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MEETING MINUTES - Final

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jill Techel
Vice Mayor Scott Sedgley
Councilmember Liz Alessio
Councilmember Doris Gentry
Councilmember Mary Luros

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

3:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

3:30 PM Afternoon Session No Evening Session

3:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:32 P.M.

1.A. Roll Call:

Present: 5 - Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Gentry, Councilmember Luros, Vice Mayor Sedgley, and Mayor Techel

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

- Item 5.A.: PowerPoint presentation by City staff.
- Item 5.B.: PowerPoint presentation by City staff.
- Item 5.C.: Revised PowerPoint presentation (ATCH 1 to the Staff Report) by City staff.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tina Chechourka, Napa Police Department Volunteer Coordinator - introduced the volunteer program and the following individual volunteers who would be volunteering at future City Council Meetings: Sally Hernandez, Mike Hemings and Nina Jack.

Adrienne Boudreaux, resident and parent of Mount George students - voiced her opposition of potential school closures in the Napa Valley Unified School District. She stated that she felt the school closures were not warranted, and she sought Council's support.

Philip White, resident - spoke in opposition of the Heritage House and Valley Verde project. His comments, and photos, were submitted to the Council for review.

Susan Rushing-Hart, resident - spoke in regard to Salvador Creek and the Big Ranch Road Specific Plan EIR. She noted concerns with flooding and water waste. She submitted a packet of information to Council for review.

Rosemarie Vertullo, resident - spoke in opposition of the Heritage House and Valley Verde project. She noted concerns of flooding in Salvador Creek. Her comments, as well as letters of opposition, were submitted to the Council for review.

Earle Craigie, resident - spoke in opposition of the Heritage House and Valley Verde project. He noted concerns over the location to include lack of public transportation, congested traffic, lack of available health services, etc.

James Hinton, resident - voiced frustration that there was no evening session on the agenda; he was concerned that not all residents who wished to address Council would be able to attend in the afternoon. He would also like have more discussion regarding recreational cannabis.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sedgley, seconded by Councilmember Gentry, to approve the Consent Agenda with items 4.A. and 4.F. pulled for discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Gentry, Lueros, Sedgley, and Techel

4.A. [2019-2019](#) City Council Meeting Minutes

James Hinton, resident - spoke in regard to his comments that were made during the August 6, 2019, City Council Meeting. He thanked Police Chief Plummer for assisting with his request. He also asked City Council what they had done to educate themselves on magic mushrooms and recreational cannabis.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lueros, seconded by Councilmember Gentry, that the Approve the Meeting Minutes for the August 6, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Gentry, Lueros, Sedgley, and Techel

4.B. [1962-2019](#) Emergency Repair of Browns Valley Creek Damage to Browns Valley Road at Valley Glen Lane

Determined there was a need to continue the emergency action to execute and implement contracts for the design, permitting and construction of the creek bank and sidewalk repairs adjacent to Browns Valley Creek at Browns Valley Road and Valley Glen Lane, and determined that the actions authorized by this item were exempt from CEQA.

- 4.C.** [2007-2019](#) On-Call Environmental Consulting Services
- Approved two-year agreements with three consulting firms: (1) Area West Environmental, Inc., (2) Dudek, and (3) Prunuske Chatham, Inc., for task-order based on-call environmental consultant services, each in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, and authorized the Public Works Director to execute the agreements on behalf of the City.
- 4.D.** [2009-2019](#) Budget Staffing Plan for the Public Works Department
- Adopted Resolution R2019-099 authorizing the City Manager to amend the Budget Staffing Plan to add one Engineering Assistant position and delete one Electrician III and approve a FY 2019/20 budget adjustment between the General Services Administration Account and the Public Works Department.
- Enactment No: R2019-099
- 4.E.** [1967-2019](#) Public Safety Dispatching Services Provided to the American Canyon Fire Protection District
- Adopted Resolution R2019-100 authorizing the City Manager to execute a one-year contract amendment for Public Safety Dispatching Services between the City of Napa and the American Canyon Fire Protection District (ACFPD).
- Enactment No: R2019-100
- 4.F.** [1988-2019](#) Response to the Napa County Grand Jury Report on Vacation Rentals
- Councilmember Alessio pulled the item for discussion and asked for a report from staff.
- Erin Morris, Planning and Code Enforcement Manager, provided the report and reviewed the City's response to the Grand Jury's findings. Per a request from Councilmember Alessio, Ms. Morris reviewed the amount of staff hours dedicated to Vacation Rental Code enforcement and also reviewed the process of receiving and responding to complaints and violations.
- Brief Council discussion ensued.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Alessio, seconded by Vice Mayor Sedgley, to approve the City of Napa Response to the 2018-2019 Napa County Grand Jury Final Report entitled "Enforcing Short-term Vacation Rental Codes in Napa Valley," and direct the City Manager to submit the response on behalf of the City Council to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 5 - Alessio, Gentry, Luross, Sedgley, and Techel

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- 5.A.** [2006-2019](#) Third Street Parking Lot

John Ferons, Senior Civil Engineer, provided the report. He reviewed project location, conditions of approval, and funding of the project.

Mayor called for public comment.

James Hinton, resident - reiterated that there was a need for parking in downtown Napa.

Chuck Shinnamon, resident and Friends of the Napa River Board Member, encouraged council to build the lot and to do so to the standards set for a municipal parking lot.

Chris Benz, resident, and General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Member - asked Council to hold off on turning the space in to a parking lot until the GPAC provided recommendations.

There were no more requests to speak; Mayor Techel brought the discussion back to Council.

Vice Mayor Sedgley provided some history on the site, and agreed that a parking lot for interim use was appropriate. He asked if the lot could be set up with adequate electrical for possible, future, temporary uses, such as a Farmer's Market.

Councilmember Alessio asked if the neighborhood had been identified as a need site for parking. Mr. Ferons responded that, yes, it was an identified need site, and noted that the nearby intersection had development projects underway that were in need of a parking solution.

Mayor Techel appreciated that a project was moving forward, and agreed there was a need for parking in the area. She also agreed that the City should "model the way," and build the lot to municipal parking lot standards.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sedgley, seconded by Councilmember Luros, to adopt Resolution R2019-101 authorizing the Public Works Director to award and execute a construction contract with Ghilotti Bros., Inc. for the Third Street Parking Lot in the bid amount of \$852,914; authorizing the Public Works Director to approve contract amendments and charges for project services up to a total amount not to exceed \$1,029,875; authorizing a budget appropriation in the amount of \$308,575; and determining that the actions authorized by this resolution are exempt from CEQA. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Gentry, Luros, Sedgley, and Techel

Enactment No: R2019-101

5.B. [1964-2019](#) Napa Pipe Project Update

Erin Morris, Planning and Code Enforcement Manager, provided the staff

report and reviewed the City's proposed terms of the agreement. She noted that the key issue was how the credit for building permits would be shared after the current housing cycle.

Vice Mayor Sedgley shared that he recently travelled to Sacramento with Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza, and Molly Rattigan from Napa County, to lobby on behalf of SB 235.

Mayor Techel stated that the proposed terms seem in line with the original terms that were proposed, and she agreed with them.

Report received.

5.C. [1938-2019](#) Sustainability Plan Progress Report

John Ferons, Senior Civil Engineer, provided the report and reviewed progress made since the City's 2012 Sustainability Plan was adopted. He first reviewed the Community Plan goals, followed by a review of the City Plan goals.

Deborah Elliott, Napa County Environmental Resource Specialists, reviewed progress made on goals CEC1 and CEC7 and reviewed programs through the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN). She also highlighted the Napa County Green Business Program.

Mayor Techel called for public comment.

Tess Wheat, Senior at Napa High School and member of Students for Climate Action Club - shared that the Club's pledge was to call for courageous climate leadership in all sectors of society, to urge Napa County Governments, the State of California, and Congress, to declare a climate and ecological emergency. She attested that the education surrounding sustainability and access to sustainable alternatives, was lacking. She encouraged greater communication to students as well as business owners. She also asked how the City planned on measuring goals, specifically surrounding emission metrics, overall.

Jim Wilson, Napa Climate Now!, and Schools for Climate Action Advisor - spoke in support of sustainability. He stated that, along with the Regional Climate Protection Authority, and other Regional Climate protection efforts in the Bay Area, he would like to see a goal to commit to net zero pollution by, or before, 2030. Students, and the Napa Valley Unified School District, would like to see leaders acknowledge that a climate emergency threatened the residents, and respond with the necessary emergency measures.

James Hinton, resident - agreed that there was an education gap in

regards to recycling, composting and garbage. He stated the City should be setting an example.

Susan Crosby, Volunteer at Napa Climate Now!, and retired NVUSD District - noted that highschool students expressed interest in refillable water bottle stations. She encouraged Council to be courageous leaders in regard to climate action.

Chuck Shinnamon, resident, and Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) - shared that the GPAC had recognized climate change and sustainability as a high priority. He noted that commuting was a contributing factor to pollution, and commended council on approving additional affordable housing. He also noted that GPAC had a strong interest in the issue of pedestrian/bicycle safety and improvements.

Patrick Band, Napa County Bicycle Coalition - commented regarding the forthcoming update to the County-Wide Bicycle Plan, noting that there was a goal for a 10% mode shift toward bicycling. He would like to see more education efforts in regard to bicycle and pedestrian safety, and thanked the Police Department for hosting Bike Rodeos.

Mayor Techel brought the conversation back to Council; brief discussion and questions ensued.

Vice Mayor Sedgley posed questions regarding a carbon reserve and the right sizing of City Fleet. Mr Ferons responded. Vice Mayor Sedgley also noted that he had seen many retailers in town reducing the use of polystyrene on their own. He was proud of the City's plastic bag ban and stated he could support a ban on polystyrene, but was not sure that it was a high priority item.

Councilmember Alessio thanked staff. She voiced concerns that the City was falling behind in regard to climate issues. She acknowledged the concerns of many students. She would like to see support from Council on a polystyrene ban along with a ban on plastic straws and single use plastics.

Mayor Techel stated that she appreciated the youth's involvement in climate change, and hoped to find a more productive way to engage the students. She also noted that the City was very successful when it had a dedicated staff member working on sustainability, and would rather look at funding a staff person before listing out the City's "wants."

Councilmember Luros would like more information on current use of polystyrene and single use plastics before moving forward with a ban.

Report received.

6. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Potter shared that Community Development Director Vin Smith met with the property owners of the parking lot near the Oxbow and Copia and stated that they agreed to remove their no parking signs and would allow employees to park there.

Councilmember Luros requested that Council consider an update to Napa Municipal Code section 12.68.020 to extend the district to include an additional part of Jefferson Street. She would also like council to consider creating a new ordinance, similar to the City of San Francisco's, that would create a buffer zone prohibiting the interference with reproductive health care facilities. By acclamation, Council supported her requests to have staff come back with a report.

Councilmember Alessio voiced concern that the Program Director from the Area Agency on Aging, serving Napa and Solano, was not coming from Solano County to attend meetings in Napa. She stated members and residents were concerned and want to ensure the needs of Napa's older adults are being addressed. Mayor Techel asked that City Manager Potter research and report back to Council.

Mayor Techel introduced Tony Peck, a dignitary in the audience who was visiting from Napa's Sister City of Launceston, Tasmania, Australia. Mr. Peck, who served four years as the Launceston Mayor, and twenty-eight years as a Councilmember before that, thanked Mayor Techel for her hospitality. He had visited Napa in 1988 and was pleased to be back. He shared that it was interesting to learn about Napa's parking concerns, and noted that they had the same concerns in Launceston.

7. ADJOURNMENT: 5:58 P.M.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk