

**MINUTES**  
**CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - 6:00 PM**  
**1307 Washington Street, Calistoga CA 94515**

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

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Williams (via teleconference), Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Councilmembers Eisenberg, Cooper and Gift.

Absent:

**2. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**

There were no closed sessions.

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

There was no public comment made on consent items or non-agendized items.

**4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Snideman reported that Safety Day will be held on March 30th from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. at Logvy Park where the Napa Bike Coalition, Fire Department, Police Department, Sheriff's Office and CHP will be holding a Bike Rodeo and then a ride through town. Also, Rotary will be having a BBQ there. PW will begin the process for slurry seal project bidding. Also, we have 3 new part-time firefighters in training.

**5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS**

5.1. The Council Proclaimed March as American Red Cross Month, Red Cross volunteer Leland accepted the proclamation.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Eisenberg stated that he did not wish to pull any item for discussion but would like to remark that it is incumbent that the City find safe areas for the approved mobile food vendors to conduct business.

City Clerk Galvan mentioned that since the posting of the agenda, there was only one applicant for the County ATAC vacancy, when approving the item Council is approving the appointment of Aaron Heth to the committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eisenberg to adopt the consent calendar as presented, seconded by Councilmember Cooper.

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

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

- 6.1. **APPROVED** - Approving the Minutes of February 27, 2024
- 6.2. **Adoption of Resolution Ordinance No. 767** - Amending Municipal Code Chapter 5.12 Mobile Food Vendors, Section 5.12.010 E. 2. regarding where mobile vending vehicles may conduct vending.
- 6.3. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 766** - Amending Title 17, Zoning. Chapter 17.19 R-3 Multifamily/Office District and Chapter 17.22 CC Community Commercial District such that Reuse Sites in the 2023-2031 Housing Element (Assessor Parcel numbers 011-062-008, 011-072-020 and 011-050-024) that will accommodate lower income households shall not be subject to discretionary review if 20 percent of the proposed units are affordable to lower income households.
- 6.4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-13** - Approving the 2024 Parade/Event Schedule and Authorizing the Public Works Department to Apply for Encroachment Permits from Caltrans.
- 6.5. **Approved for a Second Reading** - Consideration of Uncodified Ordinance 768 to cancel the City of Calistoga's enforcement responsibility for mobile home parks (MHP) and installations and special occupancy parks under the California Health and Safety Code.
- 6.6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-14** - Appointing a Citizen to the NVTA Board ATAC to represent the City of Calistoga.
- 6.7. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-15** - Approving an agreement between the California Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the Calistoga Fire Department.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-16** - Approving a use Permit application to allow Automobile Sales and Repair use within existing facilities on a .54-acre (23,522 SF) site at 1856 Lincoln Ave (APN 011-050-010).

This item was presented by Interim Planning Director Sandra Meyer and Planning Permit Technician Lauren Clark.

Public comment was made by Walter Abernathy, Donny Taylor, John Gorman, Donna Higgins, Martin Lauer and Jeri Hansen.

The Council discussed and asked clarifying questions from staff.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega to approve the use permit application, seconded by Councilmember Eisenberg.

### VIA ROLLCALL

**AYES:** Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Councilmember Eisenberg and Cooper.

**NOES:** Councilmember Gift.

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

## 8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 8.1. **Approving the Removal of the Parklet** - Staff requests direction from Council on proceeding with negotiations and the possible removal of one or more of the Lincoln Avenue parklets.

This item was presented by consultant Cynthia Battenberg.

There was public comment by Virginia Thomas, Rob Serini, Jeri Hansen and Wyatt Ferris.

The Council discussed and asked staff clarifying questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gift to remove all the parklets, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega.

### VIA ROLL CALL

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

**NOES:** Councilmember Eisenberg

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilmember Cooper and Councilmember Gift** thanked staff for the Water Treatment Plant tour and said they enjoyed and learned a lot about the system.


**Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega** attended a Flood Control meeting, their next project is scheduled for 2025. She also attended the Latino Leaders WELL Water conference and concurred with Councilmembers Cooper and Gift that the water infrastructure is very impressive and complicated throughout the state.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega adjourned the meeting, at 7:05 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

Prepared by:

  
Yudiana Galvan, City Clerk

Approved By:

  
Donald Williams, Mayor

APPROVED: 4/9/24