

MINUTES
CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 6:00 PM
1307 Washington Street, Calistoga CA 94515

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

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

Present: Mayor Williams, 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 public comment made by Charlotte Williams, Aaron Heth, Sean Birge and Steve Patel.

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Snideman introduced newly hired Administrative Services Director Connie Cardenas and Police Officer Tania Nieto.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS

5.1. Police Chief Celaya presented a plaque to Officer of the Year Michael Miceli and Dispatcher of the Year Sabrina Lopez.

5.2. A proclamation was made celebrating The Rotary Club of Calistoga for 100 Years of Serving the Community.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 6.1. **APPROVED** - Consider Adopting the minutes of February 1, 2024, February 6, 2024 and August 2, 2022.
- 6.2. **APPROVED** - Consulting Services Agreement -- CLB Consulting

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7.1. Consider an Ordinance of the City of Calistoga 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.

Mayor Williams and Councilmember Gift were recused during this item due to a property proximity conflict.

Interim Planning and Building Director Meyer and Attorney Murphy presented the item.

There was public comment made by Charlotte Williams, and the Council discussed the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cooper to adopt and waive further reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment ZOA 2023-3, seconded by Councilmember Eisenberg.

AYES: Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Councilmembers Eisenberg and Cooper.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Mayor Williams and Councilmember Gift.
ABSENT: None

- 7.2. Consider an Ordinance of the City of Calistoga Amending Municipal Code Chapter 5.12 Mobile Food Vendors, Section 5.12.010 E. 2. regarding where mobile vending vehicles may conduct vending.

This item was presented by Interim Planning Director Meyer.

There was public comment by Steve Patel, and Rob Serini.

The Council discussed the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Williams to amend the ordinance to indicate that mobile vending vehicles may not park on Wappo Ave, seconded by Councilmember Gift.

AYES: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Councilmembers Eisenberg, Cooper and Gift.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mayor Williams and City Manager Snideman agreed that it would be procedurally best for item 8.2 to be heard before item 8.1.

The City Council Meeting was in recess from 7:24 p.m. to 7:33 p.m.

- 8.1. Consider a Resolution (Attachment 6) approving Objective Design Standards to be applied to a qualifying affordable housing project on a parcel identified as a Reuse Site to accommodate lower-income housing in the 2023-2031 Housing Element.

Mayor Williams moved this item to be heard at a future meeting.

- 8.2. Decision on Scheduling a Public Hearing to Consider a Councilmember Appeal of a Planning Commission Decision Approving an Automobile Sales and Repair Use Permit Within Existing Facilities at 1856 Lincoln Ave (APN 011-050-010).

This item was presented by Councilmember Gift who spoke with concern that although the Planning Commission did a good job, the public may not have had enough of a chance to weigh in and provide public comment.

There was public comment made by Martin Lauber, Tom O'Neil, Walter Abernathy, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Sager, Erik Lundquist and Donna Higgins.

The Council discussed and directed staff to bring this item back to the Council for a public hearing as soon as possible.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Cooper - Would like to bring up to the rest of the Council that the price for grocery bags is going up to .25, almost triple what it is now and would like the Council to reconsider this part of the ordinance, The Council was in support.

Councilmember Eisenberg and Gift - Attended the Climate Action Committee - Calistoga's Foodware Ordinance is the first like it and was very well written, in fact the committee will be modeling their ordinance after ours.

Vice-Mayor Lopez Ortega - Attended Flood Control and Blue Zones Meetings, there will be an event tomorrow at Calm-mart at 11:30 am to celebrate them. She also said the Water

Conference for Latino Leaders is coming to San Jose and hopes Councilmembers can make it.

Mayor Williams - Thanked the Councilmembers for attending all these meetings and representing our City. He attended a NV Tourism Meeting and an NVTA Meeting which will be bringing to Council a few revisions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting, at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


Yudiana Galvan, City Clerk


Donald Williams, Mayor

APPROVED: 3/19/24