

MINUTES
CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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

Absent: None

2. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS

Mayor Williams stated that there was a closed session this afternoon with no reportable action, it will continue next week.

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

Oral communication was received from Rick Kaiser regarding the Council's handling of City employee complaints.

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>.

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Snideman announced that with Council encouragement, the City is going to look into facilitating the Halloween Parade this year. She also reported that the Annual Holiday Dinner for seniors is going to be held Dec. 16th, 12pm-2pm at the Boys & Girls Club, Drug takeback day is on Oct. 28th 10am-2pm and PD is hosting a Trunk or Treat event the evening of Oct. 28th. Also, School Resource Officer Arlen is being recognized for her work with juveniles and for upholding the rights of Domestic Violence Survivors.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Eisenberg to adopt the consent calendar as presented with exception of items #6.3 and #6.4, seconded by Councilmember Gift.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-72 approving the appointment of an Interim Planning & Building Director

6.2. Consider Adopting Minutes - **APPROVED**

6.3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-73** amending the Salary Schedule by adding the classification of Deputy Finance Director, and the Personnel and Staffing Listing by deleting one Accountant and adding one Deputy Finance Director.

This item was pulled by Mayor Williams, he asked for clarification about the savings in salary for this year's budget.

A Motion was made by Mayor Williams to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Cooper.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6.4. **The City Council Proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega pulled this item for discussion, she asked that in the future proclamations be moved up on the agenda and discussed. The City Council proceeded to read the proclamation aloud.

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega made a motion to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Mayor Williams.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6.5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-74** Accepting a Notice of Completion for the Emergency Equalization Pond Liner Replacement Project.

6.6. Amending Agreement No. 950 for Financial Management Services with Municipal Resources Group, LLC (MRG). – **APPROVED**

7. **PUBLIC HEARING – No Items**

8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 8.1. Lincoln Avenue (Hwy 29) Parklets need to be removed or permitted to stay by Caltrans by 12/2023. This item was presented by Public Works Director Derek Rayner

Public comment was made by Erick Reichert, Clive Richardson, Mr. Dierkhising and Mr. Ali in support of keeping the parklets. Dan Herndon spoke against keeping the parklets.

The Council discussed and Staff was directed to pursue the Caltrans permits and a formal agreement with the businesses simultaneously.

Mayor Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Eisenberg to keep the parklets for another year with the City taking on the permitting expenses not to exceed \$18,000 and without making this an annual commitment, only if the businesses formalize an agreement to take over the responsibility for maintaining, cleaning and keeping the parklets compliant with Caltrans rules and regulations.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Cooper reported that there will be a hazmat discard day held at the Fairgrounds on Friday, Nov. 3rd. Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega attended a Flood Control & Water Conservation meeting in Napa. Mayor Williams reported that he attended the NCLOG meeting in St. Helena with an affordable housing presenter, he also has stated that he met with the Fairgrounds Board of Supervisors and discussions are ongoing. Mayor Williams thanks Staff for all their hard work.

10. ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting, at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Prepared by:


Yudiana Galvan, City Clerk

Approved by:


Donald Williams, Mayor

APPROVED: 2/6/24