

MINUTES
CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 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 (via teleconference).

Absent:

2. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS - NONE

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

There was oral communication from Stephanie Duff Erickson, Dennis McNay, Steven Rasmussen and Travis Brown.

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Laura Snideman welcomed 3 new hires, Police Officer Deybis Menjivar, Permit Technician Antoinette Freeman and Executive Assistant Shannon Mattingly. She invited the community to opening soccer night on Thursday at Logvy Field and CERT Training at the Community Center. Bilingual people are needed. In response to Council questions, Snideman provided an update on the Boys and Girls Club agreements and the pedestrian vs patrol vehicle CHP investigation.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ AWARDS - NONE

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Cooper to approve the consent calendar, with the exception of item # 6.5, Second by Councilmember Eisenberg.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

6.1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-63** - Approving a Master Agreement for Consultant Services with Larry Walker Associates for Services Related to the City's Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant Operating Permits, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$72,918.

6.2. **APPROVED** - Adopting the Minutes of July 30, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting

- 6.3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-64** - Authorizing a purchase order in the amount of \$119,267 to Parkson Corporation to recondition three existing DynaSand filters located at the Dunaweal Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- 6.4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-65** - Approving a purchase order agreement in an amount not to exceed \$59,398.00 with Telstar Instruments, for the removal of an existing non-compliant generator and the purchase and installation of a new Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) compliant generator at the Public Works Corporation Yard.
- 6.5. **Adoption of Resolution 2024-66** - Accepting a grant in the amount of \$55,000.00 from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the purchase of battery-powered extrication tools, and make necessary General Fund budget adjustments to account for the remaining balance due.

This item was pulled for discussion by Vice-Mayor Lopez-Ortega. Fire Chief Jed Matcham presented the item and answered clarifying questions from the Council.

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

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES: Councilmember Gift

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

- 6.6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-67** - Consider adopting a resolution to rescind Resolution No. 2020-27 and adopt a revised Conflict of Interest Code.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7.1. **This item was Continued to the Next Regular City Council Meeting** - Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) Ordinance, adding section 8.29.010 to Calistoga Municipal Code Chapter 8.28 Health and Safety: Smoking in Public Places and Sale of Tobacco Products, to further regulate the sale of Tobacco products within our community.

Mayor Williams advised the public that this item would be continued and heard at the next Regular City Council Meeting.

8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

8.1. AMENDMENTS APPROVED - Council discussion and direction to staff regarding the City of Calistoga Municipal Code Chapter 5.12 Mobile Food Vendors.

This item was presented by Planning Director Greg Desmond.

There was public comment by Steve Patel, Rob Serini, Wyatt Ferris, Dan Herndon and Giselle Escobedo.

Council discussed several options and asked clarifying questions of Desmond.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gift to remove Brannan Street as an allowed location for mobile food vending and include the Logvy Field parking lot as an approved location for mobile food vending. Seconded by Councilmember Cooper.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES: Councilmember Eisenberg

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Council further discussed the use of Washington Street for mobile food vending.

Mayor Williams made a motion to remove Washington St/Lincoln Ave through Washington St/Eddy St from the approved mobile food vending locations and add two locations on the Fairgrounds property to allow for mobile food vending, for a total of 5 approved locations for mobile food vending, seconded by Councilmember Cooper.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

8.2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-68 - Waiving City Fees related to the Halloween Parade Road Closures.

This item was presented by Deputy City Manager Rachel Stepp.

There was public comment by Maggie Maib and Steve Patel.

After Council discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion 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:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

- 8.3. **AMENDMENTS APPROVED** - Discussion and direction to staff regarding the City of Calistoga Municipal Code Chapter 17.58 Signs and Advertising Regulations.

This item was presented by Planning Director Greg Desmond.

There was public comment by Wyatt Ferris, Eric Reichert, Rob Serini, Giselle Escobedo, Ted Osbourne and Tim Moore.

After Council discussion, Councilmember Eisenberg made a motion to adopt an ordinance modifying the zoning code to allow A-frame signs similar to St. Helena, with the modification that only one sign per business is allowed, must be placed within the length of that business, and directed staff to find a way for the businesses on Washington St to be able to place signs on the corner of Lincoln Ave without obstructing traffic in a way that is fair to all business. Seconded by Councilmember Gift.

VIA ROLL CALL

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

NOES: Mayor Williams

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Williams toured the PG&E fire mitigation center in San Ramon. Williams also attended a Housing Advisory Committee. He attended the NVTVA vine trail ribbon cutting. It was well attended and he cautioned everyone to be careful crossing the highway around Bothe. Also, it may be time for hotels to remind guests not to ride bikes on the sidewalks. Williams asked staff to place Idling Flyers on the next agenda on behalf of the Green Committee and Community Enrichment Grants to re-evaluate the application requirements. The rest of the Council agreed. He also asked for staff to bring back the discussion of Bocce Ball Courts vs something else at the Logvy Project. The rest of the Council did not agree. The Mayor congratulated long-time resident Nick Hope who will turn 100 ys old on Sept. 7th.

Councilmember Eisenberg also attended the NVTa ribbon cutting. Eisenberg attended an ATAC meeting and they are working on a great workplan. He requested zoning code updates that support general plan policies that minimize the use of cars and make for easier bicycle access. Council agreed. He also attended the Green Committee meeting and agrees they should come back to share their ideas.

Councilmember Cooper reached out to CHP to see if any lighting was needed to help make rescues safer and was pleased to learn none is necessary per their night vision equipment.

Councilmember Gift also visited the vine trail and is very grateful our community has access to it.

Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega also attended the PGE fire mitigation center. She also attended the flood control committee and this weekend will attend the WELL Water conference in Los Angeles. Lopez-Ortega wishes to send her condolences to the family of Elaine Jones, who was a great woman and advocate to the community and will be missed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting, at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Prepared by:



Yudiana Galvan, City
Clerk

Approved By:



Donald Williams, Mayor

APPROVED: 9/10/24