



CITY OF ATASCADERO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

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

City Council Closed Session: 5:30 P.M.

City Council Regular Session: 6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION: 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Moreno announced at 5:32 p.m. that the Council was going into Closed Session.

1. **CLOSED SESSION -- PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
2. **COUNCIL LEAVES TO BEGIN CLOSED SESSION**
3. **CLOSED SESSION -- CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. **Conference with Labor Negotiators** (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Rachele Rickard, City Manager
Employee Organizations: Atascadero Professional Firefighters, Local 3600; Atascadero Police Association; Service Employees International Union, Local 620; Mid-Management/Professional Employees; Non-Represented Professional and Management Workers and Confidential Employees
4. **CLOSED SESSION – ADJOURNMENT**
5. **COUNCIL RETURNS FROM CLOSED SESSION**
6. **CLOSED SESSION – REPORT**

The City Attorney reported that there was no reportable action in Closed Session.

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

Mayor Moreno called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Bourbeau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Others Present: **By Teleconference** - City Treasurer Sibbach

Staff Present: **By Teleconference** - City Manager Rachelle Rickard, Administrative Services Director Jeri Rangel, Public Works Director Nick DeBar, Police Chief Jerel Haley, Community Development Director Phil Dunsmore, Fire Chief Casey Bryson, and City Attorney Brian Pierik

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: By Council Member Newsom and seconded by Council Member Funk 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 – May 12, 2020**

- Recommendation: Council approve the May 12, 2020 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes. [City Clerk]

2. **April 2020 Accounts Payable and Payroll**

- Fiscal Impact: \$2,243,160.71
- Recommendation: Council approve certified City accounts payable, payroll and payroll vendor checks for April 2020. [Administrative Services]

MOTION: By Council Member Fonzi and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bourbeau to approve the Consent Calendar.

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.

In response to a request made by Council Member Fonzi at the 5/12/2020 Council meeting, Fire Chief Bryson provided an update on new fire software and the City's evacuation plan.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

The following citizens spoke during Community Forum: Kris Roudenbush and Geoff Auslen

Mayor Moreno closed the COMMUNITY FORUM period.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Amendments to Fee Schedule

- Ex-Parte Communications:
- Fiscal Impact: There will be an increase in operating revenue resulting from the CPI increase, with an offsetting increase in costs to provide the services.
- Recommendation: Council adopt Draft Resolution adopting amended fees and deposits to offset costs incurred in planning services and a schedule of fees and charges for City services. [Administrative Services]

Administrative Services Director Rangel gave the presentation and answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke on this item: None.

Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.

**MOTION: By Council Member Newsom and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bourbeau to adopt Resolution No. 2020-030 adopting amended fees and deposits to offset costs incurred in planning services and a schedule of fees and charges for City services.
*Motion passed 5:0 by a roll-call vote.***

C. MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

1. COVID- 19 Fiscal Update

- Fiscal Impact: None.
- Recommendation: Council receive and file COVID-19 fiscal update. [Administrative Services]

Administrative Services Director Rangel gave the presentation and answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke on this item: None.

Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.

City Treasurer Sibbach made a brief statement in support of the City's practice of reviewing the fee schedule annually and provided additional comments about financial changes during this time.

Council received and filed the report.

2. Consideration of Sales Tax Measure

- Fiscal Impact: Directing staff to bring back a draft ordinance and resolutions necessary to place a sales tax measure on the November 2020 ballot would involve a small amount of staff time.
- Recommendations: Council:
 1. Direct staff to prepare a resolution and ordinance for City Council consideration at the July 14, 2020 meeting to place a one cent local sales tax override measure on the November 2018 ballot; and,
 2. Provide staff direction on what should be included in the draft ordinance. [City Manager]

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke on this item: Ron Overacker, Victoria Carezza, Brandon Roberts, and Tori Keen

Emails from the following citizens were read into the record by City Manager Rickard: Grigger Jones and Ron De Carli

City Treasurer Sibbach also spoke briefly regarding this item.

Mayor Moreno closed the Public Comment period.

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

1. Direct staff to prepare a resolution and ordinance for City Council consideration at the July 14, 2020 meeting to place a one cent local sales tax override measure on the November 2020 ballot that will not include any additional language with regard to a formal oversight committee or advisory body; and,
2. That at that meeting staff will also come back to Council with additional recommendations on processes by which the Council can formally engage the public and develop for the Council a plan of accountability.

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

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 and City Manager Rickard provided updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and answered questions from the Council. Community Development Director Dunsmore also answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke on this item: Tricia Stanley and Brenda Mac

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 Bourbeau

1. Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA)

Council Member Fonzi

1. Air Pollution Control District
2. SLO Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Council Member Funk

1. Homeless Services Oversight Council

Council Member Newsom

1. California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Board

F. INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION AND / OR ACTION:

Mayor Moreno stated she had been approached by TFS to write a letter of support for their application for homeless services grant funding (COVID funding). There was Council consensus to support the Mayor in writing the letter.

G. ADJOURN

Mayor Moreno adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Amanda Muther
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED: June 9, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT PROVIDED BY EMAIL

C. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

2. Consideration of Sales Tax Measure

SUBMISSION FROM: Grigger Jones

From: Robert M Jones <grigger@robertmjones.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:05 AM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Cc: Ron DeCarli <rondecarli@gmail.com>; 'Ron Overacker' <ronoveracker@gmail.com>; Emily Reneau <emily@atascaderochamber.org>; Rachelle Rickard <rrickard@atascadero.org>; Tom O'Malley Forward Address <tomomalley@charter.net>

Subject: May 26, 2020 Council Agenda Item C 2.

Mayor and Council Members:

Re: Agenda Item C 2.

I am a member of an ad hoc group concerned about the financial future of our City. As we all are aware, Atascadero has the lowest revenue per capita of all Cities in this County. As your recent contracted polls indicate, a majority of our citizens would support a 1% sales tax to support our police, fire and emergency responders as well as our infrastructure needs. With our current economic calamity with business shut-downs or drastic slow-downs, we are in great need of an additionally revenue source. We believe that our citizens would greatly appreciate a unanimous Council's decision to place a ballot measure before the voters in November for a new 1 % sales tax. Such a unanimous decision took place in 2014 with measure F-14 for a ½ % sales tax, which has been highly successful in having our streets, roads and related infrastructure repaired and improved. Our Business Community was greatly supportive of F-14 and I believe such a commitment by our Business Community will be there for a 1% tax measure to be place on the ballot for November.

I greatly urge you to consider such a sales tax measure to be placed on our November ballot, and I would hope that such a decision would be unanimous. I believe it would bring a much needed encouragement to our Citizens to know that our City Council is looking out for their best interests.

Respectfully

Grigger jones

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SUBMISSION FROM: Ron DeCarli

A text message from Ron DeCarli was read into the record by City Manager Rickard.