



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held via Teleconference
(Zoom) on November 2, 2021

Mayor Cowan called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

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

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Kathleen Tropa, Director of Financial Management Shelly
Gunby

Council Member Loren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to approve the
agenda as is. 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 Members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kate Laddish commented her appreciation for Public Works recent road work. She
additionally requested that the meeting be recorded.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held via
Teleconference (Zoom) on October 19, 2021
-

- B. Resolution No. 2021-74 Renewing Authorization and Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings.
- C. Resolution 2021-73 Recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month
- D. Resolution No. 2021-75 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements for On-Call Mapping Services with Bennett Engineering Services Inc. And Clear Path Land Evolvement, Inc., Each in The Not-O-Exceed Amount Of \$90,000 For A Three-Year Term.
- E. Resolution 2021-76 Approving A Construction Contract with Ample Electric, Inc. For The Installation of Pathway Lighting At Blue Oak Park in The Not To Exceed Amount Of \$53,395 And Authorizing The City Manager To Approve Change Orders Up To \$5,000

City Manager Trepa provided an overview of the consent calendar items, Motion by Council Member Loren, 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

PRESENTATION:

- A. Video by Yocha Dehe Tribe for Native American Heritage Month (Oral introduction / No staff report): The video was not submitted by the Tribe.
- B. El Rio Villas – Public Housing Repositioning by Sandra Sigrist, Interim Executive Director of Yolo County Housing Authority

Mayor Cowan thanked Sandra Sigrist for her presentation and acknowledged that Winters community recognizes El Rio Villas as a part of the community.

The councilmembers asked clarifying questions and Sandra Sigrist provided additional information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. County, State, and Federal Redistricting Maps 2021

City Manager Trepa introduced the item. She noted the proposed maps have changed since the packet was posted, including the addition of the El Concilio Map.

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi shared that the evening before the County Advisory Committee narrowed down the proposed maps to maps 2, 4A, and the El Concilio, which were forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Cowan decided each redistricting jurisdiction would be discussed separately. Related to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the Council discussed different perspectives related to remaining within District 2 and with Davis, or a preference for returning to the larger, rural and agricultural area more closely associated with District 5.

- Kate Laddish thanked council for the discussion and identified the need to keep Winters and its outlying areas whole.
- Corrine Martinez agreed that Winters' interests align with district 5 and encouraged the City Council to support that outcome.

The Council majority identified map 2 as the preferred outcome. Councilmember Loren cautioned about the tone of the letter.

Related to the proposed State Senate boundaries, the Council agreed that the proposed map is comparable to the current boundaries and the Council supported the current proposed boundaries.

Related to the proposed State Assembly boundaries for the Winters area, Councilmembers expressed concern that Winters was being grouped with unlike communities and should be remain with its Yolo County communities and other adjacent rural counties.

- Chris Turkovich commented that Winters belongs with communities of interest on all levels.
- Kate Laddish appreciated the conversation and noted the proposed State Senate and Congressional maps were improvements, the result of many voices advocating that Yolo County remain whole, and Yolo County and Solano County should be grouped together. She requested that council not mention in any letter that Yolo have nothing in common with Solano County.
- Corrine Martinez commented that carving Winters out of Yolo County should be corrected and that Yolo County better aligns with Napa and Lake Counties rather than Solano County, similar to the State Senate proposed boundaries.

Regarding the proposed Congressional map, Councilmembers noted that Winters was included in a district that reached south into central Contra Costa County and the Bay

Area. The Councilmembers concurred with the desire to be closer to Solano, Yolo, Lake, and Napa Counties.

- Chris Turkovich commented that this map needed to be improved upon and Winters needed to be included with communities of interest, and identified economic and cultural alignment with Yolo and Solano counties.
- Kate Laddish noted the interactive features of the map function on the CRC website. She noted the proposed boundaries are much improved compared to the previous maps, and identified the need to keep Yolo County whole which the current map does. She also noted the lack of communities of interest with Contra Costa County and the need to be linked with Napa because of decisions on Lake Berryessa.

Mayor Cowan appointed Mayor Pro Tem Biasi and Council Member Loren to review advocacy letters drafted by City Manager Tropa.

B. Council Code of Conduct

City Manager Tropa introduced the item.

Council Member Loren noted her appreciation for the work and supported signing the document. Mayor Pro Tem Biasi echoed Council Member Loren's comments.

Council Member Anderson showed concern with the concept of signing the Code of Conduct. Council Member Neu agreed with having the Code of Conduct implemented and emphasized the need to have members adhere to the Code of Conduct.

Mayor Cowan agreed with its simplicity and appreciated the work done.

Assistant City Attorney Gin stated that the norms are meant to be a guideline for actions by members and would be the starting point if a council member was not following it. She stated a majority motion was needed to adopt.

Council Member Loren motioned to approve and adopt the Council Code of Conduct, second by Mayor Pro Tem Biasi.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: Council Member Anderson

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Related to other Council operational items mentioned in the staff report, including moving the election, council stipends, and council appointments, a majority of the Council concurred that all items should return as agenda items at a future meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Trepa recognized Charley Wallace and the Cuberos family who donated the tractor at the Putah Creek Bridge. She noted the Climate Action Commission formation will be on the next agenda and that she has an upcoming meeting with Domas regarding the architectural plans for the Senior Center.

INFORMATION ONLY:

ADJOURNMENT:

8:51 PM



Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Shelly Gunby, City Clerk