

City Of Calimesa
City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 18, 2023

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Captain Peterson

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to the Brown Act, this is the opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Council on any item within the Council's subject matter jurisdiction. Please note that this is also the time in which members of the public may address the Council on any item on the Consent Calendar. This is not the 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.

James Wright, 10320 Calimesa Blvd. Calimesa, spoke on behalf of the Senior Community and their rights to exist and be protected from threats and dangers of the Oak Valley North Project. He addressed the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resource Code 2100 and stated his opposition to the Birtcher development of 4 warehouses and 35 acres of truck parking and the exposure to the senior communities in close proximity to the project.

Blake Ferris, 35091 Buena Mesa, Calimesa spoke regarding the accountability of the City Council to its residents and that the City Council make the City staff accountable.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

- This is the time for the City Council to notify the public of any changes to the agenda; such as removal of an agenda item, rearrangement of the agenda, postponement of an agenda item or continuance of an item to a future meeting. This is also the time for the City Council to remove items from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration. Waiver of full reading of ordinances does not take policy action or approve or disapprove any ordinances on the agenda, it simply means that the entire text of the ordinance will not be read.

Mayor Davis asked if there were any necessary changes to the agenda or any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. City Manager Kolbow stated that Public Hearing item #11 would need to be continued to the October 2, 2023 regular meeting. There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

The agenda and the consent Calendar were approved by the following action:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 – 10)

The following items on the Consent Calendar are routine and customary items and are enacted by a single motion, with the exception of items previously removed during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

1. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES.
 - a) ***City Council action minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2023.***

2. RECEIVE AND FILE CITY COMMISSION & BOARD MINUTES.
 - a) ***Library Commission action minutes of a regular meeting of 5/2/2023.***
 - b) ***Parks, Trails & Community Services Commission action minutes of regular meeting of 8/8/2023.***
 - c) ***Planning Commission action minutes of a regular meeting of 8/14/2023***
 - d) ***Planning Commission action minutes of a special meeting of 8/28/2023***

3. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS.
 - a) ***Check Register Report with a total of \$1,658,726.35(Check Nos. 40781 to 40900)***
 - b) ***August 17, 2023 Payroll of \$111,951.54***
August 31, 2023 Payroll of \$118,029.13
September 1, 2023 Council Payroll of \$1,683.75

4. COUNCIL TRAVEL EXPENSES.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council move to approve the Council Travel Training and Meeting/Mileage Expenses Report through August 31, 2023.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the Investment Report for the month ended July 31, 2023.

6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-52 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIMESA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM, CITY MANAGER AND DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO BE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES AT THE CITY'S BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-52, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calimesa, California authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Manager and Deputy City Manager to be authorized signatories at the City's banking institutions.

7. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-53 EXTENDING ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION: *That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-53 authorizing the extension of the service fee collected on behalf of the riverside county abandoned vehicle abatement service authority until May 2034.*

8. SORENSON DEVELOPMENT– RIGHT-OF-WAY OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR 7TH STREET.

RECOMMENDATION: *That the City Council accept and authorize City staff to record the 7th Street offer of dedication.*

9. CALIMESA BOULEVARD REALIGNMENT AT CHERRY VALLEY BOULEVARD – GRANT CONTRACT WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC).

RECOMMENDATION: *That the City Council:*

1. *An Agreement with RCTC authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Grant Agreement with RCTC for Construction of Street Improvements along Calimesa Boulevard near Cherry Valley Boulevard and*
2. *Authorize City Manager to make non-substantive changes to the Agreement prior to Agreement execution with RCTC.*

10. AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT NO. 5.CM.03-22, NORTON YOUNGLOVE SENIOR CENTER ADA IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II, PROJECT NO 2021-09.

RECOMMENDATION: *That the City Council:*

1. *Award a construction contract to Three Peaks Corp. for the amount of \$67,990.95 for the construction of the Norton Younglove Senior Center ADA Improvements, Phase II, Project No 2021-09; and*
2. *Approve a construction contingency for the amount of \$6,800, a design budget of \$18,413 for expenses to date for plans, specifications, bidding and project management, and a budget for the management of construction including inspection and materials testing of in the amount of up to \$10,200; for a total project cost of \$103,403.95 and*
3. *Approve the Plans and Specifications; and*
4. *Approve Resolution 2023-54, a Resolution of the City of Calimesa authorizing award to a single bidder for the construction of the Norton Younglove Senior Center ADA Improvements, Phase II Project No 2021-09.*

CALIMESA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORTS

No report was given as a member of the Chamber of Commerce could not attend the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

11. PUBLIC HEARING: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 22-05, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-01, AND ZONE CHANGE 21-01 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL INFILL PRIORITY AREA OVERLAY ZONE PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- 1. Adopt CC Resolution 2023-55, 1) approving Environmental Assessment 22-05, certifying the Environmental Impact Report for the Residential Infill Priority Area Overlay Zone (SCH# 2022030754), adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and 2) approving General Plan Amendment 22-01 for the Residential Infill Priority Area Overlay Zone***
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 392, approving Zone Change 21-01 the City prepared the RIPAOZ as Zone Change 21-01 ("ZC-21-01") to encourage infill development and allow for higher density residential development than the underlying zoning designation as established by Chapter 18.20 of the Calimesa Municipal Code (CMC).***

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing and stated that the item would be continued to the October 2, 2023 regular City Council meeting. There were several speaker slips received to speak on the item. Mayor Davis stated that those who wished to speak would be allowed to do so, but that they would not be allowed to speak on October 2, 2023 at the continued Public Hearing. The following submitted speaker request forms, but stated their preference to speak at the October 2, 2023 meeting: Blake Ferris, Robert Conrad, Michelle Brittingham and Mike Brittingham.

The following spoke during public comment as follows:

Judy Swenson, 1021 Douglas Street, Calimesa spoke in opposition of the property on Douglas street being included in the Overlay Zone. She stated that traffic in that area is not sustainable and the speeding on Avenue L is already a dangerous situation. She expressed her opinion that the development would be better suited closer to the freeway and requested that the area above Bryant Street stay as is, adding that the roads are in poor condition and in need of repair.

Crystal Conrad, 451 W. Avenue L, Calimesa stated that she and her husband have been Calimesa homeowners for 10 years and expressed her opposition to the Overlay Zone change and the impact it will have on the homeowners. She further stated that apartments come with challenges such as additional traffic and noise pollution, as well as privacy concerns for existing residents. She further urged the Council to explore alternative options in undeveloped areas.

Joyce McIntire, Douglas Street, Calimesa expressed her opposition of the property on Douglas Street being included in the Overlay Zone and the impacts of the availability of water and increased traffic. She further stated that the impacts have not been addressed in the overriding considerations. She added that the City Council works for the residents and not the developers or the State and if they

approve the project in the older east areas, then the Council is saying they don't care about the health and well-being of the residents and the impacts to property values.

Sierra Hemphill, 444 Myrtlewood Drive, Calimesa stated that she purchased her home in Calimesa in January 2023 and a few months later learned that apartments could be built on the property behind her home. She spoke in opposition of the Overlay Zone Project and high density, multi-story apartments being built in the middle of well-established single story neighborhoods. She added that property values will be destroyed and multi-story apartments would violate privacy of the existing residents.

Shelly Maloney, 915 Douglas Street, Calimesa expressed her opposition of the Overlay Zone Project, stating that she has lived in Calimesa over 30 years and moved here specifically for the rural neighborhood and family lifestyle. She added that the Douglas Street property proposed is not the place for the development of multi-story apartments. She urged Council to keep Calimesa rural.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANLY, CARRIED 4-0-1-0(COUNCIL MEMBER MOLINA WAS ABSENT) TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE OCTOBER 2, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTING OF COUNTY & REGIONAL MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

This is the time for 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 those who attended the meeting and for speaking during public comment, he further thanked those who submitted written comments to the City Council, adding it's important and expressed his appreciation.

Council Member Cervantez thanked those who attended the meeting and invited all to come back to the October 2, 2023 meeting and let their voice be heard. He further requested that they bring back recommendations and not just complaints.

Mayor Pro Tem Hewitt thanked those who attended and provided their comments and concerns. She reported that she attended a WRCOG meeting on September 11, 2023 where they discussed the PACE Program and the process in which to collect on the delinquent accounts. She further reported that she attended an RCTC meeting as the alternate member in Linda's absence, where they spoke about a new pilot program that would take place in Temecula called "Smart Freeways". She further reported that she attended a TUMF Pass Zone Meeting on September 14, 2023 where they discussed the transportation projects taking place in the Pass area.

Mayor Davis stated that the Council cares about the City, as they have families and reside in the City as well. He added that the State is pushing the housing regulations onto all City's in the State. He stated that the Council will listen to all comments at the public hearing.


CITY MANAGER COMMENTS & REPORTS

City Manager Kolbow announced that the City will receive \$5.2 million from RCTC for the Calimesa Blvd/Cherry Valley Blvd. realignment project, adding that Item 9 on the consent calendar approved the grant contract with Riverside County Transportation Commission. He introduced Gabriel Arguelles, the City's new Planning Technician and congratulated Administrative Assistant Heather Sturgeon for her promotion to Accounting Technician I. He stated that a development update would be provided to the Planning Commission on October 9, 2023 and to the City Council on October 16, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the City Council on Monday October 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Darlene Gerdes, City Clerk

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CERVANTEZ,
SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HEWITT, CARRIED
5-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18,
2023, REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

APPROVED: October 2, 2023

