



CITY OF ATWATER

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

July 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Special Session this date at 10:20 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California and on Zoom; Mayor Pro Tem Cale presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Price.

ROLL CALL:

***Present: City Council Members Ambriz, Raymond, Mayor Pro Tem Cale
Absent: City Council Member Button, Mayor Creighton
Staff Present: City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Splendorio (via teleconference), Deputy City Clerk Martin***

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Notice to the public was read.

RESOLUTIONS:

Making the Required Findings Authorizing Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the City of Atwater (City Attorney Splendorio)

City Attorney Splendorio provided background information on this item.

One person spoke regarding the meeting date and time.

One person asked for clarification regarding the City Council Member vote via Zoom.

One person spoke regarding meeting participation via Zoom and in-person.

One person spoke regarding the meeting date and time and meeting participation.

One person spoke regarding consultant reports.

No one else came forward to speak.

MOTION: City Council Member Ambriz moved to adopt Resolution No. 3327-22 making the required findings authorizing remote teleconference/virtual meetings of the legislative bodies of the City of Atwater. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Raymond and the vote was: Ayes: Raymond, Ambriz, Cale; Noes: None; Absent: Button, Creighton. The motion passed.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES:

Direction regarding placement of a Public Safety Tax Measure on the November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial General Election (City Manager Waterman)

City Manager Waterman provided background information on this item.

One person spoke regarding the necessity and importance of a public safety tax, an increase of the existing Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax to one-cent, the rise in crimes and fires, and the need for an additional fire station within the City.

One person spoke regarding prior staffing levels of the Police Department in comparison to current times, the role of the City Council, and the needs of the Police and Fire Department.

One person spoke regarding the past renewal efforts of the Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax, usage of the tax funds for public safety, staffing levels and response times of public safety, the need to keep the Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax at one-half cent, development of the City, the role and responsibility of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax relating to public safety expenditures, the needs of public safety, and the role of elected officials.

One person spoke regarding the need to extend the current Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax.

One person spoke regarding the recently adopted Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and public participation.

One person spoke regarding raising taxes, inflation, public participation regarding a potential public safety tax measure, the meeting date, time and publication, and the response times of public safety.

No one else came forward to speak.

Mayor Pro Tem Cale spoke regarding the importance of the Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax and of the purpose of the special meeting.

City Council Member Raymond spoke regarding the current Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax and of the role and responsibilities of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax relating to public safety expenditures.

City Council Member Ambriz spoke regarding the City Council's efforts regarding the Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax and the need for a public safety tax in the City.

City Attorney Splendorio provided clarification regarding the motion. The motion is giving staff direction to work on a public safety tax measure for the City Council's consideration for placement on the ballot, which will be presented by staff at a publicly noticed meeting.

MOTION: City Council Member Ambriz moved to move forward with a placement of a Public Safety Tax Measure on the November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial General Election. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Raymond and the vote was: Ayes: Ambriz, Raymond, Cale; Noes: None; Absent: Button, Creighton. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.



JANELL MARTIN,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

By: Leslie Thuang
Recording Secretary