



FINAL MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR
AGENCY TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Thursday, August 3, 2017
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rubio called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE

PRESENT: Alexander, Campbell, Jones, Pacheco, Rubio

ABSENT: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Pacheco led the Pledge.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Rubio invited comments from the public.

- Timothy Barrett, Council Member from the City of Monterey spoke to serving on various boards and commissions that are focused on economic vitality and invited the Council to consider attending the Com-Cap conference September 10-13, 2017 with a major theme of tools for capital access for local businesses.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member and seconded by Council Member and passed by the following vote, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

RESULT: **Approved**

MOVER: Council Member Jason Campbell

SECONDER: Council Member Dave Pacheco

AYES: Ralph Rubio, Dennis Alexander, Jason Campbell, Dave Pacheco, Kayla Jones

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2017

Action: Approved

B. ACCEPT AND FILE THE CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE CITY OF SEASIDE AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

Action: Accepted

C. APPROVE AND FILE SUCCESSOR AGENCY CHECKS

Action: Approved

5. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:36 PM. Open session reconvened at 5:49 PM. Council Member Jones arrived at 5:49 PM.

A. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9

6. STUDY SESSION

A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON COUNCIL MEMBER JONES REQUEST TO ADD NEW BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

City Manager Malin introduced the item which was agendized in response to Council Member Jones request to add three additional Brown Act commissions. He outlined the existing commissions that have been adopted by ordinance and also other support and advisory groups that staff currently facilitates. Staff conducted a survey totaling the amount of hours dedicated to each of the commissions per month which averaged at 20-30 hours of staff time per month, per commission. He noted that as the needs of the community change, the governing structure needs to be responsive. The Council has discretion for creating advisory groups, either formal or informal, staff or self-supported, resourced in advance or resourced after their needs have been derived. The three proposed commissions are regarding affordable housing, environmental matters, and the status of homelessness. Drafts of the three commissions were included in the packet. He requested the Council to discuss the proposal and provide direction to staff.

Mayor Rubio asked the Council's desire to take on this work task at the present time indicating he prefers to discuss this item at the next strategic planning session where it's more appropriate to discuss resource allocation and staff work load. Council Member Campbell questioned the timing of the strategic planning session indicating it may be too far out. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander agreed with Mayor Rubio but also questioned the purview of the homeless and affordable housing commissions as there are many other agencies that are working on these issues and would be a duplication of services, and cited the fact affordable housing is a large aspect of homelessness. Council Member Pacheco agreed that this is a large topic and the City should be focusing efforts more regionally, to accomplish more. Mr. Pacheco also expressed the staff time and effort that it takes to support robust commissions and thinks that we should focus on the projects that are on the current work plan first and projects that are already overdue, to get them to fruition before taking on these new commissions. The proposed programs will need staff time and resources to make impacts. You should not have a commission if you do not match it with the needed resources.

Council Member Jones disagreed that this could not be taken up at this time and expressed disappointment that there was no desire to discuss the proposed commissions. On question, Mr. Malin spoke to the current projects and opportunities staff is working on for affordable housing, homelessness and environmental operations.

Mayor Rubio reiterated his suggestion is to move to strategic planning, for a more robust discussion. He said an affordable housing commission would be duplicating efforts of other several commissions on city and county levels that are already taking a regional approach, which is critical. There are over 30 homeless service providers in the county and they just reconvened a new one

called Lead Me Home which includes the local Mayors and is a regional approach for addressing the homeless issue. He spoke to his meeting with County supervisors who realize cities do not have resources and that social services are a County obligation. Mayor Rubio reported that the 2017 homeless survey was just published. The need is known, but we don't have the resources to fix the need. We need to put resources into fixing the problems, instead of studying them ad nauseam. He agreed with Council Member Pacheco that we need to focus on the work plan that we already assigned to staff.

Council Member Campbell agreed that the commission would be an added burden and there may be overlap in certain areas but they are very important issues. A public advisory commission could suggest ways to put existing allocations to use to solve these problems.

Council Member Pacheco detailed many projects that have not yet been completed, because staff has been redirected to different priorities. The current staff energy is diversified to too many projects. Mayor Rubio and Mayor Pro Tem Alexander agreed.

Council Member Jones said Council Member Pacheco was only trying to get good PR by rattling off victories of previous City Council decisions. She expressed that she did not understand why they won't support the new commissions and does not see linkage between things that have not been accomplished and forming these commissions. She said she does not think it will take more time or resources. Council Member Jones questioned the City Manager about what would it take to form an ad hoc commission to which Mr. Malin responded it would take a majority vote of the Council. She requested to take on the commission personally. City Attorney Freeman indicated that Council Members can be responsible for commissions but since the City Council is the appellate body for Boards and Commission, there would be a conflict doing the work then making decisions when it comes before the Council. Even as a non-voting member of a committee, it can create a conflict of interest.

Council Member Pacheco requested a true cost break out of the staffing for committees and the cost and staff impacts to form the three requested commissions. Mayor Rubio requested to know how much money is allocated for these different topics and what Strategic Planning items are already addressing these three areas.

Council Member Jones indicates she does not understand why the Council cannot have another study session on the topic and why it has to wait until the strategic plan. She disagrees that the County has the responsibility to take on these issues and thinks that it is a common sense fallacy that staff can't take on more work. She requested another study session to have more discussion. In response, Council Member Pacheco spoke against her comments of a common sense fallacy and detailed his previous work experience supporting commissions and detailed the direct relationship to what the commission does and the amount of staff time, energy and costs it results in.

Mayor Rubio invited public comments on the item.

- River Navai spoke to the affordable housing issue and that addressing affordable housing in Seaside should be more important than park beautification. There are many strategies that could address the issue and that postponing action now will not reflect well on the City's history. She and she encouraged the City Council to reconsider adding the commissions for homelessness and affordable housing.

The City Council took no action on the item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lesley Milton-Rerig, City Clerk



Ralph Rubio, Mayor/Chair