

**FINAL CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 - 7 PM**

CLOSED SESSION – 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Council Member Margaux Keiser: Remote, Council Member Jacques Bertrand: Remote, Vice Mayor Sam Storey: Remote, Council Member Kristen Petersen: Remote, Mayor Yvette Brooks: Remote.

No members of the public were present, and the Council adjourned to the virtual meeting with the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Gov't Code § 54957.6

Negotiators: Algeria Ford, Larry Laurent

Employee Organizations: (1) Association of Capitola Employees; (2) Police Captains; (3) Mid-Management Group; (4) Department Heads; (5) Confidential Employees; (6) Capitola Police Officers Association; (7) City Manager

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(4).

Initiation of litigation
(One potential case)

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclaim March 2021 American Red Cross Month

Mayor Brooks summarized the proclamation designating the Month of March 2021 as American Red Cross Month. Michelle Averill and Anita Clerisse, representative of the Red Cross, thanked Council and the Mayor for this designation.

3. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – council gave direction to staff

4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS – none

5. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA – pull item 8.D off of Consent Calendar

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

United Way of Santa Cruz County's Community Impact Coordinator thanked Council for the

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partnership and asked for support of the newly reformed Youth Action Network.

7. CITY COUNCIL / STAFF COMMENTS

Council Member Petersen thanked the Red Cross representatives for their work. She also noted that she participated in community meetings that were held to address racial equity in the region and congratulated local activist Joy Flynn on her KSBW Jefferson “Changemaker” award.

Mayor Brooks announced her upcoming Mayor’s Meeting with Fire Chief Walbridge, to be held via Zoom on March 16, 2021 at 6pm.

Michelle Averill thanked Council for proclaiming March Red Cross Month. She also stated that the Red Cross recruited 70,000 new volunteers in 2020.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION:	EXCLUDING ITEM 8.D; APPROVE AS RECOMMENDED
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jacques Bertrand, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kristen Petersen, Council Member
AYES:	Bertrand, Petersen, Storey, Brooks, Keiser

- A. Consider the February 25, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.
- B. Approval of City Check Registers Dated February 5, February 12, February 19 and February 26, 2021
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve check registers.
- C. Approve Contract with Carolyn Flynn for Professional Services Related to Affordable Housing Programs
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an amendment to the existing sole source contract (\$24,940) with Carolyn Flynn for an additional \$10,150 not to exceed \$35,090 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for assistance with affordable housing programs.
- D. Receive Update on Pandemic Response
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Approve the proposed resolution ratifying Emergency Order 1-2021, rescinding Emergency Orders 1-2020 and 2-2020, and 2) make the determination that all hazards related to the worldwide spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) as detailed in Resolution No. 4168 adopted by the City Council on March 12, 2020, still exist and that there is a need to continue action.

This item was pulled off the Consent Calendar and heard by City Council after the General Government items. City Manager Goldstein presented a short staff report. There was no public comment:

MOTION:	ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION RATIFYING EMERGENCY ORDER 1-2021 AND DETERMINE THAT ALL HAZARDS STILL EXIST
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jacques Bertrand
SECONDER:	Margaux Keiser
AYES:	Bertrand, Petersen, Storey, Brooks, Keiser

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9. GENERAL GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Recreation Report and Update on Summer 2021 Programs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report regarding recent Recreation Division activity and planned summer programs, including the new proposed Capitola Family Camp.

Recreation Supervisor Bryant-LeBlond presented the staff report.

Council Member Keiser asked if there is a specific location chosen for the proposed Family Camp program. Supervisor Bryant-LeBlond said that a camp in the foothills of the Sierra mountains has been identified, but the camp could move locations if need be.

Council Member Bertrand asked if larger groups can participate in the new camp; Supervisor Bryant-LeBlond explained that families of 4 to 8 people can be accommodated. Council Member Bertrand also asked if the retreat center is well established; Supervisor Bryant-LeBlond said that the center is established but has not operated under COVID-19 protocols in the past.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Bertrand complimented the new Family Camp program and confirmed that Recreation is partnering with Shorelife Community Church as a location for the Out-of-School Time program.

RESULT:	RECEIVE REPORT
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B. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Mid-Year Budget Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Fiscal Year 2020-21 Mid-Year Budget Update and adopt the proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Finance Director Malberg presented the staff report. Assistant to the City Manager Laurent presented information on the Community Grant program.

Council Member Storey asked why the cannabis tax underperformed in the past year; Director Malberg speculated that not only did it take the two shops longer than anticipated to open but there is market saturation in the area.

Vice-Mayor Storey asked Assistant to the City Manager Laurent if Council is to set aside a certain amount of money to allocate, prior to accepting applications? Mr. Laurent replied that due to the uncertainty of potential funding, Staff recommends waiting for more information before deciding upon funding amounts.

Mayor Brooks asked if directing staff to open the community grant application period would also approve the Optimum Solutions' updated application process. Mr. Laurent replied that the recommended changes to the application had been made by Staff, and would be included in the applications moving forward.

There was no public comment.

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MOTION:	ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND OPEN COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD, CREATE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS
RESULT:	AMENDED AS BELOW
MOVER:	Kristen Petersen
SECONDER:	Jacques Bertrand

Vice-Mayor Storey asked Council to identify the members of the ad hoc committee within the motion.

Council Member Petersen asked to be on the ad hoc committee.

Mayor Brooks asked to be on the ad hoc committee.

Council Member Bertrand asked to be on the ad hoc committee. He then asked that Council consider members of the committee later.

Vice-Mayor Storey suggested a friendly amendment to the original motion:

MOTION:	ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND OPEN COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD, CREATE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS
AMENDMENT:	WITH MAYOR BROOKS AND COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSEN AS MEMBERS (STOREY)
RESULT:	WITHDRAWN: SECONDER BERTRAND DID NOT ACCEPT AMENDMENT
MOVER:	Kristen Petersen
SECONDER:	none

The motion's original seconder, Council Member Bertrand, declined to accept the amendment and Council Member Petersen withdrew the motion. Mayor Brooks asked for additional points in a new motion:

MOTION:	ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WITH THE ADDITIONS OF 1) FUNDS FOR IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING AND 2) \$5,000 SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC ART PROGRAM AND OPEN COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD, CREATE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS WITH MAYOR BROOKS AND COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSEN AS MEMBERS
RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Yvette Brooks
SECONDER:	Kristen Petersen
AYES:	Kristen Petersen, Sam Storey, Yvette Brooks, Margaux Keiser
NAYS:	Jacques Bertrand

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. to the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held on April 8, 2021.

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Yvette Brooks

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Yvette Brooks, Mayor

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Chloé Woodmansee, City Clerk

APPROVED MARCH 25, 2021