

# City of Capitola

## City Council Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, February 23, 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

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#### **Closed Session – 5:10 PM**

- i. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov't Code § 54957.6)  
Negotiator: Chloe Woodmansee, Assistant to the City Manager  
Employee Organizations: Mid Management Employees
- ii. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (§ 54956.9)  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): one case

#### **Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM**

##### **1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM. In attendance: Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen, Brown, and Mayor Keiser.

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

##### **3. Presentations**

- A. Public Works Director Kahn introduced Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager, and Shelon Bennett, Development Services Technician.
- B. Ron Duncan and Melanie Mow Schumacher of the Soquel Creek Water District presented on the Pure Water Soquel Project and Strategic Plan.

##### **4. Report on Closed Session**

The City Council met and discussed two items on the Closed Session Agenda and took no reportable action.

##### **5. Additional Materials - None**

##### **6. Oral Communications by Members of the Public**

*Judy Kessler, resident, spoke about public safety concerns at the Capitola Bar and Grill.*

##### **7. Staff / City Council Comments**

*Mayor Keiser commended staff and the public on the Beach Clean Up Event that took place on February 19th.*

*Recreation Division Manager Bryant LeBlond presented information about the "Beyond the Flood Benefit Concert" that took place on February 18th.*

##### **8. Consent Items**

- A. Consider and Approve 2/9/2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of City Check Registers Dated January 20, 2023, and February 3, 2023  
Recommended Action: Approve check registers.
- C. Capitola Municipal Code Amendment Regarding the Storage of Waste Collection Containers

Recommended Action: Introduce, by title only, waiving further reading of the text, an ordinance of the City of Capitola amending Capitola Municipal Code Sections 8.04.020 and 8.04.080 regarding the storage of waste collection containers.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Vice Mayor Brown**

**Seconded: Council Member Clarke**

**Voting Yea: Mayor Keiser, Vice Mayor Brown, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Pedersen, Council Member Clarke**

## 9. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Wharf Update and Termination of Local Emergency  
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution terminating the Proclamation of Local Emergency.  
**City Manager Goldstein and Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.**  
**Council Member discussion included: clarification on sources and constraints on funding, community outreach, and the Memorial Plaque Program.**  
**Public Comments: None**  
**Motion to adopt the resolution: Vice Mayor Brown**  
**Seconded: Council Member Pedersen**  
**Voting Yea: Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen, Brown, and Mayor Keiser**
- B. Design Contract for the Community Center Renovation Project  
Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Boone Low Ratliff Architects in an amount not to exceed \$149,713 for the design of the remodel of the Community Center in substantially similar form, as approved by the City Attorney, as the attached Agreement.  
**Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.**  
**Council Member discussion included an inquiry on summer programming at the Community Center.**  
**Public Comments: None**  
**Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement: Council Member Brooks**  
**Seconded: Vice Mayor Brown**  
**Voting Yea: Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen, Brown, and Mayor Keiser**
- C. Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area Riparian Vegetation Planting Reimbursement Program  
Recommended Action: Approve a reimbursement program to award one-time grants in an amount not-to-exceed \$300 per eligible applicant to plant and maintain native riparian vegetation on areas immediately adjacent to Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch, and find the project is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, small habitat restoration projects.  
**Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.**  
**Council Member discussion included: clarification on permit requirements, community outreach, and eligibility for applicants who are members of a home ownership association (HOA).**

**Public Comments: Sheryl Coulston, resident, spoke in favor of the reimbursement program.**

**Motion to approve the reimbursement program with the amendment that HOA's can collect reimbursement for individual parcels: Council Member Brooks**

**Seconded: Council Member Brown**

**Voting Yea: Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen, Brown, and Mayor Keiser**

D. City Council Appointments to City Advisory Bodies

Recommended Action: 1) Review City Council representatives to the Santa Cruz County Children's Network Cabinet and appoint an alternate representative to Santa Cruz County METRO Board of Directors; and 2) Appoint members of the public to the City of Capitola Arts and Cultural Commission and Financial Advisory Committee.

**Motion to make the following appointments: Vice Mayor Brown**

**1) Santa Cruz County Children's Network Cabinet: Council Member Brooks (Primary), Council Member Clarke (Alternate)**

**2) Santa Cruz County METRO: Vice Mayor Brown (Primary), Council Member Pedersen (Alternate)**

**3) Arts and Cultural Commission: Laura Orantes (At Large), term ending 12/31/2024**

**4) Finance Advisory Committee: Michael Lavigne (Business Rep.), term ending 12/31/2024**

**Seconded by Council Member Brooks.**

**Voting Yea: Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen, Brown, and Mayor Keiser**

**10. Adjournment** - Adjourned at 7:07 PM to a Special City Council Meeting on March 1, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Julia Moss, City Clerk

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Margaux Keiser, Mayor