

**MINUTES**  
**CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM**  
**Calistoga Community Center**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance and Optional Patriotic Activity**

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

Present: Councilmembers Eisenberg (remotely at 6:05 p.m.), Cooper and Gift, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Mayor Williams.

Absent: None

**2. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**

There was no reportable action from the closed session

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

Oral communication was received from For the complete oral communication and public comment content, view the video of the meeting available on the City's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofCalistoga>.

- 3.1. Pam Deem -spoke about a new air conditioning unit at the Community Center, Joseph - spreading awareness about new pest possibly attacking Valley and Blue Oaks, Gregory from Maria Concetta Wines - asking the Planning Department to reconsider the ban on portable sidewalk signage.

**4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Lisa Gift and seconded by Councilmember Scott Cooper to adopt the meeting agenda as presented.

**AYES:** Mayor Donald Williams, Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega, Councilmember Lisa Gift, Councilmember Scott Cooper, and Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report by City Manager Snideman other than confirming that Councilmember Eisenberg successfully joined the meeting remotely after some initial technical difficulty.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS**

- 6.1. NVTA Program Manager Grant Bailey presented an update to the Council on the Vine Trail Project by the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA).

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega to adopt the consent calendar as presented.

**AYES:** Mayor Donald Williams, Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega, Councilmember Lisa Gift, Councilmember Scott Cooper, and Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

- 7.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-44** authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Authorizing Agreement No. 873 with First Carbon Solutions to prepare an Environmental Impact Report as part of the CEQA analysis.
- 7.2. **Adoption or Resolution No. 2023-44** Accepting a Donation from Pam Kinzie for a Memorial Bench and Approving a Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$4,457.
- 7.3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-46** Accepting a Notice of Completion for the Rancho De Calistoga Sewer Line Bank Stabilization Project.
- 7.4. Consider a contract with Marin IT to provide on-site and remote information technology services - **APPROVED**
- 7.5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-47** approving a Consultant Services Agreement to Tall Tree Engineering Inc. for construction inspection and material testing services for Cedar Street Utility Replacement and Pavement Rehabilitation Project.
- 7.6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-48** Conditionally awarding a construction contract to Pavement Coatings Co. for the 2023 Slurry Seal Project Phase I (Project) in an amount not to exceed \$593,175, subject to Pavement Coatings Co. providing all documents in satisfaction of the bid award requirements.
- 7.7. Ground lease for .7 acres of City property with Energy Vault, Inc. for the purpose of building, maintaining and operating an energy microgrid. – **APPROVED**

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING

- 8.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-49** authorizing the levying and collection of assessments for the Palisades Landscape Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Director Rayner presented Item #'s 8.1 and 8.2 together. Councilmember Eisenberg recused himself due to property proximity conflict.

Public Works director Derek Rayner presented the item to Council.  
Mayor Williams opened and closed the hearing with public comment from Dan Herndon - not in support of the item.

Motion by Councilmember Lisa Gift and seconded by Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega to adopt the resolution.

**VIA ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Mayor Donald Williams, Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega, Councilmember Lisa Gift, and Councilmember Scott Cooper  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg  
**ABSENT:** None

- 8.2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-50** authorizing the levying and collection of assessments for the Silverado Place Landscape Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Director Rayner presented Item #'s 8.1 and 8.2 together. Councilmember Eisenberg recused himself due to property proximity conflict. Public Works Director Rayner presented the item to Council. Mayor Williams opened and closed the hearing with public comment from Dan Herndon - not in support of the item.

Motion by Councilmember Lisa Gift and seconded by Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega to adopt the resolution.

**VIA ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Mayor Donald Williams, Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega, Councilmember Lisa Gift, and Councilmember Scott Cooper  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg  
**ABSENT:** None

- 8.3. **Adopting Ordinance No. 760** 2nd reading of "Safe Firearm Storage" ordinance, adding section 8.06.040 to the Calistoga Municipal Code Chapter 8.06, Health & Safety: Firearms  
Police Chief Celaya and Lt. Charles presented the item to Council. Mayor Williams opened and closed the hearing with public comment from Dan Herndon - not in support of the item.

Motion by Councilmember Lisa Gift and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg adopting a Resolution introducing a Safe Firearm Ordinance.

**VIA ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Mayor Donald Williams, Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega, Councilmember Lisa Gift, and Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember Scott Cooper  
**ABSENT:** None

**8.4. Adopting Resolution No. 2023-051** amending the Book of Fees for Building Service Fees.

The item was presented by Planning Director Mitchum. Mayor Williams opened and closed the hearing, there was no public comment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega and seconded by Councilmember Scott Cooper to adopt the resolution.

**VIA ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Mayor Donald Williams, Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega, Councilmember Lisa Gift, Councilmember Scott Cooper, and Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**8.5. Considering the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update to the City's General Plan and direction to staff to submit to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).**

The item was presented by Planning Director Mitchum, Attorney Murphy and Mr. Kohn from M Group. Council discussion ensued, there was no public comment. Staff was directed to ensure consistency throughout the document including the application of 160% of AMI.

Mayor Williams made a motion to continue the item until the next regular meeting, giving the council more time to review the item attachments, there was no second.

Motion carried to leave the hearing open and continue the item until the next regular council meeting on August 1, 2023.

**AYES:** Mayor Donald Williams, Councilmember Lisa Gift, Councilmember Scott Cooper, and Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg  
**NOES:** Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**9. GENERAL GOVERNMENT - NONE**

**10. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega requested a Food Truck Ordinance update, and requested action be taken on a public comment received, Mayor Williams agreed and asked her to follow up with Staff to find a solution.

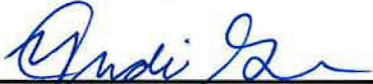
Mayor Williams reported a good turn at the town Fairgrounds meetings with lots of input and ideas from the community.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**


Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting, at 8:13 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

Prepared by:

  
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Yudiana Galvan, City Clerk

Approved by:

  
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Donald Williams, Mayor

**APPROVED: 9/19/23**