

City Of Calimesa
**City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
March 15, 2021**

Pursuant to the State of California Executive Order N-29-20, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Calimesa City Council conducted this meeting in the Norton Younglove Senior Center maintaining appropriate social distancing. Members of the public were encouraged to participate in the meeting in one of two ways:

- 1) In person at the Norton Younglove Senior Center, 908 Park Avenue, Calimesa, CA 92320, maintaining a 6-foot distance from others. Face masks are mandatory.
- 2) By viewing the meeting on **Facebook Live**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofcalimesa>

Submission of Public Comments: Those attending the meeting and maintaining appropriate social distancing, were allowed to speak during public comment by completing a blue speaker slip and providing it to the City Clerk at the meeting. Otherwise, public comment was accepted via email to the Calimesa City Clerk at dgerdes@cityofcalimesa.net with a deadline of **5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021.**

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Davis

ROLL CALL: MAYOR DAVIS, MAYOR PRO TEM MOLINA, COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL AND COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: CITY MANAGER JOHNSON, CITY ATTORNEY GREYSON, CITY CLERK GERDES, PLANNING MANAGER LUCIA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MONSON, CITY ENGINEER THORNTON, FIRE CHIEF JOHNSON AND SHERIFF CAPTAIN SALAS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Works Director Monson.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MAYOR PROTEM MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED MOVING BUSINESS ITEM NO. 7 TO BE HEARD PRIOR TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

BUSINESS ITEM NO. 7 MOVED UP ON THE AGENDA BY A 5-0 VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SENATE BILL 9 REGARDING INCREASED DENSITY IN SINGLE-FAMILY ZONES AND LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. **Provide direction to Staff regarding SB 9.**
2. **Discuss the information presented in the Legislative update and provide direction to Staff regarding any desired future actions.**

Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager of the Riverside Division of the League of California Cities joined the meeting via video conference and provided a legislative update focusing on the following: SB9-Housing Development Approvals stating the League's opposition to the bill, SB55-High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, AB115-Planning and Zoning: Commercial Zoning: Housing Development, SB6-Local Planning. Housing in Commercial Zones, AB1372-Right to temporary shelter, SB10-Planning and Zoning. Density, SB792-Sales and Use tax: retailers: reporting, AB1181-Local Restaurant Fee Prohibition and Refunds, AB53-Election day: holiday, SB443-Elections:redistricting, SB278-Public Employees' Retirement System: disallowed and AB339-Local Government: open meetings.

City Manager Johnson provided a letter "in opposition unless amended" of SB9 to the Council for consideration.

After Council discussion the following action was taken:

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE LETTER WRITTEN AND DIRECT CITY MANAGER JOHNSON TO SEND THE LETTER FOLLOWING SIGNATURE BY MAYOR DAVIS.

Mayor Davis asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. There were no items pulled for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 – 6)

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. Council will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Council Member or staff member may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

1. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES.
 - b) **City Council action minutes of March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.**
2. RECEIVE AND FILE CITY COMMISSION & BOARD MINUTES.
 - a) **Library Commission action minutes of February 2, 2021.**
 - b) **Parks, Trails & Community Services Commission action minutes of 11/4/2020.**

- c) *Joint Workshop of the PTSC and Planning Commissions action minutes of 1/11/2021.*
- d) *Planning Commission action minutes of 1/11/2021.*

3. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS.

- a. *Check Register Report with a total of \$1,142,359.01 (Check Nos. 36654 to 36722)*
- b. *March 1, 2021 Council Payroll of \$1,673.52*
March 4, 2021 Payroll of \$74,760.95

4. WAIVE FULL READING OF ANY PROPOSED ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA.
This permits reading the title only in lieu of reciting the entire text of the Ordinances. This does not take policy action on the Ordinances or approve or disapprove any Ordinances on the agenda.

5. TRAVEL EXPENSES

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council move to approve the Council Travel Training and Meeting/Mileage Expenses Report.

6. THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) GRANT FUNDED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. to provide professional consultant services for the administration of the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Grant Funded Housing Rehabilitation Program.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORTS Chamber President Barilone provided the following:

Chamber February List of Activities

Scholarship Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 3/4/2021.

Executive Assistant shared social Media posts.

Membership status: 126 with 8 renewals in February

Quick Books Training for Executive Assistant who will then train the Treasurer.

We have set up the "Bill Pay" system to pay most accounts payables. President and Executive assistant have access to the system.

By-Laws review and amended, approved 3/10/2021.

Discussed 2 projects with the Calimesa Senior Center:

Supplement to their food drive with Oak Valley Church, who has applied for grant funding.

Personal necessities, Personal Hygiene, Cleaning products

Financial Report:

Profit/Loss statement for February, 2021: Expenses \$2648, Income \$927, Deficit \$1721 Large expense-Insurance 2nd of 2 installments-\$841
Insurance Quote: About the same as current policy. No reason to change.

Requested Council to consider the Calimesa Christmas Parade for December 11, 2021.

Tony Phillips provided an update of the "Shop Calimesa Campaign", stating that 29 businesses have signed up out of 300 since October. He further stated that they have spent ¾ of the initial \$10,000 grant money from the City. The committee continues to work on pop-up events and advertising opportunities.

Council Member Duvall requested an itemized list of the expenditures of the funds provided by the City for the "Shop Calimesa Campaign".

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS

Captain Salas reported 185 calls for service from March 1st to March 15th. He further reported that thefts were down a bit, but DUI's were up with a total of 6 and 2 stolen vehicles.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS

Fire Chief Johnson reported a total year to date calls of 302 with 233 of those being medical aid. He further reported that the first weed abatement inspections have begun and thanked the public works crew for their assistance in pouring concrete at the Fire Station.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTING OF COUNTY & REGIONAL MEETINGS

This is the time for comments, announcements and/or reports on meetings attended at public expense as required by AB 1234.

Councilmember Duvall reported that she attended a T-Now meeting on March 4, 2021 and the League of California Cities Riverside Division virtual meeting on March 8, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Molina reported that she attended an RCTC Orientation, and RTA Budget and Finance Committee meeting, a T-Now Meeting and an RCTC Board Meeting stating that the 15 Express lanes were opening soon.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. LIBRARY INTERIM EXPANSION PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review and discuss the conceptual designs for the Calimesa Library Interim Expansion Project and provide direction to staff.

City Manager Johnson and Public Works Director Monson presented the agenda report.

Brenda Hyatt, Library Commissioner stated that the Library Commissioners were overwhelmed by the costs of the expansion alternates and could not come to a consensus in choosing an alternate option. She expressed her personal opinion that the library is small, but popular and that the success of the programs brings more people to the library. She stated the need for a community room, an additional bathroom, additional storage and expansion of the childrens section. She further stated that she is grateful that the Council is considering the expansion and hoped that funds could be found. She asked that the old building not be demolished as it could be used for other things if we are creative.

Jeff Hewitt, resident of Calimesa spoke of his support of the Library and suggested that a conceptual design be created and brought to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors with a request for funding. He stated that as a citizen of Calimesa he was in favor of Alternate Number 3.

Council Member Hewitt expressed her concerns that the current building needs to be inspected if Alternate 1 is chosen.

Mayor Pro Tem Molina stated that the Library is in need of a larger facility and a place for Calimesea historical items to be placed.

Council Member Cervantez stated his choice of Alternate No. 3, adding that the project should be done once and done right. He further stated that he sympathized with the current needs, but didn't want to throw money to an option that would only be a temporary fix.

Mayor Davis stated is choice of Alternate No. 3, adding that he was not in support of wasting funds on a temporary fix.

Council Member Duvall expressed her support of Alternate No. 1 and the current needs of the Library.

After Council discussion the following action was taken:

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT, CARRIED 4-1(COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL VOTED NO) TO DIRECT STAFF TO COMMENCE WITH THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A BUILDING CONCEPT FOR A PERMANENT BUILDING.

9. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CITY HALL EXPANSION

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review the Conceptual Plan for the expansion of City Hall offices and direct staff on next steps as follows:

- **Provide feedback on Conceptual Plan**
- **If Council concurs with the Conceptual Plan, staff is recommending moving the project forward to design/project plan preparation**
- **Once plans are finalized, staff is recommending commencing the public bid process**

Public Works Director Monson presented the agenda report.

After Council discussion the following action was taken:

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT, CARRIED 5-0 TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CITY HALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

10. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file. No immediate action requested.

Public Works Director Monson and City Engineer Thornton presented the agenda report.

THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS & REPORTS

This is the time for additional general comments, announcements, reports on meetings attended at public expense as required by AB 1234, requests of staff, and other issues of concern to Council Members may be presented briefly at this time. The Council may not legally take action on any item presented at this time other than to direct staff to investigate a complaint or place an item on a future agenda unless (1) by a majority vote, the Council determines that an emergency situation exists, as defined by Government Code § 54956.5 or (2) by a four-fifths vote, the Council determines that there is a need for immediate action and the need for action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted as required by Government Code § 54954.2(b).

Council Member Hewitt thanked staff for their work on the Pavement Management Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Molina requested an item on a future agenda regarding the methods used in obtaining the RHNA numbers.

Council Member Duvall spoke regarding a program at the Sr. Center entitled "Loads of Love". She added that the program was created to provide laundry detergent to the Sr's 60 years and older. She stated that to date 60 bottles had been distributed.

Mayor Davis requested a staff report be brought to the next meeting regarding the Calimesa Christmas Parade, as requested by the Chamber President.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS & REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darlene Gerdes, City Clerk

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ,
SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MOLINA, CARRIED
5-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2021
REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.
APPROVED: April 5, 2021**

