

*City Of Calimesa*  
**City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
March 21, 2022

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**Members of the public were encouraged to participate in this 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.
- 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 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](mailto:dgerdes@cityofcalimesa.net) with a deadline of **5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022.**

**CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Cervantez**

**ROLL CALL:** MAYOR DAVIS, COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL, COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT AND COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA.

**ABSENT:** MAYOR PRO TEM CERVANTES.

***There was Council consensus to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Cervantes.***

**STAFF:** 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 Molina.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Brian Burson of Sandals Church Banning provided a presentation of a volunteer initiative entitled "Dear California" sponsored by Sandals Church, encouraging community members to show simple acts of selfless love by serving their local communities through acts of kindness. He encouraged projects such as trash pickup, park maintenance, city beautification projects, etc. He provided a list of project ideas that could be completed on April 9, 2022 by community volunteers.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(MAYOR PRO TEM CERVANTES 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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 – 5)**

*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 7, 2022.***
  
- 2. RECEIVE AND FILE CITY COMMISSION & BOARD MINUTES.
  - a) ***Parks, Trails & Community Services Commission action minutes of regular meeting of February 2, 2022.***
  
- 3. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS.
  - a) ***Check Register Report with a total of \$427,481.58 (Check Nos. 38353 to 38410)***
  - b) ***March 3, 2022 Payroll of \$79,027.39***
  
- 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 through February 28, 2022.***

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(MAYOR PRO TEM CERVANTES WAS ABSENT) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORTS**

Chamber Vice-President Tony Phillips provided the Chamber Report as follows: Shop Calimesa Hungry Games will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, winners will be announced the first week of July. March Chamber Breakfast was held March 8, 2022 the speaker was from Life Stream, adding that the April Chamber Breakfast would be held on April 12, 2022 and Cyndi Pierce of Twin Graphics would be the speaker. A joint chamber mixer would be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022. A Blood Drive would be held in the Tower Plaza March 29, 2022. Lions Club will hold a Blood Drive on April 4, 2022 in the Stater Brothers Parking Lot. Chamber Scholarships application deadline is April 25, 2022 with the Scholarship tea scheduled for May 12, 2022. A Chamber Coalition Planning Meeting will be held on April 14, 2022. There were 3 new members in March and 12 renewals with a total of 137 Chamber members.

## **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS**

Captain Salas reported 340 calls for service March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup> with 6 arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 3 traffic collisions, 13 traffic citations, 4 petty thefts and 2 grand thefts. He further reported 2 bomb threats at Mesa View Middle School where bogus threats were written on the bathroom walls. An arrest was made of the person responsible for a fentanyl poisoning that resulted in a death in January. The responsible party will be charged with homicide.

## **FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS**

Interim Fire Chief O'Connell reported 385 calls for service since January 1, 2022. He further reported that an ALS Transition Team was being developed and the purchased equipment is being received. He further reported that the annual weed abatement inspections have commenced.

## **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 Molina reported that she attended an RCTC Board Meeting where they discussed the 2022/2023 Annual Goals and Objectives, adding that public comment period will begin in May and the goals should be adopted in June by the Board.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

6. 2022 SUMMER AND HOLIDAY CITY COUNCL MEETING SCHEDULE AND CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CITY HALL DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

***RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:***

- 1. Provide direction to staff pertaining to the 2022 summer meeting schedule***
- 2. Determine a date for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget Study Session.***
- 3. Consider the closure of City Hall from December 26, 2022 – December 29, 2022, returning Monday, January 2, 2023.***
- 4. Approve the cancellation of the January 2, 2023 Regular City Council meeting***

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

After Council discussion the following three (3) actions were taken:

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(MAYOR PRO TEM CERVANTES WAS ABSENT) TO CANCEL THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF JULY 5, 2022 AND AUGUST 15, 2022.**

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUVALL, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(MAYOR PRO TEM CERVANTES WAS ABSENT) TO SCHEDULE THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET STUDY SESSION FOR MONDAY MAY 23, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M.**

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(MAYOR PRO TEM CERVANTES WAS ABSENT) TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF CITY HALL FROM DECEMBER 26, 2022 – DECEMBER 29, 2022 FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AND APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY 2, 2023 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).*

Council Member Duvall reported that she attended the Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner on March 11, 2022 and the San Gorgonio Hospital donation event on March 16, 2022. She gave a “shout-out” to Valeria a cashier at the Marketplace Stater Brothers who volunteers her time making wallets and donating them to the San Gorgonio Pass Law Enforcement Teams.

Council Member Duvall announced that March is Women’s History Month and gave a “shout-out” to all the women making significant changes to make a positive difference and especially to her daughters, Shavonne, who successfully completed the LA Marathon, while managing her demanding corporate position and Enjoli who spends her time fighting human trafficking with Zoe International and the Church Life 150.

Council Member Molina reported that she attend the Cal Cities Riverside Division Zoom meeting March 14, 2022 where they received a presentation on Hydrogen. She added that the May 9, 2022 meeting will be held in person. She announced that the westbound 60 would be closed at 10:00 pm for 5 nights, March 21, 2022 – March 25, 2022. She stated that she attended the memorial for former Chamber Board Member CeCe Palumbo, adding that it was a nice memorial.

Council Member Hewitt reported that she also attended the San Gorgonio Hospital Donation Event, adding that there was a good showing from the Calimesa City Council. She also commented on Women’s History Month, stating that the local Starbucks had various women’s history photos displayed.

Mayor Davis also commented on Women’s History Month and expressed his respect for the women of the world.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS & REPORTS**

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Gerdes announced that a tentative date had been set for the Countyline Road Project Ground Breaking Ceremony on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. She stated that the location is still to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Darlene Gerdes*  
Darlene Gerdes, City Clerk

**MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MOLINA, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEWITT, CARRIED 4-0(COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA WAS ABSENT) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

**APPROVED: April 4, 2022.**

