

MINUTES

CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Canning, called the regular session to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Lisa Gift, Gary Kraus, and Donald Williams; Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega, and Mayor Chris Canning

Absent: None

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION ON CONSENT ITEMS OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Oral communication was not received. For oral communication and public comment content, for any item on the agenda, view the video of the meeting available on the City's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofCalistoga> or visit the City's Website at <https://calistoga.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=206>.

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Kraus and seconded by Councilmember Williams and passed by the following roll call vote to adopt the meeting agenda as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Williams and Gift, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Mayor Canning

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Zach Tusinger provided updates on the COVID-19 pandemic and public projects. Mr. Tusinger thanked Calistoga Police Chief Mitch Celaya and the entire Department for their participation in the 2021 Annual Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. He also provided an update regarding the Pool and thanked staff for their assistance over the holiday weekend.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

5.1 Emily Bit and Alisa Karesh from Napa Schools for Climate Action gave a Presentation on Climate Change. Public comment was received.

5.2 Director of Public Works Derek Rayner provided a PowerPoint Presentation on Stage II Water Conservation and Water Usage.

5.3 Mayor Canning read a Proclamation Honoring Police Dispatch/Records Supervisor Teresa Coppock for achieving 30 years of service with the Calistoga Police Department.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comment was not received. Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Kraus and passed by the following roll call vote, Council approved all Consent calendar items:

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Williams and Gift, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega, and Mayor Canning
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.1 Approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2021, City Council Special Meeting and June 15, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting as submitted.

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

7. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

7.1 Consider adopting a Resolution awarding Calistoga Community Enrichment Grants for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution.

Acting City Manager Zach Tusinger presented the item and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment was not received. Motion by Councilmember Kraus, second by Mayor Canning and passed by the following roll call vote, **Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-054 awarding Community Enrichment Grants for Fiscal Year 2021-22.**

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Williams, Gift, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega, and Mayor Canning
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

7.2 Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to recruit additional water conservation staff for the Public Works Department for a limited six-month term in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 and salary schedule and \$30,000 for conservation rebates for a total of \$95,000 as a budget adjustment to the water conservation fund.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Derek Rayner presented the item.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Public comment was not received. Motion by Councilmember Kraus, second by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and passed by the following roll call vote, **Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-055 authorizing the Acting City Manager to recruit additional water conservation staff for the Public Works Department and authorize additional funding in the amount of \$95,000 as a budget adjustment to the water conservation fund.**

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Williams, Gift, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega, and Mayor Canning

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7.3 Consider adopting a Resolution approving an Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager services between City of Calistoga and Brad Kilger.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution.

City Attorney Michelle Marchetta Kenyon presented the item and introduced Brad Kilger. Council and staff discussion ensued.

Public comment was not received. Motion by Mayor Canning, second by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and passed by the following roll call vote, **Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-056 approving Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager Services between City of Calistoga and Brad Kilger. Mr. Kilger will start with the City on July 19, 2021.**

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Williams, Gift, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega, and Mayor Canning

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. COUNCIL REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Gift thanked the community members who decorated for the Fourth of July.

Councilmember Williams requested Acting City Manager Zach Tusinger bring the Tree Resolution to a future meeting. Councilmember Williams stated he received correspondence from the public asking about the red zone in front of the old Bank of America building wondering if the red zone can be painted out. Councilmember Williams stated he met with Chief Celaya and discussed bicycles on the sidewalk and mentioned he was contacted by two residents recently regarding bikes on the sidewalk. Additionally, Councilmember Williams brought up the following topics he would like addressed: 1. More relief from water and sewer bills for the public. 2. Omitting the Business License Tax. 3. Local Government Control. 4. Rotating the Mayor's seat among the Councilmembers. 5. Term limits for Councilmembers.

Councilmember Kraus stated that the Green Committee has been very enthusiastic so far and asked that they take a look at the Resolution that was provided during the Napa Schools for Climate Action presentation tonight.

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega reminded everyone that even though people are getting vaccinated, the COVID-19 Pandemic is not over, please be safe and avoid large gatherings.

Mayor Canning encouraged COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone age 16 and over. Mayor Canning stated there will not be a Harvest Table event in 2021. Mayor Canning asked staff to reexamine converting the Pool to salt water. Mayor Canning thanked Chief Celaya for participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Canning adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Prepared by:


Marni Rittburg, City Clerk

Approved by:


Chris Canning, Mayor

Approved: 7.20.2021