

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

MEETING AGENDA

October 15, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM** *Meeting conducted via Zoom webinar.*

Council Members Present: Lander, Ramsey, Stolz, Adkisson, Singleton

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Chief of Police Darren Blevins, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, City Treasurer James Vosburg, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: None

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Ramsey to Approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2020. Motion **Approved** by a 5/0 Majority Voice Vote.*

2. **AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS (NONE)**

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Council Consideration and Adoption of the City of Coalinga 2015 Urban Water Management Plan
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Lander opened the Public Hearing for comment. Seeing none, Mayor Lander closed the Public Hearing.

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Singleton to Approve the City of Coalinga 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

2. Council Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 3989 Adopting Revised Water and Sewer Rates, Effective November 1, 2020
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item, explaining the need to cover increased operating costs, bond covenants, and critical capital projects needed for the water system.

Virtual Public Meetings were conducted on September 29, 2020 and October 8, 2020.

Dan Bergmann of IGService gave a brief overview of the proposed water and sewer rate increases. Mr. Bergmann stated the rate increases must take place for the City to operate the systems responsibly and safely, especially the water system.

Mayor Lander opened the Public Hearing for comment.

The following individual(s) submitted electronic comment(s):

Anonymous – wrote in opposition of the rate increases, stating the issue is poor leadership over the years and suggests funds earmarked for other projects be diverted to the needs of the water and sewer systems. *Mayor Lander explained this comment could not be counted as a Protest as no name or address has been provided.*

Charles and Elouise Vaughn of 361 Washington Street, Coalinga, CA – oppose the rate increases, expressing concern that the increases are excessive. They are on a fixed income and the increases will be difficult on them. **(PROTEST)**

City Attorney Mario Zamora confirmed one (1) Protest vote was received.

Seeing no further comments, Mayor Lander closed the Public Hearing.

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Ramsey to Adopt Resolution No. 3989 Approving Revised Water and Sewer Rates, Effective November 1, 2020. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (NONE)

1. Approve MINUTES – October 1, 2020
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3987 – Unanticipated Revenue Derived from the Coalinga Police Department's K9 Foundation
3. Council Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 3988 Authorizing the Commencement of Proceedings in Connection with the Issuance and Sale of Revenue Bonds by the Coalinga Public Financing Authority to the Finance Department and Refinance Water System and Sewer System Improvements, Retaining a Municipal Advisor, and Underwriter, Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel

Councilman Adkisson pulled Item No. 5.3 for discussion.

Councilman Adkisson is opposed to the issuance of a potential 30-year bond even with call-provisions which allows you to pay the bond off early with no penalty. Councilman Adkisson would like the Council to reach out to our State, Federal and County representatives for financial assistance.

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 5.3. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 4/1 Majority Vote. Adkisson – Voted No.*

4. Council Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Project Development Agreement with Johnson Controls to Develop an Energy Services Project (Water Treatment Plan Solar PV System with Battery Backup) pursuant to California Government Code 4217.10-4217.18.

5. Approve a Change in Vendor for the Portable Radio Purchases
6. Adoption of Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws for California Intergovernmental Risk Authority, which Permits the Merger of Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California and the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund
7. Police Department's Third Quarter Report
8. Public Works, Utilities & Community Development Monthly Report for September 2020
9. Authorize Assistant City Manager to Execute a Contract with Precision Concrete Cutting to Assess and Repair Sidewalks Throughout the City

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1, 5.2, and 5.4 through 5.9. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

2. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS (NONE)

1. Discussion regarding Modernization of Veteran's Park
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated this was a Future Agenda Item requested by Councilman Adkisson.

Councilman Adkisson is in favor of a privately funded group to assist with a statue, memorial, or something else that can represent all the branches of the government to help draw people to the park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey is in favor of pursuing the privately funded project.

Mayor Lander is in favor of pursuing the privately funded project.

Consensus of the Council is to move forward with pursuing private funds to modernize Veteran's Park.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo announced that information for the Rental Assistance Program and Small Business Grant is available on the City's website and Facebook page. The deadline for the Small Business Grant is October 22, 2020 and the deadline for the Rental Assistance Program is October 29, 2020. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Trejo at (559) 935-1533 x111 for assistance with their applications.

Council Member's Announcements:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, Councilman Adkisson and City Manager Marissa Trejo met with Congressman T.J. Cox regarding the withholding of the City's CARES Act Funds. Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey thanked the Council and the CrisCom Company for their assistance.

Mayor's Announcements:

None

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey requested a Future Agenda Item to discuss holding the Council Meetings publicly in the Council Chambers once again and how that can be done safely.

5. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): Coalinga Police Officers' Association

6. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

7. ADJOURNMENT 6:56PM

Ron Lander, Mayor

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

Date