

## MINUTES

### CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 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 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmember Gift

#### 2. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

#### 3. ORAL COMMUNICATION ON CONSENT ITEMS OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Oral communication was 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=219>

#### 4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

City Manager Laura Snideman requested Item 8.1 be heard first. Motion by Councilmember Kraus and seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and passed by the following roll call vote to adopt the meeting agenda as amended.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Gift

**Item 8.1 was heard at this point in the meeting:**

8.1 Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent with Palm Energy LLC for a ground lease on City property for the purpose of installing and operating a clean energy microgrid station.

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution

City Manager Laura Snideman presented the item and Public Works Director Derek Rayner provided a PowerPoint presentation. Council and staff discussion ensued.

Public comment was not received. Motion by Councilmember Kraus, second by Councilmember Williams and passed by the following roll call vote, **Council Adopted Resolution 2022-004 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Letter of Intent with Palm Energy LLC for a Potential Ground Lease on City Properties for a Clean Energy Microgrid Station.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Gift

## **5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Laura Snideman provided updates on COVID-19 and public projects.

## **6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS**

6.1 Water Conservation Technician Mitchell Egert provided a Water Conservation Update PowerPoint presentation.

6.2 Public Works Director Derek Rayner provided a Quarterly Update to the FY21/22 Capital Improvement Tracking Spreadsheet and answered questions from Council.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Public comment was not received. Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and passed by the following roll call vote, Council approved all Consent calendar items:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Gift

7.1 Approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting as submitted.

**Recommended Action:** Approve Minutes

## **8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

8.2 Consider adopting a Resolution approving a One Year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Calistoga and the Calistoga Police Officers Association.

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution

Administrative Services Director Gloria Leon presented the item.

Public comment was not received. Motion by Councilmember Kraus, second by Councilmember Williams and passed by the following roll call vote, **Council Adopted Resolution 2022-005 Approving a One- Year Memorandum of Understanding with the Calistoga Police Officers Association, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute The Memorandum of Understanding and Approving an Amount Not To Exceed \$63,306 from the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Police Department Budget.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Gift

~~8.3 This Item was Pulled and will be brought to a future meeting. Consider adopting a Resolution duly approving and adopting publicly available part-time pay schedules in accordance with the requirement of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 which includes a revised salary schedule for all City of Calistoga employees.~~  
**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution

## 9. COUNCIL REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Canning stated he will be adjourning this evening's meeting in honor and memory of longtime community volunteer and resident Helen Archerd. Helen was a resident of Calistoga since 1953 and volunteered at the Calistoga Care Food Pantry and eventually becoming its manager.

Councilmember Kraus requested an update on the Generator for Rancho De Calistoga. Councilmember Kraus asked when City staff will start using Battery powered leaf blowers.

Councilmember Williams inquired about bikes on sidewalks and stated he will catch up with Chief Celaya on this matter.

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega wanted to remind residents that we are still in a pandemic, if you haven't received the COVID-19 vaccine yet, please reconsider. Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega reiterated Mayor Canning's comments on the passing of Helen Archerd and also expressed condolences to the family of community volunteer Bonnie Jean Hopgood.

## G.) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Canning adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. in honor of Helen Archerd and Bonnie Jean Hopgood.

**Respectfully Submitted**

Prepared by:

  
Marni Rittburg, City Clerk

Approved by

  
Chris Canning, Mayor

**Approved: 3.1.2022**