

SPECIAL MEETING

ATASCADERO CITY COUNCIL

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

City Hall – Council Chambers
6500 Palma Avenue, Atascadero
(Enter on Lewis Avenue)

City Council Workshop

MINUTES

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bourbeau, Dariz, Newsom, Mayor Pro Tem Funk and Mayor Moreno

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Lewis, Administrative Services Director Jeri Rangel, Community Development Director Phil Dunsmore, Public Works Director Nick DeBar, Fire Chief Casey Bryson, Community Services & Promotions Director Terrie Banish, Deputy City Manager Lara Christensen, Police Commander Jeff Wilshusen, Deputy City Manager - IT Luke Knight, Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development Loreli Cappel, Human Resources Manager Rachel Hunter, and Public Works Analyst Ryan Betz.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

The following persons spoke during public comment: None.

Mayor Moreno closed the COMMUNITY FORUM period.

The following members of the public were present and gave comment throughout the meeting: Geoff Auslen and Angela Cisneros.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

City Manager Lewis gave a brief welcome and overview of the day.

1. 2023-25 Strategic Priorities and Goals (Action Plan)

Deputy City Manager Christensen provided a brief overview of the adopted 2023-2025 Council Strategic Priorities and Goals and a brief Action Plan status update, including highlights of special project areas.

The City Council made no modifications to the adopted 2023-2025 Council Strategic Priorities and Goals or the Action Plan.

2. Public Safety Facilities Project

Deputy City Manager gave a brief overview of the Public Safety Facilities Project and introduced members of the consultant team, Rob Nash of Vanir and Candice Wong of TenOver Studios who reviewed the project including the Design-Build process, site renderings and timeline. Administrative Services Director Rangel reviewed the budget and anticipated mobilization and demobilization requirements. All staff, including City Manager Lewis and Fire Chief Bryson answered questions from the Council.

There was Council consensus to move forward with the project timeline and the project process as outlined in the presentation.

3. Zoo Accreditation

Community Services & Promotions Director Banish provide an update on the Zoo including the upcoming accreditation process for the Zoo and walked Council through review and discussion regarding options for the continuation of the accreditation process.

Members of the Friends of the Charles Paddock Zoo, including Dr. Steve Robinson, Rachelle Rickard, Roger Snobel, and Angela Cisneros commented on the progress of the Zoo, the accreditation process, and the continued commitment to the Zoo's success.

There was Council consensus to move forward with the Zoo Accreditation plan as outlined in the presentation.

4. Legislative Platform

Deputy City Manager Christensen provided an overview of the items identified for further discussion by Council at the December 12, 2023, City Council meeting and lead Council through discussion of these items.

City Manager Lewis and Deputy City Manager Christensen answered questions from the Council.

There was Council consensus to bring the changes identified in and made during the presentation as a Consent Item at a future City Council meeting for adoption.

5. Community Engagement Program

Deputy City Manager Christensen provided an overview of the Community Engagement Program and requested Council input regarding type, frequency, and location of communications and engagement options.

City Manager Lewis and Deputy City Manager answered questions from the Council.

There was Council consensus to move forward with the Community Engagement Program as proposed by staff.

6. Short-term Rentals

Community Development Director Dunsmore provided a brief presentation on short-term rentals in the City.

City Manager Lewis and Community Development Director Dunsmore answered questions from the Council.

The Council provided staff direction regarding bringing an item forward for future discussion by the Council.

7. Essentialism Evaluation and Employee Culture and Mission Statement Updates

Deputy City Manager Knight provide a brief update to Council on the Essentialism Evaluation currently underway amongst all City Departments. Human Resources Manager Hunter presented an update on efforts to enhance employee culture as well as implementing the Mission Statement throughout the organization.

There was broad Council endorsement for the work being done by City staff.

8. Dial-A-Ride Program

Administrative Services Director Rangel and Public Works Director DeBar provided a brief presentation on the Dial-A-Ride Program in the City and lead Council through discussion on the program.

The Council provided staff direction to bring, for review and discussion, options regarding the future of the program to a future meeting.

In closing, Mayor Moreno thanked everyone for attending.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Moreno adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to the next Regular Session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Lara K. Christensen
Deputy City Manager / City Clerk

APPROVED: May 14, 2024