ralph M. Brown**

The City Attorney provided the City Council a progress update and received direction from Council in regards to the labor negotiations with the Sand City Police Officer's Association.

AGENDA ITEM 10, ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Hawthorne, seconded by Council Member Sofer. There was consensus of the City Council to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.



Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk