

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

Regular Meeting – June 2, 2020
5:30 P.M.

As allowed per the State of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting was conducted by teleconference.

Mayor Carbone opened the meeting at 5:33 P.M.

The following members of the Council and Staff attended the meeting via Zoom teleconference.

Present: Mayor Mary Ann Carbone
Vice Mayor Blackwelder
Council Member Hawthorne
Council Member Sofer
Council Member Cruz

Staff: Aaron Blair, City Manager
Vibeke Norgaard, City Attorney
Connie Horca, Acting City Clerk
Charles Pooler, City Planner
Brian Ferrante, Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM 2, ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY STAFF

The Mayor announced that the County is in Stage 2 of re-opening. She reported on the civil unrest occurring in different communities due to the death of George Floyd, and that Sand City's Target store was closed in order to take precautions due to the protests.

City Manager Blair reported on the progress of the Calabrese Park and West Bay Street projects, scheduled meetings regarding the Parking Study/Sustainable Transportation, proposed ballot measure for the November 2020 elections, and that Ashley Furniture is moving forward despite a delay in opening. He added that the proposed fiscal year 2020-21 budget is scheduled for the next City Council meeting.

City Planner Pooler clarified that Ashley has a signed lease, intends to open either late this year or early next year, and have tentative improvement plans submitted

with the City of Monterey.

City Manager Blair added that the City's administrative staff will be resuming regular hours beginning June 8, 2020 and reported on the general checklist of safety procedures and protocols to ensure a safe working environment. Public Works staff installed sneeze guards at the front desk, and hand sanitizing stations for the public will be installed. He also reported on the progress of code enforcement and letters mailed out to property owners. Mr. Blair provided an update on the progress of the desalination plant regarding the memorandum of understanding, construction permit, and plans to continue moving forward.

AGENDA ITEM 3, PUBLIC COMMENT

5:46 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

City Planner Pooler commented that Staff has been very happy working with City Manager Blair. He is exceptional, easy to work with, and that Staff morale has improved these past few months.

5:47 P.M. Floor closed for Public Comment.

AGENDA ITEM 4, CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Carbone commented that Agenda Item 4I, the resolution approving City Engineering Services will be pulled from the Consent Calendar to be considered under Agenda Item 5.

- A. There was no discussion of the May 19, 2020 Sand City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. There was no discussion of the City/Successor Agency Monthly Financial Report, April 2020.
- C. There was no discussion of the City **Resolution** authorizing the Monterey County Health Department to Apply for State Block Grant Funding on Behalf of Sand City towards the Countywide Used Oil Recycling Program.
- D. There was no discussion of the City **Resolution** authorizing Application For, And Receipt Of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds.
- E. There was no discussion of the City **Resolution** amending the Citywide Fee Schedule and Adopting a Citywide Service Fee for Credit Card Payments.
- F. There was no discussion of the City **Resolution** approving the Increase of Fire Protection Services between The Cities of Monterey and Sand City for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

- G. There was no discussion of the City Donation/Contribution to the Village Project Inc. for \$200.
- H. There was no discussion of the City **Resolution** authorizing a City Surveying Services Agreement with Polaris Consulting not to exceed \$10,000.
- I. Approval of the City **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to renew a Professional Service Agreement with Harris & Associates in the amount of \$215,000 to provide City Engineering Services to the City of Sand City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was pulled from the Consent Calendar and considered under Agenda Item 5.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items 4A-H was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Hawthorne. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Cruz, Hawthorne, Sofer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 5, CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 4I – City Manager Blair indicated that Staff was able to negotiate the dollar amount of the contract from \$215,000 to \$200,000 for city engineering services for fiscal year 2020-21, and that the attached resolution be revised to reflect the correct dollar amount.

Motion to approve the City **Resolution** as amended, authorizing the City Manager to renew a Professional Service Agreement with Harris & Associates in the amount of \$200,000 to provide City Engineering Services to the City of Sand City for fiscal year 2020-2021 was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Sofer. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Cruz, Hawthorne, Sofer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 6, NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of City RESOLUTION Adopting Amendment #3 to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget

City Manager Blair reported that Amendment #3 to the budget is based on a recessionary impact as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, delayed sales and use tax payments for some businesses, and the shelter in place not being removed until July. The highlighted items in the budget indicate changes to the dollar amounts related to the police officer negotiations and approved memorandum of understanding (MOU). It is expected that there will be a drop of 4-5% in anticipated revenue for next fiscal year. He explained the reduction in administrative/finance salaries due to the retirement of staff, and that the increase in one-time cash outs for the public safety department was a result of the MOU. There were some minor savings

in the HOPE contract due to Shelter in Place and Staff diligently working on minimizing internal expenses. The budget amendment depicts a \$200,000 cushion going into next fiscal year. Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution approving Amendment #3 to the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget.

6:01 p.m. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There were no comments from the Public in person, via writing or through telecommunications.

6:01 p.m. Floor closed for Public Comment.

Motion to approve the City **Resolution** adopting Amendment #3 to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget was made by Council Member Hawthorne, seconded by Council Member Blackwelder. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Cruz, Hawthorne, Sofer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

B. Consideration and Approval of City RESOLUTIONS Making Contribution Changes to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

- 1) **Approval of City RESOLUTION to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions – IRC 414(H)(2)**
- 2) **Approval of City RESOLUTION for Employer Paid Member Contributions**

City Manager Blair reported that the attached resolutions are required by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) in order to implement the changes in the recently adopted memorandum of understanding with the Police Officers Association, and outlines what will be paid for the Employer Paid Member Contributions (EMPC).

City Attorney Norgaard added that the resolution for the EPMC would begin July 1, 2020 in which the POA would contribute 3% and the City would contribute 6%. The MOU states that the following year, the POA would pay 100% towards their contribution.

There was Council discussion regarding the performance of the City's CalPERS investments and where funds were being invested. City Manager Blair indicated that he would research the information and email the report to the Council.

6:07 p.m. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There were no comments from the Public in person, via writing or through telecommunications.

6:07 p.m. Floor closed for Public Comment.

- 1) Motion to approve the City **Resolution** to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions – IRC 414(H)(2) was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Hawthorne. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Cruz, Hawthorne, Sofer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.
- 2) Motion to approve the City **Resolution** for Employer Paid Member Contributions was made by Council Member Sofer, seconded by Council Member Hawthorne. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Cruz, Hawthorne, Sofer. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

C. Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) priorities for Sand City

City Manager Blair presented the results of the ranking of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) priorities for Sand City and indicated that the highest ranked priorities were the Westend Stormwater improvement projects for Contra Costa and Catalina Streets as they were tied to grant funding. The third ranked capital improvement was the pavement improvement program to match the Measure X funding established by the Transportation Agency of Monterey County. He reported that the Council's ratings were fairly identical on the remainder of the capital improvement projects. The items removed from the plan were the community center, and the parking plan. The parking plan is currently underway and is part of the 2020/21 General Fund Budget. Based on the possibility of the sale and purchase of the street sweeper, this was ranked as number 4 per Staff's recommendation.

The Council discussed the Carroll Property repurpose and cost of a steel building. It was suggested that the Council schedule a walking tour of the streets to determine what improvements need to occur.

There was consensus of the Council approving the priority ranking and identified projects for the 2020/2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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

Council Member Sofer commented on the upcoming TAMC Bike meeting to be held via Zoom.

Council Member Cruz reported on her attendance at the TAMC Rail meeting that included an update of the rail and bus line right-of-way.

Mayor Carbone conveyed that her attendance at the Monterey 1 Water

meeting involved derogatory comments regarding Sand City's desalination plant as other agencies expressed their opposition regarding desalination.

E. Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Mayor announced that at the June 16, 2020 Council meeting the Council will discuss whether to hold the West End Celebration, and the possibility of cancelling the July 7, 2020 Council meeting due to the July 4th Holiday.

There were no further announcements of upcoming meetings/events.

AGENDA ITEM 7, CLOSED SESSION

6:29 p.m.

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

- 1) Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)
Position: City Manager**


7:21 p.m.

B. Re-adjourned to Open Session to report any action taken at the conclusion of Closed Session in accordance with Cal. Gov Code section 54957.1.

The Council discussed the performance evaluation results for the City Manager. No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM 8, ADJOURNMENT

There was consensus of the City Council to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.



Connie Horca, Acting City Clerk