

City Of Calimesa
City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
April 1, 2019

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

ROLL CALL: MAYOR DAVIS, MAYOR PRO TEM MOLINA, COUNCIL MEMBER CLARK, COUNCIL MEMBER HYATT AND COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH.

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF: CITY MANAGER JOHNSON, CITY ATTORNEY ENNIS, CITY CLERK GERDES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ASKEW, CITY ENGINEER THORNTON, PLANNING MANAGER LUCIA, FIRE CHIEF JOHNSON, AND POLICE CHIEF BELLI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hyatt.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – May is Mental Health Month – Behavioral Health Commission

Mayor Davis presented a proclamation proclaiming "May is Mental Health Month" to Mark Miller of the Desert Behavioral Health Commission. Mr. Miller addressed the Council and thanked them for their support. He further invited the Council to the Annual Art Show that would be held on May 14, 2019 at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

Proclamation – DMV/Donate Life California Month April 2019 –Barbara DoCouto One Legacy

Mayor Davis presented a proclamation proclaiming "April 2019 as DMV/Donate Life California Month" to Barbaro DoCouto of One Legacy. Mrs. DoCouto addressed the Council about the importance of being a donor, adding that her daughter was a donor and was able to help over 50 people. She further invited the Council to attend the "One Legacy" DMV/Donate Life California Walk" that would be held on April 27, 2019 at Cal State Fullerton.

Presentation – Crafton Hills College – Kevin Horan, President

Kevin Horan, President of Crafton Hills College greeted the Council and spoke regarding the "Free College Promise Program" available to full time students who must register for 12 units a term and complete their Associates Degree within 2 years. He added that the program includes free 2 year tuition, free text books, free access to a laptop, \$300.00 cash for college expenses, priority class registration to help finish college in two years, individual student support and college advising and opportunity for paid work experience.

Presentation – California Highway Patrol – Captain Mike Alvarez, San Gorgonio Pass Area Commander

Mike Alvarez, San Gorgonio Pass Area Commander greeted the Council and shared his

vision for the Pass Area and his desire to work together with the Fire Departments, Riverside County Sheriff and the neighboring city police departments. He stated that the CHP continues to enforce DUI Citations and have had productive dialog with the Sheriff's Department.

Presentation – Legislative Update – Tyler Ferrari, Field Representative – Senator Mike Morrell

Tyler Ferrari Field Representative for Senator Mike Morrell greeted the Council and provided information regarding various senate bills that affect the City of Calimesa and Riverside County. The Senate Bills are as follows: SB51 would create a charter bank for cannabis businesses. SB139 regarding Independent redistricting of State Commissions. SB644 would reduce security deposits for military members in certain communities. He further spoke regarding a Housing Bill that Senator Morrell is proposing, adding that the bill would combine SB341, SB116 and SB743 into one bill and would be introduced within the month.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Hurt, President of the Calimesa Cultural and Performing Arts Association announced the upcoming "Concerts on the Green" that will be held on Thursday evenings beginning July 11, 2019 and run through August 29, 2019. He stated that local car clubs may also hold car shows during the concert event. He further stated that improvements are being made to the stage area for better visibility and sound. He thanked Council for their support.

Alice Aguilar, 975 California Street, Space No. 3, Calimesa informed Council that she was a victim of mail theft that occurred when she deposited her mail in the blue mailboxes after hours at the Calimesa Post Office. She stated that she filed a police report and a report at the Calimesa Post Office. She further stated that she wanted to inform the City Council of the mail theft problem and to let the public know that they should take their mail inside the post office to be mailed. She suggested the blue boxes be closed by the post office, adding that the Beaumont Post Office has established limited hours for the blue boxes to be open.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HYATT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MOLINA, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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.
 - a) *City Council action minutes of March 18, 2019 regular meeting.*
2. RECEIVE AND FILE CITY COMMISSION & BOARD MINUTES.
 - a) *There are no minutes ready for approval at this time.*
3. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS.
 - a. *Check Register Report with a total of \$403,341.93 (Check Nos. 33446 to 33495)*
 - b. *March 21, 2019 Payroll of \$66,603.49*
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. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the Investment Report for the Quarter ended December 31, 2018.
6. APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FROM TKE ENGINEERING, INC. AND ALBERT A WEBB ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR COUNTY LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO 10% OF THE CONTRACT AMOUNT; AND APPROVE THE FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES FROM TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT FEES FUND 36.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2019-09, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calimesa, California, Approving Funding for Civil Design Services and Environmental Compliance Services Associated with the LPP Portion of County Line Road Improvements from Traffic Improvement Fees Fund 36.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HYATT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MOLINA, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS

Police Chief Belli reported theft up 50% from prior year, adding that mail theft is up and encouraged all to take mail into the post office rather than placing in blue boxes. He further reported burglaries down, but call volume up. He stated that the speed trailer has been placed out on County Line Road and have seen some improvement. He further stated that the trailer would be placed on Myrtlewood Drive and Avenue L as well. He announced 2 new CSO additions to the Cabazon Station.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS

Chief Johnson reported 376 calls for service as of January 1, 2019. He further reported

that the fire and public works staff worked together to pour the concrete slab for the new carport at the fire station. He added that the carport has been installed and looks great. He further reported that the city's ISO fire rating is in process and should be finalized within 4-5 months. Chief Johnson introduced newly hired Captain Alan Rapoza and 5 new intern/reserve members: Derek Gard, Michael Perez-Rogers, Kory Collins, Anthony Gonzalez and Robert Romero. Mr. Romero's fiancé pinned his badge and Fire Chief Johnson pinned the badges on the other intern/reserve members.

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.

Council Member Clark reported that he attended an RCA meeting and the FSA Volunteer Event, adding that Kafe Royal and Janis Medlin were recognized for Calimesa.

Council Member Hyatt reported that he, Council Member Smith and members of staff met with RCTC and CalTrans who provided a presentation of the Highway 60 closure and improvements, stating that the work would begin in May following the Coachella and Stagecoach events. He further reported that he attend a SCAG RHNA meeting along with Mayor Pro Tem Molina and Council Member Smith, stating that the answers are not there yet, but will keep an eye on the issue.

Council Member Smith stated that the RCTC/CalTrans meeting was informative and spoke about the importance of public information meetings with RCTC so that all those impacted can get on the same page. He stated that the "cone zone" would be from Highway 111 to Live Oak Canyon Rd. He further reported that he attended the FSA Volunteer event, adding it was a great event and that Lisa does a great job for Calimesa. He further reported that he met with the Riverside County Transporation Director, Juan Perez and discussed Calimesa's needs. He further reported that he attended the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance meeting at the request of Mayor Davis where they discussed Calimesa having a seat at the table.

City Manager Johnson stated that she had received a request from Joe Zoba to formally appoint a member to serve on the Alliance. Council Member Hyatt questioned the history of the Alliance and whether any monies were previously paid by the City. He further requested the item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Molina reported that she attended the SCAG/RHNA meeting, adding that it is a complex situation with the government threatening to hold back funds if cities are not building affordable housing. She added that all cities can't be looked at the same, as they are all different in size, demographics, etc. She further reported that she attended a RTA Board meeting and a Transportation Now Executive Committee meeting. She further reported that she attended a League of California Cities Transportation, Communication and Public Works Policy Committee meeting where they discussed zero emission vehicles, Transportation and Finance, Traffic Control and renewable electricity.

Mayor Davis reported that he and City Manager Johnson met with the Yucaipa Wine Alliance, adding that more information would come at a later date.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. CALIMESA FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES FOR ADOPTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt Resolution 2019-08, A Resolution of the City of Calimesa approving Calimesa Fire Department Policies and amending Resolution No. 2018-03.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Gerdes presented the agenda report.

After Council discussion the following action was taken:

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HYATT, CARRIED 5-0 TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 2019-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALIMESA APPROVING CALIMESA FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03.

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 Smith questioned weed abatement and where staff is in the process.

Deputy City Manger/City Clerk Gerdes provided the following: First inspections are underway by the Fire Department, with 101 violations submitted to date. Notice to Abate letters will be mailed out no later than April 10, 2019. The property owner has 30 days from the date of the Notice to Abate to bring their property into compliance. The Fire Department will conduct 2nd inspections following the 30 days and will provide the administrative staff with a list of the properties that are not in compliance. The city's weed abatement contractor will be called to abate the non-compliant properties and the property owner will be invoiced. When the property owner is invoiced, it will also include the public hearing notice which gives them at least 30 days notice to pay the abatement costs. If the costs are not paid by the public hearing date, which will be the second Council meeting in July, the costs will be forwarded to the Riverside County Tax Assessor to be placed on the property owner tax rolls.

Mayor Pro Tem Molina reported that she visited "Liberty Village" in Banning and interviewed a 20 year veteran.

Council Member Clark questioned whether the City is reimbursed in anyway when CalTrans closes the freeway? City Manager Johnson replied no. Council Member Clark questioned future street improvements on California Street and the status of the Countyline Road Project. Public Works Director Askew replied that staff would be bringing a Pavement Management Plan to Council soon for discussion. She further

replied that the agreement approved earlier in the meeting would complete the remaining improvements, except for the intersection at 5th and County Line Road, adding that part of the project will be completed by the City of Yucaipa. She further stated that the Public Works Staff are keeping up with the patching of pot holes as they come up.

Council Member Hyatt spoke about an incident that occurred in Desert Hot Springs and questioned if the personal vehicle of an elected official would be covered if it was damaged while conducting city business.

City Manager Johnson replied that staff would contact PARSAC with the question and provide an answer back to Council.

Council Member Hyatt questioned the status of the Countyline Road and California Street project and the 7th Place and Countyline Road Projects. Planning Manager Lucia replied that both projects are moving along and the Countyline Road and California Street project is currently in plan check. City Manager Johnson stated that the 7th Place and Countyline Road Project will be on the April 15, 2019 meeting as a Public Hearing item.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the City Council on Monday April 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darlene Gerdes
City Clerk

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HYATT, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

APPROVED: April 15, 2019