



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held via Teleconference  
(Zoom) on December 7, 2021

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

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

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Kathleen Salguero Tropa, Director of Financial Management and City Clerk Shelly Gunby, Senior Planner Kirk Skierski, Assistant City Attorney Joanna Gin

Kirk Skierski 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:

Annette Montgomery addressed City Council in regard to improving traffic and speed compliance in the City of Winters specifically West Main Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held via Teleconference (Zoom) on November 16, 2021.
- B. Resolution No. 2021-79 Approving an Amendment to a Construction Contract with Ample Electric, Inc. for the Car Charging Stations to Increase the Contract Amount

- by \$9,600 and Resolution No. 2021-81 Approving the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Dee Rosenberg Architects to Increase the Contract Amount by \$7,500 for plans and specifications for the Finance Office buildout project
- C. 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
  - D. Resolution No. 2021-82 Renewing Authorization and Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings.
  - E. Resolution No. 2021-83 Accepting the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Street Rehabilitation Project
  - F. City Board and Commission Term Expiration List for 2021 as Required by Government Code Section 54972 (Maddy Act)

City Manager Trepia provided an overview of the consent calendar items.

Valentina Lowden noted some typos in the consent calendar items.

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

PRESENTATION:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Ordinance No. 2021-06 Amending Section 2.04.150 of Chapter 2.04 of Title 2 of the Winters Municipal Code Increasing the Compensation of City Councilmembers

City Manager Trepia introduced and gave an overview of the item.

Council Members Loren and Neu indicated support for the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Biasi indicated hesitancy to support the item. Questioned if it was possible to move the item to an election ballot for voter consideration rather than a council vote.

Council Member Anderson, Neu, and Loren noted they were not in favor of an automatic escalator in addition to the salary adjustment.

Mayor Cowan supported the need for an increase in the stipend and did not support an automatic escalator.

Valentina Lowden noted support of the stipend increase for council members as well as an escalator increase.

Richard Casavecchia noted support of an increase of stipend, but recommended council postpone consideration until after the next fiscal year to ensure no detrimental fiscal impact.

Kate Laddish commented in favor of increasing the council stipend.

Motion by Council Member Loren to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-06, second by Council Member Neu. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Biasi

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- B. Consider Ordinance 2021-05 Changing the City of Winters General Municipal Election from the Statewide Direct Primary Date to the Statewide General Election Date (November)

City Manager Trepa introduced the item.

Council Member Loren and Mayor Pro Tem Biasi commented their support for the Municipal Election to be consolidated with the General Election in November.

Council Member Neu noted support of consolidating the election to November 2024.

Richard Casavecchia commented support of consolidation to November but did not support extended 60% of the council members terms being extended less than one year before the election.

Kate Laddish supported consolidation the election to November because of city cost savings and increased voter turnout.

Motion by Council Member Loren to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05 with the consolidation of the election effective November 2022, second by Mayor Pro Tem. 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 echoed the success of the Holiday Events including the Tree Lighting and Tractor Parade. Highlighted the information item signed by Mayor Cowan. Reminded council of the Holden Holiday craft show closing two blocks on Main Street and the availability of 15-minute parking in the paseo park lot.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- A. Comment Letter re Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Adoption of a Regulation for the Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level

ADJOURNMENT:

7:27 PM in honor of Ralph Gonzalez.



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Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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Kathleen Salguero Trepa, City Clerk