

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022 – 7:00 PM



City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Mayor: Sam Storey

Vice Mayor: Margaux Keiser

Council Members: Jacques Bertrand, Yvette Brooks, Kristen Petersen

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 7 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Kristen Petersen, Jacques Bertrand, Margaux Keiser, Mayor Sam Storey, and Yvette Brooks

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

City Manager Goldstein announced that the person who submitted the flag request (Item 8.B) has asked to continue the item to March 24, 2022. Mayor Storey opened public comment regarding the request.

TJ Welch, the flag requester, said he wanted the Capitola Foundation to have a chance to discuss the topic prior to Council's hearing, and that the Foundation's next meeting is scheduled for March 15.

Motion: Continue Item 8.B (flag request) to the next regular City Council meeting on March 24, 2022

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Bertrand

Second: Council Member Petersen

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

3. Presentations

A. Proclaim March 2022 Red Cross Month

Mayor Storey presented a proclamation to Michele Averill, CEO of the Central Coast Region of the Red Cross. Averill spoke about how the Red Cross is helping those in need in the Ukraine.

B. Proclaim March 15, 2022, Equal Pay Day

Mayor Storey presented a proclamation to Kit Hein, who spoke briefly about Equal Pay Day.

4. Additional Materials – none

5. Oral Communications by Members of the Public – none

6. Staff / City Council Comments

Mayor Storey announced that the Capitola Historical Museum has a new exhibit called Perspectives – Capitola in the Eye of the Beholder, open now, with a reception to be held on April 2.

7. Consent Items

Motion: Approve, adopt, and determine as recommended

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Bertrand

Second: Vice Mayor Keiser

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

- A. Consider February 27, 2022, City Council meeting minutes

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

- B. Approval of City Check Registers Dated February 4, February 10, and February 18.

Recommended Action: Approve check registers.

- C. Receive Update on Pandemic Response and Consider Adopting Proposed 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.

8. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Appoint Representative to the Commission on the Environment to fill mid-term Vacancy

Recommended Action: Appoint representatives.

Motion: Appoint Jason Shepardson to the Commission on the Environment

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Petersen

Second: Vice Mayor Keiser

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

- B. Consider Request to “Fly Thin-Blue Line” Flag during National Police Week in Accordance with Policy V-18: Outdoor Display of Governmental and Non-Governmental Flags on City Property

Recommended Action: Deny request.

This item was continued, as indicated in Section 2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda.

- C. Receive Work Plan for Review of Parking Meter and Permit Parking Program Rates
Recommended Action: Receive a report regarding a work plan for the review and analysis of the parking meter rates and permit parking fees in the Village and surrounding neighborhoods and establish composition of ad-hoc committee.

Public Works Director Jesberg proposed creating an ad-hoc committee and presented staff's workplan to review the parking meter and permit parking program rates.

Council Member Petersen asked if the Village business representatives on the committee must be paying members of the Business Improvement Area.

Council Member Bertrand emphasized the importance of the ad-hoc committee representing all of Capitola, not just the Village.

Mayor Storey asked about the goals of the committee, and that these be officially determined/adopted upon appointing members to the committee.

Council Member Bertrand commented that equity regarding parking is important.

In public comment, Carin Hanna said she agrees that identifying the goals of the committee is important and encouraged Council and committee members to not assume that parking rates are going to increase.

Motion: 1) Receive workplan and 2) Establish an ad-hoc committee (subject to the Brown Act); stipulating that it will be composed of two Council Members, one FAC member, three Village Business Representatives, and three Capitola Residents and that the goals of the committee will be adopted by Council upon appointing committee representatives

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Petersen

Second: Vice Mayor Brooks

Yea: Mayor Storey, Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Petersen

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm to the next regular City Council meeting on March 24, 2022.

APPROVED MARCH 24, 2022