

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA October 20, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

Council Members Present: Ramsey, Singleton, Adkisson (via Zoom), Ramirez, Horn

Others Present: City Attorney Mario Zamora, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, Chief of Police Jose Garza, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller, and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina and Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia

Changes to the Agenda: Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer announced the following changes to the Agenda:

1. Councilman Ramirez requested that Item No. 5.1 will be Pulled and brought back for discussion during the fiscal year 2023-2024.

*Motion by Horn, Second by Ramirez to Approve the Changes to the Agenda and to Approve the Agenda for the meeting of October 20, 2022. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Certificate of Appreciation for Sergeant Rouch

Councilman Horn presented a Certificate Appreciate to Sergeant Rouch for his outstanding performance with the Coalinga Police Department's Fire and Ice narcotics operation.

2. Presentation of New Toyota Prius Commuter Cars for Coalinga Police Department

Chief of Police Jose Garza presented the new Toyota Prius commuter cars assigned to the Police Department.

Mayor Ramsey called for a 10-minute break for those present to join outside to take a look at the new cars.

Mayor Ramsey resumed the meeting at 6:15pm.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Hilda Crawford with the Coalinga Library thanked Fire Chief Greg DuPuis and the Fire Department for joining their Story Time and teaching the kids about Fire Prevention Week. Mrs. Crawford went on to announce that the Library will be doing pumpkin painting at CoalingaFest on Saturday, October 29, 2022 and invited the community to come the Library booth.

Mr. Scott Netherton thanks Fire Chief Greg DuPuis for the Fire Department's Open House, stating that it was a great community event. Mr. Netherton announced that 2022 CoalingaFest will be on Saturday, October 29, 2022 between noon and 9:00pm on the Plaza. And tomorrow, Friday, October 21st, Coalinga-Huron Recreation and Parks District will be having the Down Syndrome Awareness Walk at Keck Park at 3:21pm. The Chamber will be providing a map of businesses who will be participating in safe trick-or-treating on Halloween and to keep a look out for it.

Mrs. Mary Jones spoke in favor of a water reclamation project for the City. Our only options are to conserve water or expand, the conservation the City is doing now is not sustainable. Mrs. Jones handed out copies of materials she gathered on the matter to each Councilmember.

Vice Chairman Jim Jacobs, referencing Item No. 4.1, explained that the Planning Commission doesn't have anything against cannabis companies, only that they are concerned with the amount they believe they will use.

Mr. Bill Lewis stated that he has noticed that Keck Park is being water daily and was wondering if the watering scheduled had been changed.

Mr. Nathan Vosburg spoke against Item No. 6.1, stating concerns over valley fever.

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

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Council Consideration of an Appeal by ST Green, Co. of a Planning Commission Decision Related to Conditional Use Permit Application CUP 22-02

Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer stated this item had been an ongoing item and continued from several past meetings.

Mayor Ramsey opened the Public Hearing for comments.

Mrs. Mary Jones spoke in favor of Council's approval of the Conditional Use Permit Application CUP 22-02, stating that the permit seems consistent with other businesses of the same kind.

Mr. Brewer stated the application shows they will recycling their water and are set to use less than 1 acre foot of water the first year, which is less than a typical household would use.

AJ, applicant, stated they will actually be using less than ½ an acre foot. The water that is discharged will be treated and used to water the outside landscaping. Our company will create local jobs and will generate tax revenue for the City.

Mayor Ramsey asked how many jobs they expected with the new business.

AJ stated at least 20 jobs.

Mayor Ramsey asked if they planned to hire local.

AJ answered yes.

Mayor Ramsey asked when they would be ready to hire.

AJ answered it may be 3 or 4 months as they are still doing some construction.

Councilman Horn asked if they would use less water annually after the first year.

AJ answered that was correct, the first year is always a little more.

Mayor Ramsey closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Adkisson asked if the application was in compliance with the planning and zoning code.

Mr. Brewer answered that the project is in compliance.

Councilman Adkisson stated that the City Council sets water policy, not the Planning Commission.

*Motion by Ramirez Seconded by Adkisson to Accept an Appeal by the Applicant and Approve Conditional Use Permit Application No. 22-02 for the Use of the Existing Buildings at 9900 Cody Street to Accommodate an Indoor Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Operation. **Approved** by a 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Receive Cost Estimate and Approve Safety Improvements at Intersection of Hayes/Harrison/Third Streets

Item No. 5.1 was Pulled from the Agenda during Changes to the Agenda.

2. Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 853 – City Initiated Zoning Text Amendment (No. ZTA 22-01) Amending the Planning and Zoning Code Related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), Floodplain Regulations and Density Bonus
3. Approve and Authorize Assistant City Manager to Execute a Task Order with MKN and Associates to Provide Design Engineering Services related to Water Improvements at the Coalinga Water Treatment Plant
4. Authorize Assistant City Manager to Review the Contract with Precision Concrete
5. Adopt Resolution No. 4122 Approving an Amendment to the Standard Agreement for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program – Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) NOFA Dated December 18, 2020
6. Code Enforcement Monthly Report for September 2022

*Motion by Horn, Second by Singleton to **Approve** Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.2 through 5.6. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion, Direction and Adoption of Resolution No. 4108 Updating the City's Water Shortage Regulations related to Businesses
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item, stating this was a Future Agenda Item requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton.

Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton spoke in favor of businesses following the same water restrictions as residents.

Councilman Horn spoke in favor of offering a turf replacement program to businesses.

Mr. Brewer indicated that staff is working on developing a policy for businesses to remove their turf and replace it with something more water tolerable.

Mayor Ramsey commented that Valley Fever is related to public health and safety and if the City's water allocation is based on 'Public Health and Safety' then we should be able to use to push our state representatives.

Councilman Ramirez commented on how serious Valley Fever can be.

Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton suggested businesses be put on a one-day (Mondays) per week water schedule, not including schools and parks.

Mr. Nathan Vosburg spoke in favor of residents having one-day per week to water front yards.

Mr. Brewer clarified that businesses are currently able to water one-day per week. This item was brought forward to determine if commercial/institutional and industrial water users should be allowed to water one-day per week or not at all.

Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton stated that businesses are not currently following the one-day watering schedule and suggested that they not be allowed to water at all.

Councilman Adkisson stated that if residents can't water, neither should businesses.

Mr. Brewer stated that no business should be watering non-functional turf based on the Governor's order.

Consensus of the Council is for staff to look at improving code enforcement efforts for businesses.

2. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support on behalf of the Coalinga City Council for Measure X, as Presented by the Committee for Excellent Coalinga-Huron Schools
Hilda Crawford, Committee for Excellent Coalinga-Huron Schools

Mrs. Hilda Crawford presented Measure X. Mrs. Crawford explained that Measure X is a \$39.2 million general obligation bond program. The measure is intended to address the needs of the student population through building modernization and renovation projects throughout the district. Measure X will not increase resident's current annual taxes, instead it will extend an old 1997 bond program and maintain the estimated tax rate that property owners are currently paying.

Superintendent, Lori Villanueva presented the district's building projects from the past, as well as future proposed projects.

Motion by Ramirez, Second by Horn to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support on behalf of the Coalinga City Council for Measure X, as Presented by the Committee for Excellent Coalinga-Huron Schools.

Motion **Approved** by 3/2 Roll-Call Majority Vote. (Adkisson and Singleton Voted No).

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

None.

Council Member's Announcements:

Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton announced that members of the Council have been receiving a lot of interview requests regarding the City's water situation. The word is getting out and we all hope something will come of it. We will let the public know when the shows are expected to air.

Councilman Horn announced that the "In God We Trust" had been completed.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Ramsey noted the many interviews the Council has been doing and everything is being looked into.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilman Horn requested a Future Agenda Item for a cost estimate to install smart meters and grant opportunities.

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer stated that staff has already been working on this and he would be providing an update for the Council at an upcoming meeting.

9. CLOSED SESSION

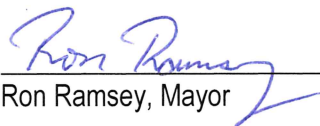
1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to § 54956.9(c): 1 Case

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

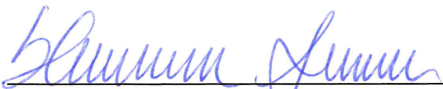
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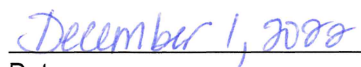


Ron Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Jensen, City Clerk



Date