

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2023 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor: Margaux Keiser
Vice Mayor: Kristen Brown
Council Members: Yvette Brooks, Joe Clarke, Alexander Pedersen

Closed Session – 5:15 PM

- i. Liability Claims (Gov't Code § 54956.95)
Claimant: Carla Periat
Agency Claimed Against: City of Capitola
- ii. Liability Claims (Gov't Code § 54956.95)
Claimant: Bryan Hoskins
Agency Claimed Against: City of Capitola
- iii. Conference with Labor Negotiations (Gov't Code § 54957.6)
Negotiator: Chloé Woodmansee, Assistant to the City Manager
Employee Organization: Mid-Management

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. In attendance: Council Members Yvette Brooks, Kristen Brown, Joe Clarke, Alexander Pedersen, and Mayor Margaux Keiser.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

- A. Item 9C has been pulled from the January 12, 2023, City Council agenda by staff.

3. Presentations

- A. Recreation Division Manager Bryant introduced Kaysie Anderson, Recreation Coordinator: Classes, Promotions and Community Center, to the City Council.

4. Report on Closed Session

The City Council met and discussed three items on the Closed Session agenda and took no reportable action.

5. Additional Materials

- A. Public Comments Received for Items 9B, 9C, and 9D.

6. Oral Communications by Members of the Public

Steven Woodside, resident, thanked staff for their efforts during the storm.

7. Staff / City Council Comments

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Vice Mayor Brown thanked staff and members of the community for their efforts on Capitola's recovery. She also thanked the Community Foundation and their Steering Committee for their efforts to distribute funds to Capitola for storm recovery.

Mayor Keiser thanked the community for their commitment to Capitola recovery.

8. Consent Items

- A. Consider and Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from the regular City Council meeting on December 8, 2022, and the special City Council meeting on January 6, 2023.
- B. Resolution Allowing for the Continuation of Teleconferencing
Recommended Action: 1) 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 there is a need to continue action; and 2) Adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Council (along with the Planning Commission and all advisory bodies) to continue to conduct teleconferencing meetings.
- C. Liability Claims
Recommended Action: Deny Carla Periat and Bryan Hoskins liability claims.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar made by Council Member Brooks.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Voting Yea: Mayor Keiser, Vice Mayor Brown, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Pedersen, Council Member Clarke

9. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Staff Update on the 2022–2023 Winter Storm Event
Recommended Action: Receive update from staff regarding the 2022-2023 Winter Storm Event.
City Manager Goldstein, Recreation Division Manager Bryant, Police Chief Dally, Public Works Director Kahn, and Community Development Director Herlihy presented the staff report.

Council Member Discussion Included:

Council Member Brooks requested clarification on the evacuation zone, Police Chief Dally clarified that we remain in a "Warning Zone" and the zone has not changed. Council Member Brooks also requested clarification on mutual aid that the City has provided, and Chief Dally responded that Capitola has not received requests for mutual aid besides the use of the Jade Street Shelter for County EOC use. Council Member Brooks thanked Police Captain Ryan and Police staff for their efforts to notify the public via social media and thanked Public Works staff for their efforts.

Vice Mayor Brown requested clarification on potential erosion, specifically about tree damage to the area by Britannia Arms and Swinson. She thanked the City Manager and staff for their efforts.

Council Member Clarke requested clarification on how potential volunteers can submit their information to City staff. He thanked the City Manager, staff, and the community for their efforts to recover from the storm.

Council Member Pedersen inquired about preliminary inspections to the Municipal Wharf, Public Works Director Kahn clarified that the Wharf is inaccessible, and staff has received drone footage. He applauded the community for how they have come together.

Mayor Keiser encouraged residents to continue to stay strong during the coming weather events.

Public Comments:

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Susan True, CEO of the Community Foundation, spoke about the grant programs available to Capitola.

Steven Woodside, resident, inquired about damage to the Riverview Pathway.

B. Regional Bikeshare Contract

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year Professional Services Agreement with BCycle for the Regional Bikeshare Program.

Community Development Director Herlihy presented the staff report.

Council Member Discussion Included:

Council Member Brooks inquired about how the public will be able to share issues or concerns and inquired about "bike dumping." Community Development Director Herlihy and BCycle Consultant Oliver Davis explained how these issues are to be addressed.

Council Member Clarke inquired about student cost and docking station location, Community Development Director Herlihy clarified that there will be programs in place for students and lower-income populations to allow for low-cost usage.

Council Member Pedersen inquired about placement of docks on private property and bulk membership to business employees, BCycle Consultant Oliver Davis mentioned that it is something that is planned for. He also inquired about public communications regarding safety, Community Development Director Herlihy clarified that outreach was included in BCycle's proposal. Council Member Pedersen recommended an easy path to report maintenance issues within the BCycle Application.

Public Comments:

Paula Bradley, resident, spoke in favor of the bikeshare program.

Peter Wilk, resident, inquired about helmet usage and City laws and consequences. Chief Dally responded to inform of laws regarding helmet usage.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with BCycle made by Council Member Brooks.

Seconded by Council Member Pedersen.

Voting Yea: Mayor Keiser, Vice Mayor Brown, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Pedersen, Council Member Clarke

C. Medical Office Building Project at 5940 Soquel Avenue

Recommended Action: Receive report and provide feedback regarding the proposed project mitigation measures for the Medical Office Building Project within the City limits. **(This item was removed from the agenda by staff prior to the meeting.)**

D. City Council Appointments to City Advisory Bodies

Recommended Action: Appoint City Council representatives to remaining County and Regional Boards, and appoint members of the public to the City of Capitola Advisory Bodies.

City Clerk Moss presented the staff report.

Motion to appoint the following as primary and alternate Capitola representatives to County and Multi-Jurisdictional groups made by Council Member Clarke.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Voting Yea: Mayor Keiser, Vice Mayor Brown, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Clarke, Council Member Pedersen

- **Advisory Council of the Area Agency on Aging: Jacques Bertrand**

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- **Santa Cruz County Sanitation District: Brown, Keiser**
- **Library Financing Authority: Brown, Clarke**
- **Integrated Waste Management Task Force: Public Works Director Kahn, Council Member Pedersen**
- **Library Advisory Commission: Michael Termini**
- **Criminal Justice Council: Council Member Clarke, Vice Mayor Brown**

Motion to appoint the following members of the public to City Advisory Bodies made by Vice Mayor Brown.

Seconded by Council Member Clarke.

Voting Yea: Mayor Keiser, Vice Mayor Brown, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Pedersen, Council Member Clarke

- **Arts and Cultural Commission: All terms will expire in December 2024.**
 - **Reappoint James Wallace**
 - **Reappoint Kelly Mozumder**
 - **Reappoint Roy Johnson**
 - **Appoint Peter Wilk**
- **Commission on the Environment: All terms will expire in December 2024.**
 - **Council Member Brooks: Reappoint Michelle Beritzhoff-Law**
 - **Council Member Clarke: Appoint Anthony Lacenere**
 - **Council Member Pedersen: Reappoint Peter Wilk**
 - **Vice Mayor Brown: Reappoint Jason Shepardson**
- **Finance Advisory Committee: All terms will expire December 2024.**
 - **Mayor Keiser: Reappoint Anthony Rovai**
 - **Council Member Brooks: Appoint Michelle Coffman**
 - **Council Member Clarke: Reappoint Laura Alioto**
- **Historical Museum Board:**
 - **Appoint Enrique Dolmo to a term expiring 6/30/2025**
 - **Appoint Roger Wyant to a term expiring 6/30/2024**

10. Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:50 PM to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on January 26, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Margaux Keiser

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Margaux Keiser, Mayor

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Julia Moss

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Julia Moss, City Clerk