



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE ATWATER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ACTION MINUTES

June 13, 2022

OPEN SESSION: (Council Chambers)

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Open Session this date at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor Creighton presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: City Council Member Button

Staff Present: City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Splendorio, Deputy City Clerk Martin

CLOSED SESSION: (Conference Room A)

Mayor Creighton invited public comment on Closed Session items.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Creighton adjourned the meeting to Conference Room A for Closed Session at 5:03 PM. Closed Session was called to order at 5:06 PM.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Number of cases (1)

Conference with Labor Negotiators – Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency Negotiators: City Manager Waterman, Deputy City Manager Del Real, and City Attorney Splendorio, Bargaining Units: Atwater Police Officers Association

Closed Session adjourned at 5:36 PM.

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

The City Council of the City of Atwater and the Board of Directors of the Housing Successor to the Atwater Redevelopment Agency met in Regular Session this date at 6:03 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor/Board Chair Creighton presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Sergeant Sarginson.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Pastor Phil Jenkins.

ROLL CALL: (City Council/Board of Directors)

Present: City Council Members/Board Members Ambriz, Raymond, Mayor Pro Tem/Board Vice Chair Cale, Mayor/Board Chair Creighton
Absent: City Council Member/Board Member Button
Staff Present: City Manager/Executive Director Waterman, City Attorney Splendorio, CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso, Police Chief Salvador, Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson, Deputy City Clerk Martin

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Splendorio reported that the City Council was provided direction and no reportable action was taken. The Closed Session agenda was completed.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: ***None***

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED:

MOTION: City Council Member/Board Member Raymond moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by City Council Member/Board Member Ambriz and the vote was: Ayes: Raymond, Ambriz, Cale, Creighton; Noes: None; Absent: Button. The motion passed.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

Oath of Office – Police Officer

Mayor Creighton administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Police Officer Andrew Flores.

Mayor Creighton called a recess at 6:10 PM.

The City Council returned to the dais and Mayor Creighton resumed the meeting at 6:21 PM.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

One person spoke regarding ACE train.

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

WARRANTS:

1. June 13, 2022

ACTION: Approval of warrants as listed.

MINUTES: (City Council)

2. May 23, 2022 – Regular meeting

ACTION: Approval of minutes as listed.

RESOLUTIONS:

3. Approving Loan to Chelsea Investment Corporation, Inc. for Construction of 60-unit Income Restricted Apartment Project and Authorizing Preparation and Execution of Affordable Housing Loan Agreement and Related Loan Documents (Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson)

ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. HSA 2022-4 approving a Housing Successor loan to Chelsea Investment Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000 for the construction of a 60-unit income-restricted apartment project, located on Bellevue Road (Assessor Parcel Number 150-190-038); and authorizes and directs the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Affordable Housing Loan Agreement and related loan documents.

4. Approving Fiscal Year 2022-23 annual SB 1 Project List (Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson)

ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 3315-22 approving Fiscal Year 2022-23 annual Project List funded by SB 1, The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017; and authorizes and directs the City Manager to transmit a certified copy of the resolution to the California Transportation Commission.

5. Approving and Ratifying Side Letters of Agreements with American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME") regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment (City Manager Waterman and Deputy City Manager Del Real)

ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 3322-22 approving and ratifying three (3) Side Letters of Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, between the City of Atwater and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME"), Local 2703, Council 57, AFL-CIO representing Mid-Managers Group, Miscellaneous Employees Unit, and Clerical Employees Unit pertaining to certain terms and conditions of employment; and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

AGREEMENTS:

6. Authorizing and approving Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Tangram Interiors for purchase of office furniture (City Manager Waterman)

ACTION: Authorizes and approves a Cooperative Purchase Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Tangram Interiors of Fresno, California, for the purchase of office furniture, in an amount not to exceed \$107,099.40; and authorizes and directs the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Cooperative Purchase Agreement on behalf of the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing to Discuss and Approve Submittal of a 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application (Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson)

Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson provided background information on this item.

Mayor Creighton opened the public hearing for this item.

No one came forward to speak, and Mayor Creighton closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3316-22 approving the submittal of the applications to apply under the 2022 State Community Development Block Grant Notice of Funding Availability. The motion was

seconded by City Council Member Raymond and the vote was: Ayes: Cale, Raymond, Ambriz, Creighton; Noes: None; Absent: Button. The motion passed.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES:

City Manager Updates

City Manager Waterman reported the following:

- *The City has been working with FM3 Research, who will be surveying citizens throughout the next few weeks to assist the City in understanding citizens' priorities.*
- *Movies in the Park will be brought back to the City, with the first movie on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Veterans Park. Upcoming movies will be shown on July 16, August 20, and September 17, 2022.*
- *The community will be updated with scheduled events for the City's upcoming Centennial Celebration. All residents are encouraged to participate and if there are any questions, the Recreation and Community Events Department can be contacted.*
 - *Upcoming Centennial Celebration events are on:*
 - *August 6, 2022 – Founders walk with Mayor Creighton and Miss Atwater Candidates. Bloss Mansion will also be open from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM for tours.*
 - *August 13, 2022 – Miss Atwater Competition at the Atwater Community Center.*
 - *August 16, 2022 – Clock tower unveiling and reception at the corner of Fifth Street and Broadway Avenue with Old Town Atwater.*
 - *August 20, 2022 – Movie in the Park and Ice Cream Social at Bloss Mansion Park.*
 - *August 27, 2022 – Vendor Fair and Bloss Mansion will also be open from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM for tours.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

One person spoke regarding the public safety transactions and use tax, a half-cent increase to the tax, and the staffing levels of the Police and Fire Department. They also encouraged the City Council to consider a special meeting to be held to discuss the public safety transactions and use tax.

One person spoke regarding prior staffing levels of public safety in comparison to current times and the need for the continuation of the public safety transactions and use tax. They also encouraged the City Council to consider placing a public safety transactions and use tax ballot measure on the agenda.

One person spoke regarding the Merced County Veterans Service Office, and of the services available to veterans.

One person spoke in favor of the public safety transactions and use tax, the current staffing levels of the Fire Department, and of the increase in incidents responded to by the Fire Department in the City. They also encouraged the City Council to consider placing a public and safety transactions and use tax measure on the ballot.

No one else came forward to speak.

CAL FIRE Assistant Chief Pimentel spoke regarding the upcoming Fourth of July holiday and reminded the community to stay safe during the holiday with Fire Department recommendations and do's and don'ts. He stated that additional information is available on the Merced County and City website, and that illegal fireworks can be dropped off to local fire stations without questions or concerns. He also wished the community a Happy Fourth of July.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS:

City Council comments

Mayor Pro Tem Cale wished City Council Member Ambriz an early Happy Birthday and spoke regarding his appreciation for CAL FIRE Assistant Chief Pimentel and his reminders to the community for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. He reminded the community of the firework stands throughout the City that will be fundraising for different causes and organizations, and also reminded the community that if there are illegal fireworks, to contact the City's non-emergency dispatch number and to respect individuals who have pets or may be sensitive to loud noises.

City Council Member Ambriz wished Mayor Pro Tem Cale an early Happy Birthday and wished the community a good evening and safe drive home.

City Council Member Raymond wished City Council Member Ambriz and Mayor Pro Tem Cale a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Creighton wished City Council Member Ambriz and Mayor Pro Tem Cale a Happy Birthday and spoke regarding the Merced County Veterans Service Office and of his appreciation for the military and veterans for keeping us safe. He also reminded the community of Flag Day on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Creighton adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.



JANELL MARTIN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

By: Leslie Thuang
Recording Secretary
