



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

February 27, 2017

OPEN SESSION: (Council Chambers)

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Open Session this date at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor Price presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Price.

ROLL CALL:

Present: City Council Members Creighton, Raymond, Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard, Mayor Price

Absent: City Council Member Vierra

Staff Present: Interim City Manager McBride, Deputy City Attorney Henderson, Deputy City Clerk Waterman

CLOSED SESSION: (Conference Room A)

Mayor Price invited public comments on Closed Session items.

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Mayor Price adjourned the meeting to Conference Room A for Closed Session at 5:01 PM. Closed Session was called to order at 5:06 PM.

Conference with Labor Negotiator – Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiators: Deputy City Attorney Henderson and Human Resources Director Del Real; Bargaining Units: Atwater Police Officers Association and AFSCME Local 2703 – Miscellaneous Unit and Clerical Unit

Closed Session recessed to Regular session at 5:53 PM.

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

The City Council of the City of Atwater met in Regular Session this date at 6:03 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Mayor Price presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Price.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Police Chaplain Mead.

ROLL CALL:

Present: City Council Members Creighton, Raymond, Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard, Mayor Price

Absent: City Council Member Vierra

Staff Present: Interim City Manager McBride, Deputy City Attorney Henderson, Acting Police Chief Wisdom, CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Schmitz, Finance Director Deol, Human Resources Director Del Real, Interim Public Works Director Faretta, Acting Sergeant Novetzke, Deputy City Clerk Waterman

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Deputy City Attorney Henderson reported continuation of Closed Session is necessary.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: ***None.***

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED:

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Creighton and the vote was: Ayes: Vineyard, Raymond, Creighton, Price; Noes: None; Absent: Vierra. The motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

GARY BRICE, Atwater, asked for support for the Police Cadets Fundraiser event at the Atwater VFW on March 4, 2017.

GLORIA PEREZ, Atwater, encouraged residents to participate in LOVE Atwater's citywide beautification event to be held on April 22, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and will begin at Ralston Park.

MARIA CRUZ, Atwater, LOVE Atwater Donation Coordinator, spoke about a new Christian radio station 107.7 FM.

JEANNIE KNIGHT, Atwater, offered to donate garbage dumpster for LOVE Atwater's event.

NANCY YOUNG BERGMAN, spoke regarding Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Cup horseracing fundraiser event to assist foster youth to be held on April 1, 2017.

No one else came forward to speak.

PRESENTATIONS:

Legislative items for 2017 and request for letters of support for SB 1 & AB 1 "Transportation Funding"

Steven Qualls, League of California Cities provided a presentation regarding Legislative items for 2017 and requested a letters of support for SB 1 & AB 1.

BASIC MOTION: Mayor Price moved to let the public decide their support for SB 1 and AB 1 by placing the bills on the ballot for voter consideration and not to submit letters of support by the City. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: City Council Member Creighton moved to deny the approval of letters of support for SB 1 and AB 1 "Transportation Funding" for future road maintenance and improvements, and to deny the authorization and direction of the Mayor to execute the letters on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Raymond. The vote was: Ayes: Creighton, Vineyard, Raymond, Price; Noes: None; Absent: Vierra. The motion passed.

JEANNIE KNIGHT, Atwater, questioned how diesel truck DMV weight fees would be impacted by the proposed bills.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION: City Council Member Raymond moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard and the vote was: Ayes: Vineyard, Creighton, Raymond, Price; Noes: None; Absent: Vierra. The motion passed.

WARRANTS:

2. February 27, 2017

ACTION: Approval of warrants as listed.

MINUTES:

3. a) Special meeting, February 13, 2017
b) Regular meeting, February 13, 2017

ACTION: Approval of minutes as listed.

ORDINANCES (WAIVING SECOND READING AND ADOPTION):

4. Waiving the second reading and adopting Ordinance No. CS 979 amending Atwater Municipal Code Section 2.04.050 "City Manager Powers and Duties" relating to employment contracts (City Attorney Terpstra)

ACTION: Waives the second reading and adopts Ordinance No. CS 979 amending Section 2.04.050 "City Manager Powers and Duties" relating to employment contracts of the Atwater Municipal Code.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

5. Atwater Youth Baseball, Softball, & T-ball's (AYBS&T) request for assistance with Opening Day ceremonies

ACTION: Approval of request from Atwater Youth Baseball, Softball, & T-ball's for assistance with AYBS&T Opening Day ceremonies on March 18, 2017 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM; to set out barricades and "No Parking" signs; to help control traffic and parking; and to assist with the "Procession of Players" beginning at Broadway and Fifth Street and ending at Memorial Park.

6. LOVE Atwater's request to hold their 8th annual event

ACTION: Approval of request from LOVE Atwater to hold their annual city-wide beautification event on Saturday, April 22, 2017 and for use of Ralston Park for kick off rally starting at 8:00 AM.

FUNDING AND BUDGET MATTERS:

Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2017 (City Treasurer Heller)

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2017. The motion was seconded by City Council Member Raymond and the vote was: Ayes: Vineyard, Creighton, Raymond, Price; Noes: None; Absent: Vierra. The motion passed.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS:

City Council comments and requests for future agenda items

City Council Member Raymond requested to receive the upcoming proposed budget in line item format; he voiced his concerns regarding the consideration of a spending/hiring freeze due to budgetary issues. He shared the recent passing of a local business owner and a recent grandmother, Romelle Van Vliet and reminded everyone to hold their loved ones close.

Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard had nothing to report.

City Council Member Creighton requested more involvement with the Bloss House Committee, stating the gardens are an asset and a representation of the City; he spoke about the need for recycling drop-off center for residents to take glass, paper, cardboard and plastic, with the bins being available during daytime hours and secured at night, without requiring additional work from staff. He also requested a comprehensive line item format for the new FY 17-18 budget. He also voiced his concerns regarding impact of current staffing issues.

Interim City Manager McBride announced that a symposium for speakers to provide public information regarding commercial cannabis will be tentatively held on March 29th or March 30th.

Mayor Price announced McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas intend to send support people, flight crews, and 6 KC 135's to Castle for refueling exercises from April 24th through May 2nd; he urged the public to continue to be cautious and continue to observe the watering restrictions, stating "we are still under drought conditions;" a report from NASA stated the recent rains would need to continue for a consecutive 5 years in order recharge the aqueducts in Merced County. He spoke regarding, a hometown family friend, Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer who was killed in the line of duty, and recognized all Police Officers locally and nationwide who dedicate their service with honor and distinction and who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Price adjourned to Conference Room A for continuation of Closed Session at 7:12 PM. Closed Session resumed at 7:21 PM.

Conference with Labor Negotiator – Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiators: Deputy City Attorney Henderson and Human Resources Director Del Real; Bargaining Units: Atwater Police Officers Association and AFSCME Local 2703 – Miscellaneous Unit and Clerical Unit.

Closed Session adjourned at 8:44 PM.

MAYOR OR CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Price announced that no action was taken, and staff was given direction. The Closed Session agenda was completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Romelle Van Vliet and Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.



LORI WATERMAN, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK