

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor: Margaux Keiser

Vice Mayor: Kristen Brown

Council Members: Yvette Brooks, Joe Clarke, Alexander Pedersen

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

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1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance: Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen, Mayor Keiser

Absent: Vice Mayor Brown

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda - *None*

3. Presentations

A. Police Chief Dally presented the 2022 Capitola Sergeant Herb Ross Police Officer of the Year Award to Officer Daniel Vasquez

4. Report on Closed Session

The Council met and discussed four items on the Closed Session Agenda at 9 AM this morning. No reportable action.

5. Additional Materials - *None*

6. Oral Communications by Members of the Public

Bill Gray, resident, spoke about concerns regarding maintenance of the bluff trail and the degradation and erosion of the bluff.

Jason Shephardson, resident, spoke about beach cleanups for Capitola Beach.

7. Staff / City Council Comments

Councilmember Brooks thanked the community for stepping for the beach cleanup on January 22, 2023, and reminded the community of opportunities for support and fundraising.

Mayor Keiser thanked staff and the community for participating in the beach cleanup on January 22, 2023, and thanked the Public Works staff for their continued efforts to clean up from the storm damage.

8. Consent Items

- A. Consider and Approve 1/12/2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of City Check Registers Dated November 28, 2022, December 9, 2022, and January 9, 2023.
Recommended Action: Approve check registers.
- C. Resolution Allowing for the Continuation of Teleconferencing
Recommended Action: 1) Make the determination that all hazards related to the worldwide spread of the 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 City Council (along with the Planning Commission and all advisory bodies) to continue to conduct teleconferencing meetings.
- D. Soquel Creek Water District Use Agreement for Capitola City Council Chambers
Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Soquel Creek Water District in the amount of \$5,000 for use of the City Council Chambers semi-monthly during 2023.
- E. Recreation Division Staffing Adjustments and Update to Hourly/Seasonal Pay
Recommended Action: 1) Approve adjustments to the Recreation Division staffing; and 2) Adopt the proposed resolution updating the Hourly/Seasonal pay rates.
- F. FY 2021-22 Audit Report
Recommended Action: Receive Report.
- G. Letter of Support for Zero Emission Rail Transit & Trail Project
Recommended Action: Authorize Mayor Keiser to sign a letter of support for the Zero Emission Rail Transit & Trail Project.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Council Member Pedersen

Seconded: Council Member Clarke

Voting Yea: Mayor Keiser, Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen

9. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Update on the 2022–2023 Winter Storm Event
Recommended Action: Receive update regarding the 2022-2023 Winter Storm Event.
City Manager Goldstein presented the staff report.
Council Member Pedersen inquired about a second beach cleanup event. Recreation Division Manager Bryant LeBlond advised that staff is working on another community event with a potential beach cleanup.
Council Member Clarke commended the Police Department for their coordination with the U.S. Secret Service.
Council Member Brooks inquired about emergency repairs and what the initial damage assessment covered.
- B. “Armed Forces Flag” Request in Accordance with Policy V-18: Outdoor Display of Governmental and Non-Governmental Flags on City Property
Recommended Action: Consider request to fly the “Armed Forces Flag” the week of May 13 through May 20, 2023, in accordance with Policy V-18: Outdoor Display of Governmental and Non-Governmental Flags on City Property and either 1) approve request or 2) deny request.

Chloe Woodmansee, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the staff report.

Motion to approve the flag request for 2023 made by Council Member Brooks.

Mayor Keiser requested that staff review the flag policy and bring the revised policy to the City Council to include Council Member support for requests and for a one-year denial period.

Motion to approve the flag request for 2023 made by Council Member Brooks

Seconded by Council Member Clarke

Voting Yea: Mayor Keiser, Council Members Brooks, Pedersen, Clarke

C. Lifeguard Program Update

Recommended Action: Receive report on plans to establish a Capitola Lifeguard Program beginning in summer 2023.

Recreation Division Manager Bryant LeBlond presented the staff report.

Council Member Brooks inquired about which staff members are being trained and the cost for training. Staff clarified that seasonal staff would make up the open water and tower lifeguards and year-round staff will make up the training cadre.

Mayor Keiser inquired about expiration of the USLA certification. Staff clarified that the certification is a three-year cycle.

Council Member Pedersen inquired about the open water lifeguard agency certification; staff clarified that is the certification that the City is pursuing.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on February 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Julia Moss, City Clerk

Margaux Keiser, Mayor