



## FINAL MINUTES

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

5:30 PM MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
Thursday, October 18, 2018  
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**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Rubio invited comments from the public.

- Mitt Sawhney expressed concern that the City Manager and City Council are under investigation therefore should not negotiate on behalf of the City of Seaside. He urged the Council to approve the forensic audit and make available the results prior to the election.
- Jimmy Cook was part of the first time home buyer assistance program and requested the Council to reconsider the stipulations on the affordable housing restrictions.
- Ray Dandridge spoke to believing Council Member Jones harassment claim, but does not believe that the City Clerk lost the paperwork, and he requested to agendize a reversal of Measure M, as he would prefer the money be allocated to a specific expenditure category and not just be added to the general fund. He questioned the change in expenditure for the lobbyist services.
- Ian Oglesby requested to correct the record that he left the City in debt \$500k, citing when he left it was a balanced budget plus reserves. He also requested for the record that all projects he approved has language in their agreements that the developer pays the fees from a fund that was front loaded therefore he was responsible for any debts incurred by the developer. Stop allowing people to denigrate, run over you or say things that are not true.
- Becky Cook finished for her husband regarding the contract regarding an affordable housing, in order for it to qualify; it had to be new or rehabilitated which it was not. The beneficiary, the City of Seaside, may release him from the restrictions of repayment from the loan. The city benefits for affordable housing market and it continues to asking for the grace and forgiveness of the City Loan. The records are IN your box.
- Paul Mugan talked about some of the public information being disseminated. He spoke to his service for the city and as being a candidate for council and to his positive working relationship with the City Clerk and his personal experience filing many campaign forms and spoke in support of her capabilities.

Mayor Rubio affirmed that Mr. Oglesby did not leave the City in debt by \$500,000. City Attorney Freeman addressed Mr. and Mrs. Cook and indicated if the Council so wishes staff can make a presentation about the item and they can make a decision regarding the request.

The City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:48 PM.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. **PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.7 -PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

B. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8:**

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The City Council reconvened to open session. City Attorney Freeman announced the Public Employee Performance Evaluation was continued to a future meeting. There were no announcements for the public.

*On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Alexander and seconded by Council Member Jason Campbell and passed by the following vote the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.*

RESULT: **Approved**

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

NOES: None

A. **APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2018, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 AND OCTOBER 4, 2018**

*Action: Approved*

B. **APPROVE AND FILE SUCCESSOR AGENCY CHECKS**

*Action: Approved*

C. **APPROVE A FEE WAIVER REQUEST FROM MONTEREY PENINSULA NAACP FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR COMMUNITY PROMOTION, EDUCATION AND BBQ EVENT**

*Action: Approved*

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **RECEIVE REPORT ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH RELATED TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

Police Chief Pridgen spoke to the City Council directed effort to obtain feedback and input from the community regarding the School Resource Officer program at MPUSD schools. He explained staff conducted two listening sessions at schools including Seaside High and Seaside Middle School and

two were held for the general public and at all events, the input was overwhelmingly in support of the program. He outlined feedback given by students, parents and community member and to suggestions that were offered for more engagement and use of diversion techniques. Chief Pridgen answered questions from the Council about uniform requirements to which he explained there were no comments from the students regarding the uniform. The impression was that it was all about who was in the uniform and not the uniform itself. The Council was pleased to hear the results of the community input and thanked the Chief for the due diligence for reaching out to the community.

Mayor Rubio invited comments from the public.

- Deborah Gramsbacher spoke as a community member indicating she would prefer the staff allocation to have another patrol officer and more counseling services rather than a School Resource Officer.
- Regina Mason spoke against the expenditure of funds for a SRO in the schools and instead advocated for a social worker and educational advocate. She also would prefer community policing efforts being expanded.
- Susan Skiavoni commented that as a previous social worker and there is a history of research that a situation could become criminal when it is a behavioral problem and they should link up with the mental health professionals, rather than law enforcement.
- Miriam Smith spoke in agreement with the idea that social workers are more important and does not want to spend the limited city funds on SROs.
- Jimmy Welch encouraged more community engagement from all police officers and if the program goes forward, it should be at all schools.
- Gertrude Smith spoke to her cousin, a high school educator and positions are vital to promoting conflict resolution among adolescents and we should get infrastructure for at MPUSD as opposed to continuing to invest in SROs. Better equipping people to enforce behavior challenges on campus is a better idea.
- Lisa Anne Sawhney applauded the four informational sessions and using a community input process when we are dealing with political issues that demands discussion. She spoke to discussions during those outreach sessions that guaranteed an oversight committee that would be regularly convened to ensure that students would not be targeted.
- Mary Miller in support of the SRO program and to an incident where her granddaughter was served positively by the SRO being on campus. She also spoke to witnessing the SRO also patrol, direct traffic and do community outreach.
- Ian Oglesby questioned if the Council was voting on an idea or an agreement. The issue is not the Officer, but it's the way people have behaved in the past. We are different from the past and should be given the opportunity to do their best.

Chief Pridgen answered questions about department policy, about the oversight committee and reiterated that the MOU with the MPUSD has been in effect for years, however the intent is to reconvene the collaborative group of stake holders, community members and the Police Department to discuss the needs of everyone. On question, Chief Pridgen spoke to the SRO training requirements as built into the MOU and that those requirements can be expanded.

Mayor Rubio spoke to his personal experience and spoke to the maturation of the community because of the interaction between the community and the police department in the recent past that has attributed to the downturn in the youth violence. Our community wants to be safe, inclusive and take care of its children.

Council Member Jones spoke to her general uncomfortable nature with SROs but her personal experience has been positive. She requested that organizations like the NAACP, Village project and LULAC have a seat at the table.

*On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Alexander and seconded by Council Member Dave Pacheco and passed by the following vote the City Council*

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| RESULT: | <b>Approved</b>                                                          |
| AYES:   | Ralph Rubio, Dennis Alexander, Jason Campbell, Dave Pacheco, Kayla Jones |
| NOES:   | None                                                                     |

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lesley Milton-Rerig, City Clerk

  
Ralph Rubio, Mayor/Chair