

City of Capitola Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 7:00 PM



City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor: Sam Storey

Vice Mayor: Margaux Keiser

Council Members: Jacques Bertrand, Yvette Brooks, Kristen Petersen

Closed Session – 6 PM

Closed Sessions are not open to the public and held only on specific topics allowed by State Law (noticed below). An announcement regarding the items to be discussed in Closed Session will be made in the City Hall Council Chambers prior to the Closed Session. Members of the public may, at this time, address the City Council on closed session items only. There will be a report of any final decisions in City Council Chambers during the Open Session Meeting.

LIABILITY CLAIM (Gov't Code § 54956.95)

Claimant: Gina Cavuoto

Agency claimed against: City of Capitola

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(2)

One potential case

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 7 PM

All correspondences received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding a Council Meeting will be distributed to Councilmembers to review prior to the meeting. Information submitted after 5 p.m. on that Wednesday may not have time to reach Councilmembers, nor be read by them prior to consideration of an item. All matters listed on the Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council Agenda shall be considered as Public Hearings.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Jacques Bertrand, Yvette Brooks, Margaux Keiser, Kristen Petersen, and Mayor Sam Storey.

2. Presentations

Presentations are limited to eight minutes.

A. Introduction of new Capitola Police Officers Abraham Camacho, Jaime Ponciano, Noah Sherin, and Daniel Vasquez

Captain Ryan introduced Officers and thanked them for joining the Capitola team.

B. Presentation of the 2021 Officer of the Year – Herb Ross Award to Officer Jackie Yeung

Captain Ryan congratulated and introduced Officer Jackie Young, the recipient of Capitola's Officer of the Year Award and new parent.

3. Report on Closed Session

City Attorney Zutler stated Council took no reportable action.

4. Additional Materials – none

5. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – none

6. Oral Communications by Members of the Public – none

7. Staff / City Council Comments

Council Member Petersen announced a virtual forum of the Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation on January 26 at 6:30PM. She also spoke about the upcoming changes to RHNA numbers expected for the 6th Cycle.

Council Member Bertrand spoke about a recent Regional Transportation Commission meeting.

Mayor Storey reported on recent discussions at the Art and Cultural Commission, such as their summer concert series and a proposed tree stump art installation project.

Future Agenda Items:

- “Mayor for a Day”, youth essay contest – Petersen
- Update on redistricting – Brooks
- Information on Greenwaste and changes to organics disposal – Brooks
- Information on next steps in RHNA process - Brooks

8. Consent Items

Motion: Approve, Authorize, Reject, and Determine as recommended

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Bertrand

Second: Vice Mayor Keiser

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

A. Consider the December 1 and December 9 City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

B. Approval of City Check Registers Dated November 19, November 24, December 10, December 17 and December 30.

Recommended Action: Approve check registers.

C. FY 2020-21 Audit Report

Recommended Action: Receive report.

D. Revised Information Technology Specialist Job Description

Recommended Action: 1) Authorize the City Manager to Sign Side Letter with Confidential Employees Group; and 2) Approve Amended Information Systems Specialist Job Description

E. Liability Claim of Gina Cavuoto

Recommended Action: Reject liability claim.

- F. Receive Update on Pandemic Response and Consider Adopting Proposed Resolution Allowing for the Continuation of Teleconferencing
Recommended Action: 1) Make the determination that all hazards related to the worldwide spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) as detailed in Resolution No 4168 adopted by the City Council on March 12, 2020, still exist and there is a need to continue action; and 2) adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Capitola City Council (along with the Planning Commission and all advisory bodies) to continue to conduct teleconferencing meetings.

9. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Capitola Branch Library Project Notice of Completion
Recommended Action: Approve the Notice of Completion for the Capitola Branch Library Project constructed by Otto Construction at a final cost of \$13,190,813 and direct the Public Works Department to 1) record the Notice of Completion and 2) release the retention held in escrow of \$369,724.39.

Director Jesberg presented a staff report.

Council Member Brooks asked about the tot lot, and if playground enhancements have been discussed.

Council Member Bertrand asked about the oak trees on the library property, which have improved and are doing well.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Approve notice of completion and direct Public Works Department to release retention funds to the General Fund

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Petersen

Second: Council Member Bertrand.

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

- B. Presentation Regarding Proposed City of Santa Cruz Onstreet Parking Programs
Recommended Action: Receive a report regarding how the City of Santa Cruz is addressing oversized vehicles and an update on City of Capitola practices.

Chief Dally presented on oversized vehicle parking in the City of Santa Cruz.

Vice-Mayor Keiser confirmed there are no Capitola City locations being considered for a similar program to the City of Santa Cruz.

Council Member Bertrand confirmed that City ordinances would not apply in private parking lots, and Agreements would be necessary with lot owners in that case. privately owned areas.

In response to a question from Mayor Storey, Chief Dally said that other jurisdictions have similar ordinances in place, though the City of Santa Cruz is still working with the Coastal Commission to adopt theirs.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Brooks requested data tracking regarding complaints about oversized parking.

Action: Report received

C. Authorize Purchase of a New Street Sweeper for the Department of Public Works

Recommended Action: Authorize the expenditure of up to \$350,000 for the purchase of a new Global Regenerative Air streetsweeper for the Public Works Department.

Director Jesberg presented a brief staff report.

Council Member Brooks confirmed the \$684,000 in the City's Equipment Replacement Fund and asked if any of that funding would "roll over" into the next year.

City Manager Goldstein explained that the Fund is calculated based on specific replacement purchases, so fund balances are intended for certain equipment, not as a total amount to be used for purchasing any equipment. In response to another question, he said that there is a proposed \$200,000 cap on Central Coast Community Power grant funding toward electric vehicles.

Council Member Keiser confirmed that parts would still be available, despite not having a "backup" electric sweeper to take from if an electric version is purchased to replace the current sweeper.

Council Member Bertrand confirmed that the vacuum style machine (versus broom sweeping style) will save the City money. When asked, Director Jesberg said that an electric charging station should cost no more than \$5,000.

Mayor Storey confirmed that electric sweepers are quieter, though they still create hydraulic noise.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Brooks supported purchasing an electric sweeper regardless of receiving grant funding.

Council Member Bertrand expressed that grant funding is important, and that discussion of purchasing an electric sweeper could take place during budget talks. He then asked if the sweeping program is paid for by a grant; Director Jesberg explained that the program is required by the State but paid for by the City's General Fund.

Council Member Petersen confirmed that funding would be available after the sweeping program and purchase is authorized.

Motion: Authorize expenditure of up to \$400,000 for an electric street sweeper; Return to Council for funding option discussion if a grant is not received from Central Coast Community Energy

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Vice Mayor Keiser

Second: Council Member Petersen

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

D. Amend FY 2021-22 City Fee Schedule

Recommended Action: Adopt the proposed resolution amending the fee schedule for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22.

Finance Director Malberg presented a staff report explaining the proposed changes to the fee schedule.

Council Member Petersen confirmed that a business license, in addition to a film permit, is required to film in Capitola.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Adopt the resolution amending fee schedule

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Vice Mayor Keiser

Second: Council Member Petersen

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

- E. Appoint Representative to the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board
Recommended Action: Appoint the City Manager to a two-year term on the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, known as the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board, as nominated by the Mayor.

City Clerk Woodmansee made a brief report.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Appoint City Manager to a two-year term on the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board

Result: Passed 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Brooks

Second: Council Member Petersen

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM to the next regular Capitola City Council meeting on January 27, 2022.