

# **MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA March 18, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM** *Meeting also conducted via Zoom webinar for the public's participation.*

Council Members Present: Ramsey, Horn, Ramirez, Singleton, Adkisson

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, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, Public Works, and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: Dawn Kahikina

*City Manager Marissa Trejo stated, under Item No. 2.3, Officer Nathan McGough will not be sworn in tonight, as he was sworn in at a previous meeting. Mrs. Trejo also stated Item 5.6 will be pulled from the Agenda.*

*Motion by Ramirez, Second by Horn to Approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2021. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

**2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. City of Coalinga Firefighter of the Year 2020 – Firefighter/Paramedic Michee Baggett**

Fire Chief Greg DuPuis presented Firefighter/Paramedic Michee Baggett with a certificate for City of Coalinga Firefighter of the Year 2020.

**2. City of Coalinga Police Officer of the Year 2020 – Police Officer Tony (TJ) Henderson**

Chief of Police Darren Blevins presented Police Officer Tony (TJ) Henderson with a certificate for City of Coalinga Police Officer of the Year 2020.

**3. Swearing In of Police Department Employees – Officer Nathan McGough, Officer Greg Gonzalez, Officer Travis Johnson, Officer Lee Schmidt, Police Technician Rosa Marquez, Police Technician Kristi Acevedo, Temporary Sergeant Christopher Montoya, Sergeant Jeremy Fairbanks**

*Under Changes to the Agenda City Manager Marissa Trejo announced Officer Nathan McGough would not be sworn in, as he was sworn in at a previous meeting.*

Chief of Police Darren Blevins sworn in Officer Greg Gonzalez, Officer Travis Johnson, Officer Lee Schmidt, Police Technician Rosa Marquez, Police Technician Kristi Acevedo, Temporary Sergeant Christopher Montoya, and Sergeant Jeremy Fairbanks.

Mayor Ramsey called for a 10-minute break at 6:13pm. Mayor Ramsey resumed the meeting at 6:25pm.

4. Fireworks Presentation by Pyro Spectacular

Jennifer Waite of Pyro Spectacular gave a brief presentation regarding a fireworks show to celebrate the 4th of July for 2021.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:*

Shelley Ross requested staff look at the intersection of El Rancho Boulevard and Highway 198. It is difficult for motorists to see the center median at night. She suggests the median be equipped with reflectors.

Nathan Vosburg spoke in favor of the City bringing back a fireworks show (Item No. 6.3). Mr. Vosburg spoke in favor of the City moving to a Rank-Based election system (Item No. 6.4). Mr. Vosburg spoke in favor of Council reorganization of the Mayor Pro-Tem position (Item No. 6.5).

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Approval of a City Initiated Zoning Text Amendment (No. STA 21-01) Amending the Commercial Cannabis Regulations Related to Reducing the Distance Requirement Between Schools and Non-Retail Commercial Cannabis Facilities by Introducing and Waiving the First Reading of Ordinance No. 846

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

Councilman Singleton is opposed to reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

Councilman Adkisson is in favor of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

Mayor Ramsey opened the Public Hearing for comments.

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

The City Clerk stated the City did receive, what appears to be petition sheets. Some of these pages have printed names and some contain signatures, while others incomplete. These pages hold no legal weight and are just considered communications. These communications were originally submitted as Public Comment during the February 23, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting. They are not being re-submitted as Public Comment during tonight's meeting.

Angie Dow spoke in favor of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities to match the State's 600 feet requirement.

Shelley Ross spoke in opposition of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

Nathan Vosburg spoke in favor of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

Robin (last name was not provided) spoke in favor of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

Nicolas Elliott spoke in favor of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

*The following individual(s) submitted electronic comment(s) to be read during the public comment section of the Public Hearing:*

Kamran lashgari – wrote in opposition of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

Mayor Ramsey closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Ramirez spoke in favor of reducing the distance requirements between schools and non-retail commercial cannabis facilities.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramirez to Approve Waiving the First Reading of Ordinance No. 846 Amending the Commercial Cannabis Regulations related to Reducing the Distance Requirements between Schools and Non-Retail Commercial Cannabis Facilities to 930 feet. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 4/1 Vote. (Singleton voted “No”).*

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve MINUTES – March 4, 2021
2. Overview of Airport – Information Only

*Councilman Ramirez pulled Item No. 5.2 for discussion.*

3. City Council Support of Senator Edward J. Markey’s (MA) and Congressman Steve Cohen’s (TN-09) reintroduction of the Complete Streets Act of 2019, a bill that promotes safer and more accessible street design across the United States and further direct the Assistant City Manager to submit a Message to Congressional Leaders Urging them to Co-Sponsor the Act
4. Authorize Assistant City Manager to Execute Consulting Engineer Contracts with MKN and Blackwater

*Mayor Ramsey pulled Item No. 5.4 for discussion.*

5. Authorize Purchase of New Patrol Vehicles with COPS Grant

*Councilman Adkisson pulled Item No. 5.5 for discussion.*

6. Authorize Purchase of Cell-Based Radio App for Police Department

*Item No. 5.6 was pulled from the Agenda.*

7. Public Works, Utilities & Community Development Monthly Report for February 2021

*Motion by Ramirez, Second by Horn to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.5 and 5.7 (Item No. 5.6 pulled from the Agenda). Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Vote.*

## **6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding SiteLogIQ Energy Management System  
**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item, stating this is a Future Agenda Item requested by Councilman Adkisson.

Desiree Haus of SiteLogIQ gave a presentation on the SiteLogIQ energy management system.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Singleton to Move Forward with Contracting with SiteLogIQ Energy Management Systems. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Vote.*

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Speed Hump/Lump Program  
**Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager**

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item, stating this was requested as a Future Agenda Item by Councilman Adkisson.

Councilman Adkisson is in favor of implementing a pilot program in order to gauge the public's response.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramirez directing Staff to Prepare a Description and Criteria for a Speed Hump/Lump Program. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Vote.*

3. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding City-Funded Fireworks Show for the Fourth of July  
**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item, stating this is a Future Agenda Item requested by Councilman Adkisson. The quotes provided show a \$21,000 charge for a Saturday, July 3, 2021 fireworks show and a \$25,000 charge for a Sunday, July 4, 2021 fireworks show. This would be an unbudgeted General Fund expense.

Councilman Adkisson is in favor of a fireworks show in celebration of the 4th of July.

Councilman Ramirez is in favor of a fireworks show in celebration of the 4th of July. Mr. Ramirez would prefer to have the show on Saturday, July 3, 2021,

Mayor Ramsey is in favor of a fireworks show in celebration of the 4th of July. Mr. Ramsey would also prefer to have the show on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramirez to Approve a fireworks show for Saturday, July 3, 2021 and direct the City Manager to work through any logistics required to put the show together. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Vote.*

4. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Rank Based Elections  
**Mario Zamora, City Attorney**

City Attorney Mario Zamora gave a brief overview of the item, stating this is a Future Agenda Item requested by Councilman Adkisson.

Councilman Adkisson is in favor of moving to a Rank Based election system.

Councilman Ramirez is in favor of moving to a Rank Based election system.

*Consensus of the Council is to direct the City Attorney to bring back an item for Council's consideration reporting the cost and process for the City to move to a Rank Based election system.*

5. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Council Reorganization of the Mayor Pro Tem Position  
**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

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

Councilman Adkisson is in favor of reorganizing the Mayor Pro Tem position.

Councilman Singleton is in favor of reorganizing the Mayor Pro Tem position.

Mayor Pro Tem Horn is opposed to reorganizing the Mayor Pro Tem position.

Councilman Ramirez is opposed to reorganizing the Mayor Pro Tem Position.

Mayor Ramsey is in favor of reorganizing the Mayor Pro Tem position.

Greg Cody spoke in opposition of reorganizing the Mayor Pro Tem position.

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Adkisson to Appoint Adam Adkisson to the Mayor Pro Tem Position. Motion **Failed** by Roll-Call 2/3 Vote. (Ramirez, Horn, and Ramsey voted "No").*

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Appoint Ray Singleton to the Mayor Pro Tem Position. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 3/2 Vote. (Ramirez and Horn voted "No").*

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo thanked Benjamin Kahikina, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce for all the work he did to put together this year's Chamber Dinner. Mr. Kahikina is the only employee at the Chamber and he worked hard to make sure the event took place this year.

### Council Member's Announcements:

Councilman Ramirez thanked City Manager Marissa Trejo for all her hard work. Mr. Ramirez announced that the Juniors and Seniors are headed to the playoffs. If they win, they will move on to the championship. Mr. Ramirez thanked a group who came together to clean up a religious mural on Highway 198.

### Mayor's Announcements:

None

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilman Adkisson requested information on finance options on a ladder truck, engine, and patrol vehicle for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Greg DuPuis stated he would provide the information at the April 15, 2021 City Council Meeting.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

None

## **10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

None

## **11. ADJOURNMENT 9:08 PM**

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Ron Ramsey, Mayor

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

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Date