

City Of Calimesa
City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 1, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: MAYOR DAVIS, COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, COUNCIL MEMBER MANLY AND COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA.

ABSENT: MAYOR PRO TEM HEWITT.

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

STAFF: CITY ATTORNEY BARROW, CITY CLERK GERDES, FINANCE DIRECTOR REID, CITY ENGINEER THORNTON, PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER SHAKIR, FIRE CHIEF O'CONNELL AND SHERIFF LT. OLSEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Lt. Olsen.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANLY, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(MAYOR PRO TEM HEWITT WAS ABSENT) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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.

Marlene Davis, 9487 Dale Mesa Drive, Calimesa provided a document to Council from the State of California Attorney General Rob Bonta regarding warehouse projects best practices and mitigation measures to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. She addressed the proposed projects that would be located between Singleton Road and Cherry Valley Blvd. and the impacts they would have on the Senior residents who live in the mobile home parks and senior communities in these areas. She further addressed the traffic impact the trucks would cause for those older seniors who still drive. She stated that Birtcher wants to put another warehouse in this location and stated that the area would be the worst location for a warehouse. She added that the current warehouses already approved are enough.

Steve Negrete, President Calimesa Cultural and Performing Arts spoke regarding the Calimesa Cultural and Performing Arts Association, stating that a new board had been put in place and they are working to get their programs back up and running, such as

Senior Dinners and Dances, Concerts on the Greens and children's events. He thanked the City for their annual contributions to the Association of \$4,000 and requested the City double their contribution to \$8,000 for this fiscal year.

Kathy Richard, Calimesa Cultural and Performing Arts Board Member expressed her support of the Association and it's request for additional funding.

Judy Valdez, 975 California Street, Calimesa spoke regarding the need for additional grocery stores in the City and requested a WINCO Foods be considered for Calimesa.

Lynn Ernst, 35530 Champagne Drive, Calimesa thanked the Council and staff for the Land Use Workshop, stating it was very informative and she appreciated the handout provided that she can refer back to as needed.

David Zaitz, Summerwind Trails resident spoke regarding the Summerwind Specific Plan that includes a 5 acre lake, parks, trails, amphitheater and place where events could be held, adding that this is an excellent amenity to the area. He expressed concerns of a news article he read regarding Yucaipa Valley Water Districts decision to delay the Calimesa Lake project. He further expressed his concerns of the need for the developer to honor their commitments to the lake project and not let it slip through their fingers.

John Gates, 9633 Rosedale Drive, Calimesa spoke in opposition to the Oak Valley North Project, stating his opinion that it should be renamed to the Birtcher Development. He stated that the proposed project area is not fit for seniors and schools for health reasons and should not be built near residential areas. He further stated that the health statistics from the EPA must be considered.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 – 4)

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 April 17, 2023.**
2. RECEIVE AND FILE CITY COMMISSION & BOARD MINUTES.
 - a) **There were no minutes ready for approval at this time,**
3. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS.
 - a) **Check Register Report with a total of \$670,498.85 (Check Nos. 40224 to 40274)**
 - b) **April 27, 2023 Payroll of \$103,673.83.**
May 1, 2023 Council Payroll of \$1,683.75.

4. APPROVE LIST OF PROJECTS FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FY 2023-24 FUNDING.

RECOMMENDATION: *That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-20, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calimesa, California approving the list of projects for Fiscal Year 2023-24 funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.*

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

SHERIFF CAPTAIN COMMENTS & REPORTS

Lt. Olsen reported 251 calls for service April 17th – April 30th, reporting 33 traffic related citations, 7 misdemeanor thefts, 4 burglaries, 2 felony thefts, 9 alarm calls, 3 stolen vehicles with 3 recovered.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS

Fire Chief O'Connell reported 553 calls for service year to date, with 381 of those calls being medical aid, 10 fires and 115 public assistance calls. He reported that the Annual Weed Abatement Program continues to be in progress suggesting that defensible space should be a total of 100 foot clearance around buildings and homes. He presented photos of the departments new Ladder Truck that was on display at the FDIC International Conference in Indianapolis Indiana April 27th and 28th.

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 Budget and Implementation Committee meeting on April 24, 2023 where they discussed the Fiscal Year 2023-24 proposed budget. She further reported that she attended an RTA Board meeting where they discussed bus fares for students. She announced that she would be attending the SCAG Annual Conference in Palm Springs on May 4th and 5th, 2023.

Council Member Cervantez reported that he attended a meeting of the RCA on May 1, 2023 where they discussed an MSHCP Strategic Action Plan that would be implemented within the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget.

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 Manly thanked staff for the Land Use Workshop, adding that it was a great workshop and appreciated the complexity of the presentation. He encouraged the

public to view the workshop that is available on the City's website.

Council Member Cervantez thanked staff for their work on the first annual Earth Day Event that was held on April 22, 2023, adding it was an awesome event.

Mayor Davis thanked all who volunteered at the Earth Day event and made the event possible, adding it was a great event.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS & REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the City Council on Monday May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darlene Gerdes, City Clerk

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANLY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

APPROVED: May 15, 2023

