

City Of Calimesa
City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 20, 2023

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA.

THERE WAS COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA.

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOLBOW, CITY ATTORNEY BARROW, CITY CLERK GERDES, FINANCE DIRECTOR REID, CITY ENGINEER THORNTON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MONSON, FIRE CHIEF O'CONNELL AND SHERIFF CAPTAIN SALAS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Manly.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Anyone wishing to address the Council on any item within the Council's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda may do so at this time. This is not a time for City Council discussion of non-agenda items. After receiving public comments, Council Members, or staff, after being recognized by the Mayor, may briefly respond to statements made by the public or questions posed by the public. In addition, Council Members may ask questions for clarification or make a referral to staff for factual information to be reported back to the Council at a later meeting.

Michelle Morton, 199 Summit View Drive, Calimesa addressed the Council once again of her concerns of issues occurring on the former golf course property. She reported a tree being destroyed by a tree house being built in it and someone had been cutting trees and stealing the wood. She requested something be done for the safety of the residents in the area.

Adam Eventov, Regional Representative for SoCal Gas thanked Council and staff for their assistance during the natural gas outage incident and for the use of City property for the incident staging area. He further spoke about credits customers should be receiving on their March billings, as well as a suspension of collection activities. He provided a website, www.socalgas.com and phone number 800-427-2200 for assistance.

Holly Jacobs, 35521 Champagne Drive, Calimesa spoke in opposition of warehouses in the City of Calimesa, the additional traffic they will bring that will cause delays for emergency responders.

Lynn Ernst, 35530 Champagne Drive, Calimesa spoke in opposition of warehouses in the City of Calimesa, adding that some residents already have respiratory problems and that the additional traffic will make it worse.

James Wright, 10320 Calimesa Blvd., Calimesa spoke regarding a SCE project that left the Rancho Calimesa Mobile Home Park residents without power for many hours. He stated that the residents were placed in danger and their health was at risk as they were without electricity and heat for many hours. He added that neither the City nor SCE did anything to provide support to the residents. He further stated that the residents don't trust the Mayor & Council and they don't want warehouses.

Mary Elyas, 1020 Coriander Street, Calimesa spoke regarding an increase in the crime rate, stating that Calimesa has one of the highest crime rates. She reported that she recently had both of her cars stolen from her garage, adding that the City does not have enough police coverage.

Mike Barron, 670 W. Avenue L, Calimesa expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Staff, Fire Department and South Mesa Water Company for their efforts when a major water line broke over the weekend. He expressed his happiness with the work done by all and how the cleanup was done.

Danae Delaney, 223 Tanglewood Drive, Calimesa spoke regarding the approved monument sign for the Birtcher project, stating that the black & yellow colors were not compatible with the environment and that their crown logo was placed above the City's. She further expressed her opinion that the entitlements are biased and the developers come before the residents.

Marlene Davis, 9487 Dale Mesa Drive, Calimesa spoke regarding the warehouse discussions that took place several years prior, adding that Mayor Davis is the only member of the Council that was part of the Council at that time. She stated that the future needs to be considered when looking at warehouse projects and provided the Council with a copy of a newspaper article regarding warehouses in the Inland Empire. She urged Council to do what is fair for all not just the developers.

Renee Kanoti, 219 Tanglewood Drive, Calimesa spoke in opposition of warehouses and truck stops in the City. She stated that she has a member of the Parks, Trails & Community Services Commission and she wants to help grow Calimesa into a family friendly city. She urged the Council to make wise decisions and consider all options and not give in to greedy developers.

Jacob Kanoti, 219 Tanglewood Drive, Calimesa spoke in opposition of warehouses and requested a bowling alley, miniature golf or movie theater for Calimesa.

City Clerk Gerdes read two (2) public comments that were received via email:

Nicole McKay, 243 Tanglewood Drive, Calimesa spoke in opposition to warehouses in the City and urged Council not to allow truck stops as they bring more negative impacts than positive.

Frank & Evie Allen, Calimesa spoke in opposition to warehouses and truck stops in the City. They further expressed their concerns of decisions made by the Planning Commission and City Council that accommodated the developers. They expressed their desire to see Calimesa as a place that others see as a beautiful place and as a city that cares about its environment.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HEWITT, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA WAS ABSENT) 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 for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 – 8)

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 a regular meeting of March 6, 2023.***
2. RECEIVE AND FILE CITY COMMISSION & BOARD MINUTES.
 - a) ***Library Commission action minutes of 2/7/2023.***
 - b) ***Parks, Trails & Community Services Commission action minutes of 2/1/2023.***
3. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS.
 - a) ***Check Register Report with a total of \$1,560,956.23 (Check Nos. 39965 to 40051)***
 - b) ***March 16, 2023 Payroll of \$103,186.22.***
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. COUNCIL TRAVEL EXPENSES.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council move to approve the Council Travel Training and Meeting/Mileage Expenses Report through February 28, 2023.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the Investment Report for the month ended January 31, 2023.
7. CALIMESA FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS(SCBA) PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT AND WAIVER OF FORMAL BIDDING THEREWITH.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council

1. ***Approve Resolution 2023-13, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calimesa Waiving Formal Bidding Requirements as Provided by the City's Municipal Code in Connection with the Purchase and Replacement of the Fire Department Respiratory Protection Program Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment.***
 2. ***Approve the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment from Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$197,173.34.***
8. CITY HALL RELEVELING PROJECT BID #2023-01 – REJECT ALL BIDS.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. ***Reject all bids for the City Hall Releveling Project, Bid No. 2023-01, and***
2. ***Direct staff to obtain informal quotes for the project and return to City Council with an award recommendation and a resolution waiving formal bidding requirements.***

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANLY, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA WAS ABSENT) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORTS

Vice President Tony Phillips provided the following report: March Chamber Breakfast meeting was held at Kafé Royale on March 14th and was a success with Ron Duncan as the speaker. April 11th Chamber Breakfast will be held at the Haus Bistro with Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, cost is \$25 to attend for breakfast. Night at the Races fundraising event will be held October 21st, the Annual Scholarship Tea will be held at the Edward Dean Museum on May 25th at 1:30 p.m. a multi chamber mixer will be held on April 19th at Noble Creek in Beaumont. He announced 2 new members, 5 renewals with 145 total chamber members.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS

Captain Salas reported 295 calls for service March 6th – March 19th. 25 traffic violations, 10 thefts, 3 of those being felony thefts, 5 stolen vehicles with 1 recovered, 3 frauds, 3 domestic violence, 2 deaths, 1 sexual assault and 1 drug arrest.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS

Fire Chief O'Connell reported 380 calls for service year to date, with 262 of those calls being medical aid, 4 fires and 83 public assistance calls. He reported two incidents of hazardous materials dumped at Ave L and Bryant and in the Summerwind Trails Area. He further reported a residential structure fire on 7th place resulting in minimal damage to the residence. He stated that the Annual Weed Abatement campaign is in full force and the second inspections are being completed. He announced that the State Fire Marshall Mapping public comment period closes on April 4th and encouraged residents to submit their comments, adding that the State responsibility areas are changing and

that Calimesa will feel the impact.

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Hewitt reported that she attended a meeting of the WRCOG Administration & Finance Committee on March 8th where they received an update on the I-REN(Inland Regional Energy Network) Program. They further selected award recipients that will be presented at the General Assembly event in June.

BUSINESS ITEMS

9. REQUEST FROM THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO OPPOSE INITIATIVE 21-0042A1, THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council provide staff direction on taking a position on Initiative 21-0042A1, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

City Manager Kolbow presented the agenda report.

Danae Delaney, 223 Tanglewood Drive, Calimesa spoke regarding the initiative and her support for the taxing of the developers so that they stop developing in the City. She expressed her opinion of a biased approval process in the city.

After Council discussion the following action was taken:

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANLY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA WAS ABSENT) TO NOT TO TAKE A POSITION ON INITIATIVE 21-0042A1, THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

10. SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL WORKSHOPS, AND SUMMER MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS WELL AS CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CITY HALL DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- 1. Schedule a Joint City Council and Planning Commission Land Use and Development Workshop for April 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.***
- 2. Schedule the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget Study Session for May 22, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.***
- 3. Provide direction to staff pertaining to the 2023 summer meeting schedule.***
- 4. Consider the closure of City Hall from December 25, 2023 – January 1, 2024, returning Tuesday, January 2, 2024.***
- 5. Approve the cancellation of the January 2, 2024 Regular City Council meeting.***

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

Danae Delany, 223 Tanglewood, Calimesa questioned whether the public would be allowed to participate and speak during the Joint City Council and Planning Commission Land Use and Development Workshop.

City Manager Kolbow stated that public comment would be allowed as part of the agenda for the workshop.

After Council discussion the following actions were taken:

THERE WAS COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF A JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR APRIL 22, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

THERE WAS COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF THE 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET STUDY SESSION FOR MAY 22, 2023 AT 3:30 P.M.

THERE WAS COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO CANCEL THE JULY 3, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 4, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.0

THERE WAS COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF CITY HALL FROM DECEMBER 25, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2024 FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS.

THERE WAS COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY 2, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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).

Mayor Pro Tem Hewitt reported that she participated in the CR&R Anaerobic Digester Tour on March 16th stating it was an awesome tour and she was impressed at how the system works. She further reported that she attended the Banning Chamber Installation Dinner and that she also attended the Yucaipa Rodeo Queen selection event, adding that her granddaughter was selected as the Little Miss Rodeo Queen.

Mayor Davis thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and for their comments. He stated that no applications have been submitted for warehouses or a truck stop to date, but that when the zoning is there the Council has to try to make it work for all. He further stated that a lot of open land in Calimesa has already been given as conservancy land.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS & REPORTS

City Manager Kolbow spoke regarding the emergency repair behind the Fire Station that was approved at the last meeting, stating that the project has been completed and no further action is necessary. He further passed along a request from Council Member Molina to announce that the RCTC voted to authorize a 1.5% sales tax increase, adding that the item would come before the voters before any tax increases are given.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the City Council on Monday April 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darlene Gerdes, City Clerk

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANLY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINS, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

APPROVED: April 3, 2023

