



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council
Held via Teleconference (ZOOM) on September 1, 2020

Executive Session – 5:30 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (One Matter)

City Attorney Walsh reported there was no reportable action taken during Executive Session.

Regular Session – 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Jesse Loren, Pierre Neu,
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Biasi, Mayor Wade Cowan
Absent: None
Staff: Interim City Manager Shelly Gunby, City Attorney Ethan Walsh,
Part-Time Administrative Assistant John Donlevy, Building Official
Gene Ashdown, Public Works Superintendent Eric Lucero, City
Clerk Tracy Jensen

Council Member Loren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Interim City Manager Gunby said there were no changes to the agenda. Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to approve the agenda with no changes. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kate Laddish, 400 Morgan St., reiterated that, in order to be a resilient community, Winters must be proactive and plan for future disasters, and she offered to be involved in these efforts. She expressed surprise that emergency response or an update on the fire were not on the agenda, so offered ideas for what Council could consider for the next agenda. These include a presentation from the disaster preparedness subcommittee, of which she is a member, of the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services about their recommendations for emergency prep and evacuation planning, and hearing from the Winters Senior Commission on Aging on their work on the local portion of those recommendations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020
- B. Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Winters Celebrating September 21-25, 2020 as Fall Prevention Awareness Week
- C. Waive the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2020-05, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Winters Approving the NeighborWorks Tentative Map and PD Overlay
- D. Final Acceptance of Public Improvements for Winters Highlands (Stone's Throw) Phase 2 Subdivision

Interim City Manager Gunby gave an overview. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Biasi, second by Council Member Neu to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Winters Downtown Business Association Update

Council Member Anderson recused himself for Items 1 and 2 due to a possible conflict of interest and stepped away from the meeting.

Chris Turkovich, representing the Downtown Business Association (DBA), gave an overview and requested Council approval to extend the street closure and temporary outdoor seating on Main Street between Railroad and the mid-block crosswalk through November 4, 2020 to culminate the end of the outdoor dining season. There are a lot of vacancies in the downtown and the DBA is trying to retain the business they currently have. Thanks to the public works staff by helping to re-design the area with barrels and installing shade cloth and misters. The DBA is moving forward with a shared campaign to promote dining out in the downtown called "Wednesday in Winters", a coordinated effort to bring people to the downtown. The DBA plans to work together with the Hispanic Advisory Committee on the Festival de la Comunidad to keep the festival going and to help the businesses downtown. They will be requesting BID reimbursement funds for outdoor seating spaces and COVID-related supplies. For the festival, Council Member Loren suggested asking restaurants to prepare their version of carnitas for that day to generate money and enliven the downtown business district. Mayor Pro Tem Biasi said he was happy to see the DBA formed, referencing the big recommendations coming out of the parking study and trying to keep businesses downtown. He thanked Chris and the entire group for working on this. Their request for BID money is a great use for the BID funds. Purchasing tables, shade covers, and misters to attract people downtown is a good use of the funds. Chris stated the DBA is mirroring the City's Downtown Master Plan area and represents any property or business in the downtown area extending as far down as Patio 29. Mayor Cowan thanked Chris and said he was very glad to see this get off the ground, with the focus of trying to retain the businesses we have left and keep those businesses viable though the COVID issues.

2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Valley Clean Energy (VCE) for Electric Car Charging Stations

Council Member Anderson continued to recuse himself for this item.

Public Works Superintendent Eric Lucero gave an overview and requested Council approval to install charging stations in the public parking lot between Hotel Winters and City Hall and a charging station at City Hall. Eric said Elliot Landes has provided much of the legwork and got us involved in this project. Mayor Pro Tem Biasi asked if there was an estimated cost for the layout for the chargers. Eric said the goal is four chargers and that Elliot is working on getting the numbers. Mayor Pro Tem Biasi requested that the new chargers have the ability to charge people for charging their vehicles and upgrade the current non-pay chargers to pay stations. Eric said all of the new chargers will be for pay and they will try and recycle the existing units at the Community Center. Once the MOU is approved, staff will determine the number of chargers and the locations where they will be installed. Mayor Pro Tem Biasi suggested putting one less charger in the parking lot and upgrading the charger at the Community Center.

Council Member Loren said chargers placed near the downtown will draw people to stay at the hotel and go to the local restaurants. It is also advantageous for the community's climate goals. Jim Parks of Valley Clean Energy said the funding was approved by SACOG in December 2018 and things have finally fallen into place. He thanked Eric and Elliot for getting on board and helping out with this project. He also thanked the City Council for their support.

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to approve the MOU with Valley Clean Energy for grant funding for electric car charging stations and authorize the City Manager to sign the MOU on behalf of the City. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

3. Resolution 2020-48, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winters Approving Applications for Per Capita Grant Funds as per Prop. 68

Council Member Anderson re-joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Interim City Manager Gunby gave an overview. The minimum amount granted, \$177,952, is based on a per capita basis and will require a City match of \$44,488 from the Park Fund for a total investment into parks of \$222,440. Upon adoption of the resolution, staff will move forward and identify projects and put together an application package. Shelly confirmed that impact fees can be used for 3 Oaks Park in the new development. Park capital money can be used to improve existing parks and impact fees can only be used for items needed for the development of a new park. Capital must be used for existing parks and spent for capital projects, not repairs. Mayor Pro Tem Biasi said based on the timeline, it will be quite awhile until we can use the funds. Shelly confirmed the application can be submitted as soon as the projects are identified. Based on the timeline, the completion of the project is slated for December, 2023, and the last date to execute a contract is June, 2022. Council Member Loren said a public input process should be utilized to determine how the funds are to be used. Some of the old parks in town, including Valley Oak Park, could use some capital projects. Whether it's by letter or online survey, public input should be obtained regarding the use of these funds. Based on the projected timeline, Council Member Neu said the sooner we start, the better. This is a wonderful opportunity to make improvements that we wouldn't be able to make otherwise.

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to approve Resolution 2020-48 approving applications for Per Capita Grant Funds. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT: It's been a busy week while trying to stay on top of projects that come across the desk for the City Manager. Have been attending several Zoom meetings on various topics on behalf of the City Manager.

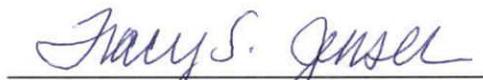
INFORMATION ONLY: Mayor Cowan reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Biasi had spoken to Bobbi Peckham of Peckham and McKenney, who is conducting the City Manager search for the City of Winters. Bobbi reported there are 60+ potential candidates and there have been 38 applications submitted. Thirty-three Winters residents have responded to the Community Survey, which is available on the City's website until 9/11/2020. Mayor Cowan said an update on the fires will be provided at the next meeting and hopes to include an informational presentation by Kate Laddish. Council Member Loren said she appreciated the Mayor circling back to Kate's comments and asked the Mayor to direct staff to investigate improved emergency preparedness for future emergencies. She also requested that items discussed at the quarterly 2 X 2 meetings with Yolo County be brought back to future Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cowan adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.



Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Tracy S. Jensen, City Clerk