



CITY OF ATASCADERO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

City Hall Council Chambers, 4th floor
6500 Palma Avenue, Atascadero, California

City Council Regular Session:

6:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION – CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: **By Teleconference** – Council Members Bourbeau, Dariz, Funk, Mayor Pro Tem Newsom and Mayor Moreno

Absent: None

Also Present: **By Teleconference** – Treasurer Gere Sibbach

Staff Present: **By Teleconference** – City Manager Rachelle Rickard, Police Chief Bob Masterson, Fire Chief Casey Bryson, Administrative Services Director Jeri Rangel, Public Works Director Nick DeBar, Community Development Director Phil Dunsmore, City Attorney Brian Pierik, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Lara Christensen, and IT Manager Luke Knight

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: By Council Member Funk and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Newsom to:

1. Approve this agenda; and,
2. Waive the reading in full of all ordinances appearing on this agenda, and the titles of the ordinances will be read aloud by the City Clerk at the first reading, after the motion and before the City Council votes.

Motion passed 5:0 by a roll-call vote.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. City Council Draft Action Minutes – February 19, 2021 - February 20, 2021 and February 23, 2021

- Recommendation: Council approve the February 19, 2021 - February 20, 2021 Draft City Council Special Meeting Minutes and the February 23, 2021 Draft City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. [City Clerk]

2. Adoption of the City of Atascadero Wildland Urban Interface Fire Area Map

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: Council adopt on second reading, by title only, a Draft Ordinance, repealing and replacing Title 4, Chapter 7 of the Atascadero Municipal Code (the City of Atascadero Fire Code). [Fire Department]

3. SB1090 Fund Allocation

- Fiscal Impact: The actions proposed will result in the expenditure of \$140,000 of SB1090 Funds in the current fiscal year and sets forth plans to expend the remaining \$643,106 of SB1090 over the next three years.
- Recommendations: Council:
 1. Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate \$125,000 of SB1090 Funds for the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce Bridgeworks Expansion Project.
 2. Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate \$15,000 of SB1090 Funds for the remaining portion of fiscal year 2020-2021 to establish a new Deputy Community Development Director- Economic Development and Long-Range Planning position.
 3. Authorize the City Manager to establish a new Deputy Community Development Director- Economic Development and Long-Range Planning position.
 4. Amend the fiscal year 2020-2021 monthly salary schedule to include the new Deputy Community Development Director- Economic Development and Long-Range Planning position and correct other positions as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	STEP A	STEP B	STEP C	STEP D	STEP E
Deputy Community Development Director- Economic Development and Long-Range Planning	\$7,689.59	\$8,074.07	\$8,477.77	\$8,901.66	\$9,346.74
Deputy Community Development Director	\$8,074.07	\$8,477.77	\$8,901.66	\$9,346.74	\$9,814.08

5. Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to take additional budgetary actions necessary in future years to expend the remaining SB1090 Funds on the new Deputy Community Development Director- Economic Development and Long-Range Planning position and on broadband projects. [City Manager]

City Clerk Christensen noted that there were non-substantive changes to Consent Calendar Items #A-1 and #A-3. For Item #A-1, a clerical error on page 2 of 4 of the Minutes had been corrected, to reflect priority #3 as "Fiscal and Infrastructure Efficiency and Sustainability" and for Item #A-3, by request of the Community Development Department, the title of the new Deputy Community Development Director was being changed to Deputy Community Development Director – Economic and Community Development.

MOTION: By Council Member Bourbeau and seconded by Council Member Funk to approve the Consent Calendar. (#A-2: Ordinance No. 645)
Motion passed 5:0 by a roll-call vote.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Rachelle Rickard gave an update on projects and issues within the City.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

The following citizens spoke by telephone or through the webinar during Community Forum: Maggie Payne and Geoff Auslen

Mayor Moreno closed the COMMUNITY FORUM period.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funding Recommendations

- Fiscal Impact: \$144,792.00
- Recommendation: Council review and approve funding recommendations for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), as detailed in the staff report, and authorize staff to adjust final award amounts proportionately upon receipt of the final funding amount. [Public Works]

Ex Parte Communications

All Council Members reported having no ex parte communications.

Public Works Director DeBar gave the presentation and answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke by telephone or through the webinar on this item: Teresa Tardiff

Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.

MOTION: By Council Member Bourbeau and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Newsom to approve funding recommendations for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), as detailed in the staff report, and authorize staff to adjust final award amounts proportionately upon receipt of the final funding amount.
Motion passed 5:0 by a roll-call vote.

C. MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

1. Review of Public Input on D-20 and Other Priorities

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: Council receive and file recap presentation on strategic planning session. [Administrative Services]

City Manager Rickard gave the presentation and answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke by telephone or through the webinar on this item: Geoff Auslen and Lee Perkins/Tom Colomar

Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.

***The City Council received and filed the recap presentation
on the strategic planning session***

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: Discussion of COVID 19 issues including oral updates by Mayor Moreno and City Manager Rickard, questions by City Council, public comment and comments by City Council.

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) update – Mayor Moreno
2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) update – City Manager Rickard

Mayor Moreno provided updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke by telephone or through the webinar on this item: None.

Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.

E. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following Council Members made brief announcements and gave brief update reports on their committees since their last Council meeting:

Mayor Moreno

1. SLO Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

Mayor Pro Tem Newsom

1. Design Review Committee

Council Member Bourbeau

1. Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA)

Council Member Funk

1. Design Review Committee
2. Homeless Services Oversight Council

F. INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION AND / OR ACTION: (Council Members may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda. The Council may take action on items listed on the Agenda.)

1. City Manager – City Manager Rickard provided information to the City Council regarding Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) Community Choice Aggregation Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke by telephone or through the webinar on this item: Ray Weymann, Dan Cook, Geoff Auslen, Laura Edwards, Marty Brown, and Tori Keen

Emails from the following citizens were read into the record by Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Christensen: Margaret Bauer, Juanita McDaniel, Kathleen Goble, Suzie Anderson, Mike Jackson, Nyle Ketcherside, Michelle & Adam Morcos, and Jan Wolff

Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.

Following discussion, there was consensus from the City Council to provided direction to the City Manager to bring an ordinance back on the City Council agenda for full discussion and consideration February 2022.

B. ADJOURN

Mayor Moreno adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Lara K. Christensen
City Clerk

APPROVED: March 23, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT PROVIDED BY EMAIL

F. INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION AND / OR ACTION

SUBMISSION FROM: Margaret Bauer

From: Margi Bauer <baumarg@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:36 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>
Subject: F. 5. A. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)

Atascadero has been making great progress over the last decade or so. We still have work to do and I appreciate that the council is not resting, but continuing to find ways to improve.

Instead of discussing, again, changing to an alternate energy supply company, we have more important problems on our plate that need to be addressed.

Our Police Department is understaffed. SLO City Police Officers are paid 30% more than our officers. Our fire trucks are old and need replacing, and the fire stations are also in need of repair. Prioritize council time to immediate needs. The jury is still out on 3CE, push that experiment to the back burner.

Regards,
Margaret Bauer
Atascadero

SUBMISSION FROM: Juanita McDaniel

From: juanita mcdaniel <juamcd12@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:55 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>
Subject: F. 5. A. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)

I give you council members a lot of credit for being able to sit through these long meetings and then attend, on your own time, more county meetings.

Please remember to prioritize our immediate concerns and problems. Don't waste your valuable time on areas where we don't have a problem, like PG&E.

An alternative company was already discussed, researched, and it was decided that we are good! Move on to more pressing issues.

Juanita McDaniel

SUBMISSION FROM: Kathleen Goble

From: Kathleen Goble <kathleen.kattol@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:05 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>
Subject: F. 5. A. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)
Importance: High

One year ago, a friend of mine was looking for a rental house within Atascadero's city limits. She wanted to move back to where she was born and raised.

However, finding an affordable place that would accommodate she and her small dog took three months! Unfortunately, I have heard of it taking others longer to find affordable housing in Atascadero. And I know some who are still looking!

The city council needs to find a solution to the *affordable housing* issue in Atascadero first. Residents cannot afford higher utility bills.

I urge the city council *not* to consider agendizing Central Coast Community Energy.

Thank you,

Kathleen Goble
Atascadero
kathleen.kattol@gmail.com

SUBMISSION FROM: Suzie Anderson

From: Suzie Anderson <szanderson3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:07 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>
Subject: F. 5. A. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)

To: City Council Members

Our city has done a great job on being open to new ideas and finding creative ways of solving problematic conditions. But we also don't need to continually revisit agenda items that were already thoroughly discussed like "Monterey Power," (which evidently wasn't well received because they've already changed their name to 3CE).

Atascadero has a great need for housing. As a realtor, I see the demand for affordable homes. There simply isn't enough supply. However, there are ways that the city council can help increase the supply of affordable homes to purchase or rent.

Let's stick with the right decision by the council to move on to other issues, continue to use PG&E (who is using more and more green sources) and work on things that actually need fixing, like the availability of affordable housing.

Sincerely,
Suzie Anderson

SUBMISSION FROM: Mike Jackson

From: Mike Jackson <mike@slobroker.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Lara Christensen <lchristensen@atascadero.org>
Subject: 3CE

I am against the city moving forward with any action that would bring 3CE into to the City of Atascadero.

We do not need to move forward on this. We need to watch and analyze the results of other cities that have joined 3CE.

There is no rush to move forward on joining 3CE.

Thank you.

Mike Jackson
5502 Ensenada Ave.
Atascadero

SUBMISSION FROM: Nyle Ketcherside

From: The Rippler <nyleketcherside@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 3:41 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>
Subject: F. 5. A. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)

Hello,

My friends in Paso Robles have received their first bills since Central Coast Community Energy has taken affect for those that did not opt out. I want to thank Atascadero City Council for previously voting against Central Coast Community Energy and waiting for more data to come from our neighboring cities and counties.

I ask that you please wait to agendize this topic. Our city has bigger issues that are more pressing. Between COVID recovery and lack of basic housing, there are bigger items that need to be addressed before Central Coast Community Energy.

Atascadero Citizen
Nyle Ketcherside

SUBMISSION FROM: Michelle and Adam Morcos

From: Michelle Morcos <murray2morcos@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:35 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>
Subject: F. 5. A. Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)

To Whom It May Concern,

Atascadero is facing some major issues that need to be sorted out this year. We need better retention for our police force, and we need to help our homeless population. Please do not spend time on agendizing Central Coast Community Energy until you have solved these basic needs for our city.

Sincerely,
Michelle and Adam Morcos
Residents on Tunitas Ave

SUBMISSION FROM: Jan Wolff

From: jan wolff <janwolff@flash.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 5:01 PM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: F.5.A. Central Coast Community Energy

I appreciate the fact that the Atascadero City Council is continuing to solicit opinions from the community regarding the manner in which the city should prioritize the funds and time regarding Measure D-20. The homeless problem is huge in our city; public safety is equally important and we should be spending our resources on those issues.

We should be supporting our local law enforcement and fire service staff. We should be trying to find solutions to our growing homeless problem. These issues are very important to me and to my neighbors.

I do not hear anyone asking about Central Coast Community Energy. We have all seen the disaster in Texas with the retail takeover of energy there. Please do not agendize this item when our neighbors and friends need solutions to much more important issues.

Thank you.

Jan Wolff
10920 Vista Road
Atascadero, CA