



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held via Teleconference
(Zoom) on November 16 2021

Mayor Cowan called the meeting to order at 6:33PM

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 Neu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Mayor Pro Tem Biasi 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:

Ben Grundy provided comment in support of the transition to clean transportation and
specifically electrical vehicles.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held via Teleconference (Zoom) on November 2, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 2021-78 Renewing Authorization and Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings.
- C. Update on Unfunded Employee Liabilities

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:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Senior Center Naming Rights

City Manager Trepa introduced the item.

Sandra Vickrey provided comment on behalf of the Winters Senior Center Furniture and Fixtures Committee, including a recommendation to name the center the Winters Senior Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi asked how the committee decided on donations listed for each item.

Sadra Vickrey commented that it was based on square footage or general cost of items listed.

Karen May commented that item cost was based on research done by the group.

Council Member Neu commended the group on their hard work and the time and research put into the list presented to council.

Council Member Loren commented support for the item

Valentina Lowden commented that based on prior experiences that the kitchen cost may need to be reevaluated. She cautioned the group to be very organized to properly manage plaques and naming recognition. She lastly added that the bricks could be a tripping hazard for walkers.

Council Member Neu made a motion to approve the item, second by Mayor Pro Tem Biasi. 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

- B. Resolution No. 2021-77 Establishing the Climate Action Commission and Mayoral appointments to a Council ad hoc committee to interview applicants to the Commission

City Manager Trepka introduced the item.

Council Member Loren supported the item and volunteered to be on the ad hoc committee. She also questioned whether the membership language should be modified to reflect the need for a member in the committee that represents groups of diversity or communities that may be significantly impacted.

Council Member Neu volunteered to be a part of the ad hoc committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi commented on the desire to keep the members at 5 until deemed necessary to expand.

Kate Laddish expressed her appreciation for the item and encouraged support for social justice concerns.

Kenneth Britten expressed his deep thanks for Council and staff's work on the item. He additionally supported the need for diversity and representation in the commission membership. He supported a direct connection or liaison to the Design Review Committee.

City Manager Trepka provided clarification regarding diverse representation on the commission read the original recommendation from the Climate Action Development Board regarding this topic into the record: "We believe that the Winters Climate Action Commission should contain a wide and representative range of expertise and lived experience, since Winters is a diverse city. The effects of climate change fall disproportionately on less-privileged groups, so we believe all voices need to be represented. Ideally, the commission should represent technical expertise (i.e. scientist and engineers), students, seniors, farmers and farmworkers, and the local business community." She noted that Council could expand membership as previously noted if so desired.

Mayor Cowan, Mayor Pro Tem Biasi, and Council Member Loren voiced support for the definition read by City Manager Trepa, which will be reflected in the amended resolution.

Council Member Loren noted that the Senior Planner will be able to act as the liasion for the Design Review Committee since he will staff the Commission.

Council Member Loren moved to approve the item to include membership definition read by City Manager Trepa, second by Council Member Neu. 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

C. Main Street Closure Schedule for the Winter Months

City Manager Trepa introduced the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi received clarification that lifting the closure effective December 13 will remain in the effect until a future Council action to initiate another closure schedule. He state his support for the reopening of Main Street and future plans for the potential opening or closing of the downtown area when the weather is nice.

Mayor Cowan supported the staff recommendation.

Corinne Martinez expressed her concern for public safety when the street is open as people have become accustomed to the closure. She recommended that the City should include signage and monitor the area.

Chris Turkovich echoed Corinne Martinez comments, and added that the Downtown Business Association is planning future activities , which could be calendared annually. .

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi moved to approve the item, second by Council Member Loren. 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

D. Legislative Update Regarding SB 9 and SB 10

Senior Planner Kirk Skierski provided overview of the SB 9 and SB 10 via PowerPoint.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and some expressed their dissatisfaction for the mandated limitations on local land use controls while recognizing the need for additional housing.

City Manager Trepa indicated that staff would develop a way to monitor the permits issued for Accessory Dwelling Units and SB 9 lot splits or two units on one lot, as each has different requirements. A monitoring report can be brought back to Council in six months.

Kate Laddish appreciated staff's presentation. She noted current development plans locked in single-family residences, and asked the council to direct staff to provide an update tools the City has to diversify housing stock.

Sandra Vickrey commented the homes on Cottage Way are being advertised as low income but are priced over \$500,000. She indicated the apartment issue is due to building costs and the need for subsidies.

Richard Casavecchia asked about areas of special concerns (flood hazards and farmland) and whether there was a way to incrementally track impacts to public utilities by scaling up infrastructure capacity in increments of 2 and 4.

Valentina Lowden commented about a rise in "garage conversions" during the pandemic and asked if there were regulations for this. In addition, she has noticed RVs parked in driveways/street and plugged into houses. She questioned if garage conversions are permitted or regulated through the city.

Council concurred that there was not a need to proceed with SB 10 at this time and directed staff to return with a monitoring report on SB 9 permits.

Councilmembers Loren, Neu and Mayor Cowan supported having staff return with a report on the tools available to the City to determine housing type and inventory.

E. Presentation of SB 1383 Requirements and First Reading of Ordinance 2021-04 Amending Chapter 8.04 of, and Adding Chapter 8.72 to, Title 8 of the Winters Municipal Code Relating to Solid Waste and Organic Waste Disposal Reduction

City Manager Trepa introduced the item and recognized Assistant City Attorney Joanna Gin as the primary researcher for the item.

Assistant City Attorney Joanna Gin provided an overview of SB 1383. City Manager Trepa identified that more work is to be done particularly in the areas of organic waste procurement and edible food recovery to present more complete information regarding implementation options and costs.

City Manager Trepa noted that walnut shells being used as ground cover in public areas would not count toward SB 1383 organic material procurement mandates.

Council Member Loren moved to waive first reading of Ordinance 2021-04, second by Council Member Neu. 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

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Trepa provided no additional report.

INFORMATION ONLY:

ADJOURNMENT:

9:34PM



Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Shelly Gunby, City Clerk