

**MINUTES**  
**CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

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

There was oral communication by Charlotte Williams, Tony Solari, Susan Shaw and Marion Villabla.

**3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Snideman welcomed new employees - Recreation Manager Erin Stroud and Interim Police Chief Joe Allio. She announced that the Fire Department will be hosting an open house on Sunday October 13, 2024 10 am-2 pm and a Fairgrounds cleanup day on October 19, 2024 at 9 am. Snideman thanked St. Helena Hospital for providing Cancer Screening for our Fire Fighters. Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega asked about any event inquiries and uses for the fairgrounds - Snideman stated that there have been inquiries and that the Fairgrounds Director is not only waiting for inquiries to come in, but going through her contacts to go find opportunities. We are still exploring but the Director is working very hard and will be bringing items before the Council soon.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS**

**4.1. Proclaiming October as Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Motion by Mayor Williams to adopt the Proclamation, seconded by Councilmember Eisenberg.

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

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**4.2. PG&E Presentation on Calistoga Microgrid Service Area - Presented by Mark Van Gorder and Jeremy Darnell**

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mayor Williams to adopt the Consent calendar with the exception of Item # 5.4, seconded by Councilmember Gift.

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

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

- 5.1. **APPROVED** - Adopting the Minutes of the September 10, 2024.
- 5.2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-74** - Awarding the Rancho De Lift Station Improvement Project to T&S Intermodal Maintenance, Inc.
- 5.3. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 773** - Amending Municipal Code Chapter 5.12 Mobile Food Vendors, Section 5.12.010 E. 2. regarding where mobile vending vehicles may conduct vending.
- 5.4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-75** - Approving Interim License Agreements for Use of the Fairgrounds Property by Four Current Tenants. Presented by Consultant Cynthia Battenberg.

This item was pulled for discussion by Mayor Williams who asked Susan Shaw of Calistoga Cares about the concern she shared during public comment about using the third room in the building even though it was not listed in the contract. Battenberg confirmed they could.

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:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

- 5.5. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 774** - Second Reading - Amending Chapter 8 Health and Safety: adding Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance, Section 8.29
- 5.6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-76** - Appointing Councilmember Eisenberg as Liaison to the Green Committee.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE**

**7. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

- 7.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-77** - Authorizing a Landscape Maintenance Services Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc. for fairgrounds landscape maintenance services. Presented by Fairgrounds Director Sheli Wright.

Council discussed and asked clarifying questions.  
Public comment was made by Wyatt Ferris.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eisenberg to adopt the resolution, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega.

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

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

- 7.2. **Approved** - Amending Chapter 5.08 of the City of Calistoga Municipal Code regarding bingo to reflect the full authority granted by the State of California Legislature. First Reading.

Presented by Deputy City Manager Rachel Stepp, there was no public comment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eisenberg to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Gift.

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

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilmember Gift** reported that she will be attending the Fairgrounds cleanup day on Oct 19th and invited any high school students needing to earn community service credit to attend, she has secured waiver forms.

**Councilmember Eisenberg** attended a Green Committee meeting and they are working very hard on the RCAAP document. Also, the NVTA has submitted a claim to PG&E for 3 million dollars for the cost of the overruns and setbacks of the Vine Trail.

**Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega** attended the high school presentation and was impressed by the students' good ideas. She and Councilmember Gift will be attending the League of California Cities annual conference and representing Calistoga.


**Mayor Williams** reported he was pleased to attend the high school government class presentations. He and Councilmember Eisenberg attended the NVTA meeting and it is public now that we will be paying more money than we anticipated, there was a discussion of options for recovery. Williams also attended a NV Tourism Corporation meeting. 10 years ago the City approved the process by which the board operates and the fund collection, it will soon come back before the Council for approval. He asked staff to look into Mr. Solari's comment about the invasive French Broom plant on city property, the rest of the Council concurred.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting, at 7:43 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

Prepared by:

  
Yudiana Galvan, City Clerk

Approved By:

  
Donald Williams, Mayor