

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JOINT SAND CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Special Meeting – September 9, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Carbone opened the meeting at 4:07 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 1, ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA ITEM 2, NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Letter to the California Coastal Commission regarding Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 regarding approval of California American Water Desalination Project Application Permit**

Mayor Carbone reported that a draft letter was provided to the Council at the last meeting, and requested that the City Council consider approval of the attached letter to be transmitted to the California Coastal Commission on behalf of the City of Sand City.

The Mayor provided an update on the health of the Seaside Groundwater Basin Aquifer, different scenarios of what may happen should a desalination plant be constructed and the greater potential of seawater intrusion into the basin if no desalination plant was built. A majority of the Board members at the meeting agreed that a desalination plant is needed.

4: 14 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There were no comments from the Public in person, via writing or through telecommunications regarding items not appearing on the agenda.

4:15 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

There was Council discussion regarding whether other City Councils have considered doing the same especially those cities that are constructing new developments and need water the most, and why they have not taken action. There was continued dialogue regarding the politics involved, and the provision of recycled water from the Pure Water Monterey project.

Council Member Blackwelder commented that Sand City should have a position, let our voices be known, and move forward in approving the attached letter. He also mentioned the process that Sand City went through to obtain its desalination plant regardless of the opposition.

Council Member Sofer added that her research did not garner any result of where other cities stood regarding the issue, and expressed her agreement to move forward with the letter.

Motion to approve the proposed letter and authorize the Mayor to sign and speak on behalf of Sand City 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.

The Mayor announced that the Council was invited to a block party to be held at 608 Scott Street on Friday, and that anyone attending should wear a mask, bring chairs, drinks, and a snack to share.

AGENDA ITEM 3, ADJOURNMENT

There was consensus of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.



Connie Horca, Acting City Clerk