



CITY OF ATWATER

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

November 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Special Session this date at 6:01 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor Creighton presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Pastor Rich Miller.

ROLL CALL:

Present: City Council Members Ambriz, Button, Raymond, Mayor Pro Tem Cale, Mayor Creighton

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Splendorio, Deputy City Manager Del Real (via teleconference), CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso, Police Chief Salvador, Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson, Finance Director Youmara, Information Technology Manager Lamerson (via teleconference), Deputy City Clerk Martin

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

Oath of Office – Police Lieutenant

Police Chief Salvador administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Police Lieutenant William Novetzke.

RECESS TO BRIEF RECEPTION:

Mayor Creighton called a recess at 6:16 PM.

The City Council returned to the dais and Mayor Creighton resumed the meeting at 6:27 PM.

PRESENTATIONS:

Project progress update regarding 1,2,3-TCP Remediation Project (Michael Beerends, GHD Engineer)

Michael Beerends, GHD Engineer, provided the following updates regarding the 1,2,3-TCP Remediation Project:

- ***All well sites are currently online with the exception of Well 15, which is to be pressure-tested and chlorinated before start-up.***
- ***Photo updates were presented of the Central Treatment Site, Well 19, Well 18, Well 16, and Well 15 before the project commenced and of early site conditions. Video updates followed of the sites in their current, final stages of the project.***
- ***The Central Treatment Site is the largest treatment site, simultaneously treating three wells.***
- ***The Central Treatment Site, Well 19, Well 18, Well 16, and Well 15 are all equipped with carbon tanks, back washes, and chemical skids. Well 15 utilized four existing carbon tanks on-site.***
- ***Remaining completion activities for the project include completing Well 15 testing and start-up, finalizing sitework and aesthetics, replacing existing VFDs, and closing out the project.***
- ***Key successes of this project include the treatment of removing trace contaminants from the City's drinking water; the completion of the project in less than a year; teamwork between the City, GHD, WML, and P&P to minimize changes and delays; and a promising budget forecast.***

Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson spoke regarding the construction challenges of each well site and the thought put into this project, and he thanked the City Council for allowing early procurement.

The City Council thanked all who were involved with the 1,2,3-TCP Remediation Project.

Mayor Creighton thanked Attorney Duane Miller for his work toward making the 1,2,3-TCP Remediation Project possible for the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Notice to the public was read.

No one came forward to speak.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION: City Council Member Raymond moved to approve the Consent Calendar as listed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cale and the vote was: Ayes: Ambriz, Raymond, Button, Cale, Creighton; Noes: None; Absent: None. The motion passed.

WARRANTS:

1. November 8, 2021

ACTION: Approval of warrants as listed.

MINUTES: (City Council)

2. October 25, 2021 – Regular meeting

ACTION: Approval of minutes as listed.

MINUTES: (Audit and Finance Committee)

3. September 27, 2021 – Regular meeting

ACTION: Acceptance of minutes as listed.

CALL FOR BIDS:

4. Approving plans and specifications and authorizing advertising and calling for bids for the Applegate Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project (Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson)

ACTION: Approval of plans and specifications and authorizes advertising and calling for bids for the Applegate Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 20-16, Bid Call No. 711-21.

RESOLUTIONS:

5. Making the required findings authorizing the continuation of Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the City of Atwater (City Attorney Splendorio)

ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 3269-21 making the required findings authorizing the continuation of Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the City of Atwater.

6. Approving Budget Amendment amending the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program allocating funding for Phase 4 Pedestrian Improvements to Connect with Downtown Project; and authorizing and directing City Manager to execute all agreements or documents required for Project (Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson)

ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 3268-21 approving Budget Amendment No. 16 amending Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget to amend the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program to allocate funding for Phase 4 Pedestrian Improvements to Connect with Downtown Project, in an amount not to exceed \$203,350; and adoption of Resolution No. 3267-21 authorizing and directing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute all agreements or documents required for Federal Aid (CMAQ) Project No. CML-5254(033), Phase 4 Pedestrian Improvements to Connect with Downtown Project, on behalf of the City.

AGREEMENTS:

7. Approving Use Agreement with Atwater Senior Social Club regarding use of Evelyn Chambers Senior Room located in Atwater Community Center (City Manager Waterman)

ACTION: Approval of a Use Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Atwater Senior Social Club for the use of the Evelyn Chambers Senior

Room located in the Atwater Community Center for Atwater Senior Social Club meetings; and authorizes and directs the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Use Agreement and modify meeting dates and times, on behalf of the City.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS:

City Council comments

City Council Member Button had nothing to report.

City Council Member Raymond reminded the community of the Christmas in Atwater Event hosted by Victory Baptist Church that will take place on December 17-19, 2021 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Bloss Mansion.

Mayor Pro Tem Cale spoke regarding the need to work on a General Plan Update and the appointment of a Technical Advisory Board by the City Council to assist with the General Plan Update. He wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving, congratulated newly appointed Police Lieutenant William Novetzke, and reminded the community of the annual Christmas Parade hosted by the Atwater Chamber of Commerce that will take place on December 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Those who would like to participate in the parade should visit www.atwaterchamberofcommerce.com. He also congratulated Old Town Atwater for the successful opening of the Razzari Ice Skating Rink and reminded the community of the Christmas in Atwater Event hosted by Victory Baptist Church.

City Council Member Ambriz spoke regarding his appreciation for being a part of the City Council to assist the City's residents with their needs. He also congratulated the City for now having clean water.

Mayor Creighton had nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Creighton adjourned the meeting to Conference Room A for Closed Session at 6:46 PM. Closed Session was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of cases (2)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Name of case: Joseph LaGrand v. City of Atwater; Case No. 21CV-03460

Closed Session adjourned at 7:14 PM.

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Splendorio reported that the City Council considered two items of anticipated litigation and one item of existing litigation. The City Council provided staff with direction and no reportable action was taken. The Closed Session agenda was completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Creighton adjourned the meeting in memory of Dr. Edward Vanek.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.



JANELL MARTIN,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

By: Leslie Thuang
Recording Secretary