

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 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

1. **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** – *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance: Council Members Brooks, Clarke, Pedersen, Vice Mayor Brown, and Mayor Keiser.*
2. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – *Item 3A was removed from the agenda by staff.*
3. **Presentations**
 - A. *Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Presentation (Removed from the agenda by staff)*
4. **Additional Materials**
 - A. *Two emails were received relating to Item 8B.*
 - B. *One email was received relating to Item 7G.*
5. **Oral Communications by Members of the Public**
 - *Gorin Klepich, resident, spoke about panhandling activity within Capitola city limits.*
 - *Gary Richard Arnold, resident, spoke about the history of California lobbyist groups.*
 - *James Whitman, resident, spoke about City Council/City Manager forms of government.*
6. **Staff / City Council Comments**
 - *Police Chief Dally introduced Ranger, the newest Police Canine.*
 - *Vice Mayor Brown thanked staff for preparing the Tobacco Waste Resolution and requested an agenda item and resolution against banning books and materials in the Santa Cruz Public Libraries system.*
 - *Council Member Clarke reminded the public of the Oktoberfest event benefiting CWEP on October 14th.*
 - *Council Member Brooks provided a report on her attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, thanked Police Department staff for their coordination on the Youth Action Network collaboration at the Capitola Mall, and requested a staff presentation on the Police Chief's Advisory Council selection and appointment process.*
 - *Mayor Keiser requested that staff provide more background information on the Police Chief's Advisory Council formation.*
7. **Consent Items**
 - A. City Council Meeting Minutes
 - Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the regular meeting on September 28, 2023.

- B. City Check Registers
Recommended Action: Approve City check registers dated September 1, 2023 and September 15, 2023.
- C. Tobacco Waste
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution recognizing tobacco waste as a public health and environmental threat.
- D. Donations Report
Recommended Action: Receive the FY 2022-23 Annual Donations and Contributions Report.
- E. Master Agreement for State-Funded Transportation Projects
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Agreement No. 05-5304S21 with the California Department of Transportation to continue to receive State funds for transportation related projects and authorizing the Public Works Director to execute all program supplement agreements as required by Agreement No. 05-5304S21.
- F. Body-Worn Cameras and Tasers
Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a 5-year agreement with AXON in an amount not to exceed \$336,500 to purchase body-worn cameras and tasers; and authorize the surplus of current inventory of tasers and body cameras.
- G. Travel Reimbursement for City Councilmembers
Recommended Action: Accept report on attendance at the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference from Alexander Pedersen, in accordance with Government Code Section 53232.3.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Council Member Pedersen

Seconded: Council Member Brooks

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

8. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Cliff Drive Resiliency Project
Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc. for professional planning, permitting, and design services for the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project in the amount of \$1,193,700 in substantially similar form, as approved by the City Attorney, as the attached agreement; and adopt a resolution amending the FY 2023-24 Budget to accept and appropriate grant funding from the California Coastal Commission and Federal Highway Administration.

Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

- ***James Whitman, resident, provided public comment.***

Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with CSW/Stuber-Stroeh, and adopt a resolution amending the FY 2023-24 budget: Council Member Brooks

Seconded: Vice Mayor Brown

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

- B. Housing Element Update
Recommended Action: Accept presentation and direct staff to incorporate Planning Commission and the California Department of Housing and Community Development recommendations into the Draft Housing Element update in preparation for adoption hearings.

Community Development Director Herlihy presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

- **James Whitman, resident, inquired what YIMBY meant.**
- **Janine Roth, SC YIMBY, thanked staff for their collaboration on the Housing Element.**

Council Member comments included acknowledgement of the inclusion of local labor recommendations, collaboration with AMBAG for transit-oriented development, support for the Planning Commission’s recommended changes, and thanked staff for their work on the Housing Element.

**Motion to direct staff to incorporate recommendations from YIMBY, HCD, and the Capitola Planning Commission into the Housing Element: Council Member Brooks
Seconded: Council Member Pedersen**

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

9. Adjournment – *Adjourned at 7:04 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM.*

ATTEST:

Margaux Keiser, Mayor

Julia Gautho, City Clerk