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**CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 - 7 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Petersen called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

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

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION

(Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(2).)

one potential case

LIABILITY CLAIM

(Govt Code § 54956.95)

Claimant: Anthony Oster

Agency claimed against: City of Capitola

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1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Retirement Proclamation for Ben Irao

4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

5. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

7. CITY COUNCIL / STAFF COMMENTS

Director Jesberg announced a virtual Rispin Park Project community forum to be held on Monday, November 16 at 6 p.m. He also said there is a slight delay to the Jetty project which will begin on November 30.

Councilmember Bertrand said that the new Capitola Branch Library project progress looks promising.

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Vice-Mayor Brooks announced that Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County is accepting donations and looking for food-delivery volunteers.

Mayor Petersen reminded the public that the County has seen a recent spike in COVID-19 cases and asked that everyone continue to social distance and wear masks.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION:	APPROVE, ADOPT, AUTHORIZE, AND RECEIVE ALL ITEMS, EXCLUDING 8.G, AS RECOMMENDED
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Bottorff, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jacques Bertrand, Council Member
AYES:	Bottorff, Bertrand, Storey, Petersen, Brooks

- A. Consider the October 22, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.
- B. Liability Claim of Anthony Oster [Claims Binder]
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Reject liability claim.
- C. Consider the 2021 Meeting Schedule for the City Council/Successor Agency520-40
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the recommended regular meeting schedule for 2021.
- D. Loma Vista Regulatory Agreement Amendment
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Acting as the City Council and the Successor Agency, authorize the City Manager/Executive Director to sign the Second Amendment to the Regulatory Agreement for Loma Vista Estates.
- E. Second Reading Chapter 17 Zoning Code/Local Coastal Plan Adoption
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proposed Ordinance, and waive reading of the text, amending Title 17 of Capitola Municipal Code.
- F. Consider Update on the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Response Grant Application
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proposed resolution repealing Resolution Nos. 4175 and 4191 and approving an application for funding and commitment of program income funds and any amendments thereto from the 2020 funding year of the state Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV).
- G. Holiday Suspension of Village Parking Fees
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize suspending parking meter and pay station operation to allow free three-hour parking in the Village Parking Meter Zone A(1) from November 26 through December 25, 2020.
- H. Donations Report 2020
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive the donations and contributions report.

Councilmember Bottorff requested that Item 8.G be pulled from consent for further discussion and a separate vote. The item was heard prior to General Government:

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Captain Dally presented a brief staff report.

Rodney Wartzok, BIA Representative, spoke during public comment in favor of the holiday free parking program. Margaux Keiser, long term Village employee, noted that people are deterred away from Capitola because of parking, and that an incentive would help during the Holidays.

Councilmember Bottorff said that he's appreciates this program in the past, however, cannot see its viability during this year when the City has suffered significant income losses. He explained that the City cannot afford the discretionary program, and that in the future when the economic situation is improved, he would welcome this program back.

MOTION:	DENY RECOMMENDATION AND MAINTAIN PARKING METER AND PAY STATION OPERATION AS NORMAL – NO ACTION REQUIRED OF STAFF
MOVER:	Ed Bottorff
SECONDER:	Yvette Brooks

Councilmember Bertrand asked staff if this program makes a difference in visits to Capitola, and if the program impacts the permit programs already in place.

Mayor Petersen said that while she agrees with Councilmember Bottorff, she also sees that Capitola businesses have suffered due to the pandemic. She asked if a compromise could be made.

Vice-Mayor Brooks said that if the City can't remain vital, supporting businesses will cease to be possible. She said that the City's infrastructure must be the priority.

Councilmember Bertrand again asked about permit programs and suggested that one be developed in the future between the City and the BIA to more directly address this issue.

Mayor Petersen commented that if the parking fees were to remain, she was uncertain what would then happen with those saved funds.

Staff confirmed that the next budget update would be on December 10. Councilmember Storey suggested that Council revisit this issue at the December 10 meeting, after receiving more information on the budget at that time. Councilmember Bertrand agreed and pointed out that a study has not shown that this program truly helps businesses.

Councilmember Bottorff said that during budget adoption, Council approved an immediate cut to all discretionary spending; this program is discretionary and should also be cut.

ALTERNATE	
MOTION:	APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND SUSPEND PARKING METER AND PAY STATION OPERATION, FOR TWO WEEKS RATHER THAN THE TRADITIONAL FOUR
RESULT	FAILS [2 TO 3]
MOVER:	Kristen Petersen
SECONDER:	Jacques Bertrand
AYES:	Bertrand, Petersen
NOES	Bottorff, Brooks, Storey

Councilmember Storey asked if this item could be reconsidered at the December 10 meeting, Staff responded that if given direction later, the change could be implemented swiftly.

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MOTION:	DENY RECOMMENDATION AND MAINTAIN PARKING METER AND PAY STATION OPERATION AS NORMAL – NO ACTION REQUIRED OF STAFF
RESULT:	PASSES [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Ed Bottorff
SECONDER:	Yvette Brooks
AYES:	Bottorff, Brooks, Storey
NOES:	Bertrand, Petersen

9. GENERAL GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Santa Cruz County Presentation of Draft Action Plan Addressing Homelessness
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation from County of Santa Cruz staff on their draft action plan, *Housing for a Healthy Santa Cruz: A Strategic Framework for Addressing Homelessness in Santa Cruz County*, and consider providing feedback.

Elissa Benson, Assistant County Administrative Officer with the County of Santa Cruz, presented Housing for a Healthy Santa Cruz, a three-year framework to address homelessness.

Randy Morris, Director of Human Services Department for Santa Cruz County, said that the framework will be ready for official City Council adoption in January 2021.

Councilmember Bertrand asked a question about goal metrics and how they were set, Ms. Benson responded that predictive modeling and quantitative analysis was used to do so.

Councilmember Storey asked about the strategy to increase housing stock appreciated the presentation and was told that government subsidizing of projects, , lobbying for State money, and waivers are all approaches.

Vice-Mayor Brooks asked if there was a specific plan the Housing for a Health Santa Cruz was modeled after; Ms. Benson responded that several best practices were consulted.

Councilmember Bottorff thanked the presenters for their enthusiasm and commented that he would no longer being a member of Council in January when adoption is anticipated.

Councilmember Bertrand added that the individual face of homelessness should not be forgotten when devising big-picture plans.

RESULT:	RECEIVED REPORT
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- B. Receive Update on the City's Pandemic Response
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 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.

City Manager Goldstein presented a brief staff report.

Councilmember Storey asked about the Historical Museum’s status; staff confirmed that there are no plans to reopen at this time, though the Museum Curator continues to prepare to do so when safe.

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Vice-Mayor Brooks asked if the Out-of-School program will be affected by the County's tier change. Recreation Supervisor explained that the program was designed to fully operate in the Purple Tier. The Vice-Mayor asked if the program could be opened to serve students from other school districts and was told that due to a lack of staffing this is likely not possible.

There was no public comment.

MOTION:	MAKE DETERMINATION THAT HAZARDS STILL EXIST
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Storey
SECONDER:	Ed Bottorff
AYES:	Bottorff, Bertrand, Storey, Petersen, Brooks

C. Consider a Resolution Establishing Holidays and City Hall Closures for 2021630-10
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proposed resolution designating the holidays and closures for 2021.

Clerk Woodmansee presented the holiday schedule.

Councilmember Storey asked that Columbus Day be changed in name to Indigenous People's Day.

Councilmember Bottorff said in past years this had been discussed and explained his view that City Council's should avoid voting on National issues.

Councilmember Bertrand said that it is important to honor Indigenous People, especially as their culture is being turned to for guidance on current issues such as forest management.

There was no public comment.

MOTION:	ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION WITH NOVEMBER 11 HOLIDAY NAME CHANGED TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Sam Storey
SECONDER:	Yvette Brooks
AYES:	Jacques Bertrand, Sam Storey, Kristen Petersen, Yvette Brooks
NAYS:	Ed Bottorff


10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM.

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 Kristen Petersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 Chloé Woodmansee, City Clerk

APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 2020