

MINUTES
CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 30, 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 6:01 p.m.

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

Absent:

2. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS - NONE

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

3.1. Public comment was made by Cindy Yant and another resident who did not state his name.

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Snideman introduced new hire HR Manager Rena Crabtree, invited the public to Parks and Rec.'s Fiesta on May 4th, 12pm-6pm and shared that the generators for the PSPS events are coming back in June.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS

5.1.

A Presentation was made by Trent Yaconelli of the Boys and Girls Club.

5.2.

An annual department update was presented by Fire Chief Jed Matcham.

5.3.

The Council proclaimed May 5 - 11, 2024, as Municipal Clerk's Week.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Eisenberg is recused from items 6.4 and 6.5 due to a property proximity conflict.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cooper to adopt the consent calendar as presented with the exception of item 6.7 which was pulled for discussion, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega.

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

- 6.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-25** - Awarding T&S Intermodal Maintenance, Inc. to construct the Community Center and Museum Hardscape Improvement Project.
- 6.2. **APPROVED** - City Council Approval of Loan Documents for Extension of City of Calistoga Loan at La Pradera Apartments.
- 6.3. **APPROVED** - Approving the Minutes of April 9, 2024, October 21, 2022 and December 20, 2022.
- 6.4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-26** - Directing the City Engineer to prepare and file a report for the Palisades Subdivision Landscape Maintenance District 2024/2025 Assessment in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 1 of the Streets and Highways Code.
- 6.5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-27** - Directing the City Engineer to prepare and file a report for the Silverado Place Subdivision Landscape Maintenance District 2024/2025 Assessment in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 1 of the Streets and Highways Code.
- 6.6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-28** - Awarding a construction contract to VSS International, Inc. for the 2024 Slurry Seal Project Phase II (Project).
- 6.7. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-29** - Appointing Councilmember Liaisons to Public Advisory Bodies and Establishing Liaison Expectations.

This item was pulled for discussion by Councilmember Gift who requested a change in her appointment to better align with her interest in housing development.

A motion was made by Mayor Williams to appoint Councilmember Gift as liaison to the Housing Advisory Committee and Councilmember Cooper as liaison to the Green Committee, seconded by Councilmember Gift.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-30** - Conduct a public hearing under the requirements of Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act ("TEFRA") on April 30, 2024 in connection with the proposed issuance of revenue bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority (the "CMFA"), a joint exercise of powers authority and public entity of the State of California, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000,000, (the "Bonds"), to finance or refinance the acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and equipping of a multifamily rental housing project located at 38 Brannan Street, Calistoga, California (the "Project").

Jarod Suzuki of CMFA and Smitha Seshadri of Bridge Housing Presented the item and answered Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eisenberg to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mayor Williams.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 8.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-31** - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Make Minor Modifications to Amendment No. 3 to Funding Agreement No. 842 with the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) for additional construction contingency funding for the St. Helena to Calistoga Vine Trail Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$140,000.

Grant Bailey of NVTA and Public Works Director Derek Reyner presented the item and discussed Council's concerns.

Public comments were made by Cindy Yant, Wyatt Ferris, Mary Hastings, and Charlotte Williams.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cooper to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Eisenberg.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

- 8.2. Seeking City Council direction on the terms of a license agreement for use of the City's Monhoff building and for a professional services agreement, both with the Boys and Girls Club of St. Helena and Calistoga.

Parks and Recreation Director Rachel Stepp presented the item and discussed with Council.

Public comments were made by Steve Martin, Pam Ingalls, Lucretia Marcus, Nick Haley and Trent Yaconelli.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eisenberg for the City to continue granting the Boys and Girls Club \$40,000.00 a year, City to maintain landscaping and the restrooms, Boys and Girls Club to pay for all utilities and minor building maintenance, seconded by Councilmember Gift.

VIA ROLL CALL - Motion Did Not Carry

AYES: Councilmembers Eisenberg and Gift.

NOES: Councilmember Cooper, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Mayor Williams

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

A motion was made by Mayor Williams for the City to offer to continue to provide the Boys and Girls Club the Monhoff Facility for \$1.00 a year, to cover half of the cost of their utilities, and take care of the exterior and major building maintenance. Boys and Girls Club is to take care of the routine building maintenance and the other half of utilities, seconded by Councilmember Cooper.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES: Councilmember Gift

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Cooper reported that some businesses downtown that do not pay for garbage disposal services have been using the garbage cans in the enclosure in the City lot, causing an overflow. UpValley Disposal has had to take extra time to clean it up and has fined the businesses that do pay to use the enclosure. He asked staff and Council to review an ordinance requiring commercial businesses to pay for disposal services.

Councilmember Gift reported that Calistoga Little League is in a detrimental state, has had to combine most of the age groups with SH Little League and may not have enough volunteers to continue the program into next year. She encouraged Council to continue to support housing, families and youth sports.

Councilmember Eisenberg reaffirmed that it was a correct decision to for the Council to make the RV as first priority in the Fairgrounds Revitalization project. He stated the public could support the vine trail by signing up on their website.

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega made a statement and said this is her sole opinion and does not represent Council in any way - what is happening in Gaza is a crime against humanity and is genocide happening in real-time, we need to do better and wished everyone peace.

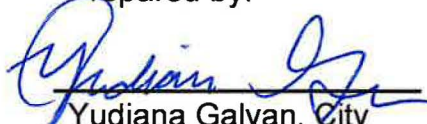
Mayor Williams reported that he attended a NV Tourism Authority meeting and they are exploring an emphasis on sustainable tourism, NVTa is proposing measure U be extended another 12-15 years and may be on the November ballot. Also, NCLOG has reported less money to go around. Mayor Williams requested staff prepare a proclamation and rainbow flag display for the month of June.

10. ADJOURNMENT

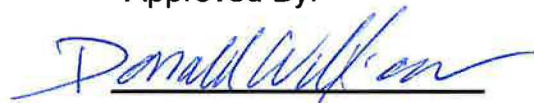
Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting, at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Prepared by:


Yudiana Galvan, City
Clerk

Approved By:


Donald Williams, Mayor

APPROVED: 6. 11. 24