



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Winters City Council Held on June 18, 2019

Mayor Biasi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Jesse Loren, Pierre Neu,
Mayor Pro Tem Wade Cowan, Mayor Bill Biasi

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager John W. Donlevy Jr., City Attorney Ethan Walsh,
Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby, Building Official
Gene Ashdown, Police Chief John Miller, Police Sergeants Albert
Ramos and Jose Hermosillo, Police SRO/Detective David
Gonzalez, Police Chaplain Robert Duvall & Kepi, and City Clerk
Tracy Jensen.

Police Chief John Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: City Manager Donlevy requested that Consent Item D,
Extension for Completion of the Public Improvements for the Public Improvement
and Maintenance Agreement with SLO Rentals, LLC for Olive Grove Phase 1
Subdivision, be removed from the agenda at this time. Motion by Council
Member Neu, second by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan to approve the agenda with the
stated change. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan,
Mayor Biasi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS: Verbal updates were provided by Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019
- B. Minutes of the Joint Workshop of the Winters City Council and the Winters Planning Commission Held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019
- C. Amplified Sound Permit WFOL July Gazebo Concerts
- D. Resolution 2019-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winters Granting a 147-Day Extension for Completion of the Public Improvements for the Public Improvement and Maintenance Agreement with SLO Rentals, LLC for Olive Grove Phase 1 Subdivision (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

City Manager Donlevy gave a brief overview. Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to approve the Consent Calendar Items A, B and C. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan,
Mayor Biasi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief John Miller introduced Charlie Kharsa, the newest Winters Reserve Police Officer, who will soon be entering the Winters Police Department's Field Training Program. City Clerk Tracy Jensen administered the Oath of Office and his wife Annette pinned his badge to his uniform. Reserve Officer Kharsa thanked Council for their time and for making him part of the team. Following two years of ride-alongs, he said he was excited to be part of the community.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing to Receive Input from Specific Property Owners Regarding Implementation of Weed Abatement for 2019

City Manager Donlevy gave a brief overview. Mayor Biasi opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Tina Lowden, 400 Niemann, asked if there was a list of property owners available to the public. Staff responded that this list is available on the City's website and is included in the agenda packet. Mayor Biasi closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

2. Planning Commission Appointments

Mayor Pro Tem and Interview Committee Member Wade Cowan said along with Interview Committee Member Jesse Loren, seven candidates were interviewed, all of whom were well-qualified.

The recommendation brought forth to Council by the Interview Committee was to re-appoint Ramon Altamirano, Gregory Contreras, and Pat Riley for a four-year term on the Planning Commission. During the interview process, all candidates agreed to remain on a list as potential replacements in the event a member of the Planning Commission is unable to fulfill their appointment. Interview Committee Member Jesse Loren added that all of the candidates were solid and enthusiastic, which is a great representation for a small city.

Kate Laddish, 400 Morgan, appreciates that several people applied to be on the Planning Commission. She thanked the applicants and those Planning Commissioners who continue to serve.

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to approve the recommendation brought forth by the Planning Commission Interview Committee and re-appoint Ramon Altamirano, Gregory Contreras and Pat Riley to the Planning Commission for a four-year term. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan,
Mayor Biasi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Biasi said it is good having knowledgeable candidates to choose from. Planning Commission Chairman Paul Myer thanked Council for making the re-appointments, all of whom read their materials and do a good job.

3. Pension and Other Post Employment (OPEB) Benefits Policy

City Manager Donlevy gave a brief overview and said the information provided by Shelly Gunby, Director of Financial Management, is its most basic and easy to read in dealing with one of the most important topics the City is dealing with. Included with the staff report and resolution is the proposed "Policy on Pension and Funded Liabilities" that includes guidelines on how to include money in the City's budget in the upcoming years for payment of pension and OPEB unfunded liabilities. Pensions and OPEB are big topics in California and having a policy in place is a priority and that a proactive approach to funding these liabilities is a prudent financial practice.

Shelly proposed setting up a trust to put money into (\$66,000 out of the budget each year from the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund) to begin funding the cost of retiree benefits while the employees are still working, prior to their retirement.

For young police officers under the PEPRA plan, staff would like to be proactive regarding the unfunded liability from CalPERS each July by paying it once and saving 7.25%. This is included within the attached policy, and if approved, staff will make this payment annually and not need to submit this request each year.

The 2017-2018 Yolo County Grand Jury report included an entire section regarding the looming pension crisis in cities and counties and identified some of the issues as: lack of transparency, "golden parachutes", and the lack of political or financial payment to bring the balance down quicker. They want the cities and counties to educate their employees, investigate alternatives to the CalPERS system, make additional funding choices, and collaborate between the cities in Yolo County.

Staff is requesting to make additional payments to CalPERS that are being included in the budget: an additional \$100K the first year, \$75K the second year, and \$200K each year thereafter. This policy recommendation shows the City will pay off the current liability in twelve years. CalPERS estimated it would take 20 years. The balance will never be zero as the liability will continue to accrue. Shelly added the CalPERS interest rate has been reduced from 7.5% to 7%, and may be going down to 6.5% and confirmed the City has the tools to manage it.

In response to Mayor Biasi's question, Shelly said funds can be taken from the Water Fund and Sewer Fund because employees are working in water and sewer and the rates are set. Doing this won't violate the City's bond covenants. Mayor Biasi also asked about looking into alternative other than CalPERS. Shelly responded that all contracts and MOU's indicate the employees will become a member of the CalPERS system and the City has not attempted to negotiate out of it. This may be a possibility for new employees, but there are a lot of legal issues when dealing with several different classes. Shelly indicated that she has looked into CalPERS about starting up a trust on the pension side.

Mayor Pro Tem Cowan said he was glad to see this much effort to get this under control. He said he liked the lump sum payment at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan to approve Resolution 2019-22 adopting a pension and OPEB policy. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Pro Tem Cowan,
Mayor Biasi

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Airbnbs and the EDAC report will be on the June 25th Planning Commission agenda. Thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Cowan and Council Member Loren for sitting on the Planning Commission Interview Committee and completing the candidate interviews.

INFORMATION ONLY: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Biasi adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Bill Biasi, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Tracy S. Jensen, City Clerk