

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
4:30 PM

This meeting was held via teleconference due to the Shelter in Place Order issued by Monterey County and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Potter called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members Baron, Ferlito, Theis, Mayor Pro Tem Richards, Mayor Potter

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

Item A: Employee Introduction - Brandon Swanson, Community Planning & Building Director

Item B: SB1383, Food Waste Reduction and Organics Recycling Regulations

Item C: Receive a Presentation from the Public Works Director regarding the City's Storm Drain Master Plan

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The following members of the public spoke:

Parker Logan

Nicola Riley

Michael McWalters

Lisa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item A: City Administrator Announcements

The City Administrator thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Paramedics, Public Works Department and everyone involved for the hard work during the recent storm. The City Administrator discussed the results from Council's direction from the January 20, 2021 Special City Council meeting related to outdoor dining in the parklets specifically related to insurance, the County's view of picnicking and consumption of alcohol in the parklets; discussed upcoming Outdoor Seating Ad Hoc Committee public meeting; discussed universal closing times related to outdoor dining and parklets.

Item B: City Attorney Announcements

The City Attorney stated the City Council met in Closed Session on February 2, 2021 and discussed the matters listed on the agenda with no reportable action.

Item C: Councilmember Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Richards stated he is looking forward to being part of the Ambulance and Fire Ad Hoc Committee; discussed the difference between ad hoc committees and standing committees.

Council Member Baron thanked Mamie Waffle for her hard work over the past year; thanked Police Department, Public Works and CERT volunteer teams for all the work done during the recent storm; discussed upcoming Climate Committee meeting.

Council Member Ferlito discussed attending various meetings; discussed the condition of Highway 1, the noticeable litter and the increase in homeless encampments; stated the website keepmontereycountyclean.org can be used to report litter.

Council Member Theis discussed her relief that the stay at home order has been lifted and requested restaurants follow the rules regarding their permits to allow the Police Department to focus their efforts on criminal activity.

Mayor Potter stated he has received many phone calls and emails stating appreciation for the Library's excellent service even with the doors closed; discussed difficulties involved with collaborative governing.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Theis, the City Council approved the Consent Agenda by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BARON, FERLITO, THEIS, RICHARDS, POTTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Item 1: January 4, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes and January 20, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Item 2: Monthly Reports for December: 1) City Administrator Contract Log; 2) Community Planning and Building Department Reports; 3) Police, Fire, and Ambulance Reports; 4) Public Records Act Requests, and 5) Public Works Department Report

Item 3: December 2020 Check Register Summary

Item 4: Resolution 2021-007 adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget schedule.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 5: Mid-year status update regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget; budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget; and direction to staff regarding the Council discretionary grant program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

The Director of Budgets and Contracts provided the staff report for this item.

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Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of current fund balances, budget projections and use of savings from debt service to fund certain projects. Extensive discussion took place regarding not knowing the impact of the pandemic on the current budget and discussion of concerns with funding projects as opposed to bringing staff back or giving sacrificed raises or giving back the salary reductions that staff sacrificed. Discussion took place regarding the need for funding to complete a mandated climate report. Additional discussion took place regarding the need to find new revenue sources including paid parking and the need to spend money to attract visitors. Discussion took place regarding providing more information to the Council and the public before making a decision related to the mandated report. Direction was given to staff to bring back information regarding the mandated report before a decision is made to fund the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Richards made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-008 approving budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget and Mayor Potter seconded. Mayor Potter requested an amendment to the motion to include discussion and a staff report for March 2, 2021 on the climate report discussed at this meeting. Mayor Pro Tem agreed to the amendment.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Mayor Potter, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-008 approving budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget and requested a staff report be provided on March 2, 2021 on the climate report discussed at this meeting, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	BARON, FERLITO, THEIS, RICHARDS, POTTER
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

Discussion took place regarding the Council Discretionary Grant Program and whether the various organizations should submit applications for grant funding if the funding may not be available. Direction was given to staff to begin the process even though it is not known if funding will be available next fiscal year.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Ferlito, the City Council gave direction to staff to open the process for the Council Discretionary Grant Program, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	BARON, FERLITO, THEIS, RICHARDS, POTTER
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

Item 6: Review and provide direction regarding Fire Services RFP Process

The Public Safety Director provided the staff report for this item.

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Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of including the Ad Hoc Committee for input in the new contract and discussion for room for improvement with regard to the contract for fire services. Discussion took place regarding potentially including quarterly presentations to residents as part of the contract.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Theis, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-009, authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate with the City of Monterey a twelve (12) month extension of the existing fire services contract while a new contract is developed for fire protection with City of Monterey Fire Department and use the Ad Hoc Committee on Ambulance Service for input, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BARON, FERLITO, THEIS, RICHARDS, POTTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Theis requested the topics of paid parking and mail delivery service and street addresses be discussed in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Richards stated he would like to discuss potentially eliminating city cell phones.

Council Member Baron requested a memo be prepared regarding the status of the Carmel Resort Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Potter adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Dave Potter, Mayor

Britt Avrit, MMC
City Clerk