

**MINUTES**  
**CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM**  
**Community Center**

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

Mayor Williams called the regular session to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega, Councilmembers Eisenberg, Cooper and Gift.

Absent: None

**2. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**

Mayor Williams said there was a closed session held on July 25th in Anticipation of Litigation and another held today for Real Property Negotiations, there was no reportable action for either of them.

**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>.

3.1. Norma Ferriz of UVFC spoke in support of item 7.2, Bruce Keys of Hwy 29 Media spoke in support of Item #7.4 but against including the Press Democrat, Dan Herndon spoke about the increase in DUIs in this County. There were 33 written comments in support of item #8.1

**4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Scott Cooper and seconded by Vice Mayor Irais Lopez-Ortega 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**

City Manager Snideman shared that the Parks and Recreation newsletter is out and full of fun summer activity information. She also announced that National Night Out is being held tonight and everyone should go to Pioneer Park after the meeting to join the fun.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS - NONE**

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Eisenberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega to adopt the consent calendar, item # 7.4 was pulled for discussion and approved.

**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. 2023-054** Authorizing a Consultant Services Agreement with M-Group for On-Call Senior Planning Services.
  
- 7.2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-053** authorizing the City Manager to execute a one-year professional services agreement with UpValley Family Centers to provide immigration-related services, senior services, and community and health and education services, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 over the course of the fiscal year.
  
- 7.3. The Council received the City's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.
  
- 7.4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-056** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for consultant services with Calistoga Tribune and The Press Democrat for publication of legal advertisements in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in total for Fiscal Year 2023-24. **This item was pulled for discussion, it was agreed that Calistoga Tribune would be the primary and The Press Democrat would be used only in the event Calistoga Tribune is unable.**

Motion by Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg and seconded by Mayor Donald Williams

**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. PUBLIC HEARING

- 8.1. Consideration of an ordinance amending the Calistoga Municipal Code to include new regulations governing Mobile Food Vending (Food Trucks) within the City of Calistoga. Planning Director Jeff Mitchum presented.

There was public comment on item # 8.1: Charles Davis, Salvador Cortez, Michael Dunsford, Virginia Cortez, Rigoberto Caldera and Alexis Cortez spoke against the ordinance; Magaly, Christian and Giselle Escobedo commented in support of the ordinance and Dennis McNay spoke about enforcement and health and safety concerns.

Motion by Councilmember Lisa Gift and seconded by Councilmember Scott Cooper Conduct a Public Hearing and introduce the attached Ordinance with the following changes: duration of hours of operation to 8 hours instead of 4 as published and, the number of permitted vendors limited to 3 instead of 5 as published.

**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

## 8.2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-057 and Resolution No. 2023-058:

- **2023-058** Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- **2023-057.** Adopting a General Plan Amendment to repeal the 2015-2023 Housing Element and adopting the Housing Element of the General Plan for the period of 2023-2031 with findings that it substantially complies with the State Housing Element Law.

Continued from July 18, 2023 Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Lisa Gift and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg on adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration

**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

Motion by Councilmember Kevin Eisenberg and seconded by Councilmember Scott Cooper on adopting the General Plan to update the Housing Element

**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

**9. GENERAL GOVERNMENT - NONE**

**10. COUNCIL REPORTS**


Councilmember Gift thanked Staff and the Housing Committee for working so hard on the Housing Element item. Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega requested a proclamation be made in September in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month and the Mexican Flag be displayed, the Council concurred. Councilmember Eisenberg gave a Climate Action Committee update. Mayor Williams and Councilmember Cooper continue to hold meetings about acquiring the fairgrounds.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting, at 7:28 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

Prepared by:

  
Yudiana Galvan, City Clerk

Approved by:

  
Donald Williams, Mayor

**APPROVED: 9/19/23**

**MINUTES**  
**CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**  
**Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - 2:00 PM**  
**Virtual**

**A CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Present Remotely: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega, Councilmembers Eisenberg, Cooper and Gift.

Absent: Council Member Gift

**B. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

There was no oral communication

**C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTER:**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(2) One Potential Case

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting.

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**MINUTES**  
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**SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - 4:00 AM**  
**Virtual**

**A CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Present Remotely: Councilmembers Eisenberg and Cooper and Mayor Williams.  
Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega was present for the closed session.

Absent: Council Member Gift

Also Present Remotely: City Manager Snideman and City Attorney Michelle Kenyon.

**B. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

There was no oral communication

**C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTER:**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Agency Negotiator: Laura Snideman (City Manager) Employee Organization: Calistoga Professional Firefighters' Association (CPFA)

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

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