

City of Capitola

City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 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 Brown

Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 7 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Jacques Bertrand, Yvette Brooks, Kristen Brown, Margaux Keiser, and Mayor Sam Storey were present.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

City Manager Goldstein announced that the new Office Coordinator will be introduced at a later meeting.

3. Presentations

- A. Mayor for a Day Essay Contest: Elementary School Winner Recognition
Recreation Division Manager Bryant LeBlond introduced Desirae Adams, the elementary school essay contest winner.
- B. Introductions of new Public Works Director Jessica Kahn and Customer Service/Office Coordinator Liliana Carrisoza
City Manager Goldstein introduced new Public Works Director Jessica Kahn; the Mayor welcomed her to City staff and to the community.

4. Additional Materials – none

5. Oral Communications by Members of the Public

Roy Johnson from the Art and Cultural Commission spoke about a proposed Begonia Festival memorial art piece project.

Laurie Hill from the Art and Cultural Commission announced Capitola Plein Air, with the closing event on November 6 from 11am to 4pm.

6. Staff / City Council Comments

Police Chief Dally announced the Pink Patch Project, sales will benefit local breast cancer foundations.

Council Member Brooks invited the community to enjoy the Chamber hosted Halloween trick-or-treat parade Sunday October 30 at 2pm.

7. Consent Items

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- A. Consider the minutes from the September 22, 2022, regular City Council meeting
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
- B. Approval of City Check Registers Dated September 2, September 16, and September 30.
Recommended Action: Approve check registers.
- C. Coastal Conservancy Grant Resolution
Recommended Action: Adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, or Public Works Director to receive \$1,900,000 in grant funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Capitola Wharf Renovation.
- D. 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.

Motion: Approve Items 7.A, 7.B, 7.C, and 7.D as recommended

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Brooks

Second: Council Member Brown

Yea: Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Brown and Mayor Sam Storey

8. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Response Funding
Recommended Action: Adopt three proposed resolutions authorizing the City Manager to amend the current Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) which will re-allocate CDBG-CV funding from rental assistance and business assistance to 1) Grey Bears and 2) Community Bridges, and 3) allocate Program Income to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Mayor Storey recused himself, Vice Mayor Keiser led the item.

Director Herlihy presented a brief staff report. There was no public comment.

Council Member Bertrand confirmed how the funding will be disbursed to the benefiting organizations.

Motion: Adopt three proposed resolutions

Result: Passed, 4:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Brown

Second: Council Member Bertrand

Yea: Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Brown

Recused: Mayor Sam Storey

- B. Community Grant 2022-25 Fund Allocation – Community Action Board
Recommended Action: Consider the recommendation of the Community Grant Subcommittee to award the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County \$10,000 as part of the Community Grant Program.

Assistant to the City Manager Woodmansee presented a staff report.

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In public comment, Elyssa from CAB spoke about how the organization helps members of the public.

Motion: Allocate \$10,000 to CAB as part of the Community Grant Program

Result: Passed, 4:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Bertrand

Second: Council Member Brown

Yea: Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, Council Member Brown

Recused: Mayor Sam Storey

C. Community Grant 2022-25 Fund Allocations – Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

Recommended Action: Consider the recommendation of the Community Grant Subcommittee to award the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation \$5,000 from the General Fund and \$7,500 from Early Childhood and Youth Programming funds as part of the Community Grant Program.

Council Member Brooks recused due to being a Board Member on the National Marine Sanctuary. Assistant to the City Manager Woodmansee presented a staff report.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Bertrand opposed allocating funding to this organization and commented that he had expected a report on how previous funding was used.

Mayor Storey said that he felt administrative funding is important and asked that Council and staff keep an eye on how organizations meet their objectives.

Motion: Allocate the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation \$5,000 from the General Fund and \$7,500 from Early Childhood and Youth Programming funds as part of the Community Grant Program

Result: Passed, 3:1

Mover: Council Member Brown

Second: Vice Mayor Keiser

Yea: Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Brown, and Mayor Sam Storey

No: Council Member Bertrand

Recused: Council Member Brooks

D. Community Grant 2022-25 Fund Allocations

Recommended Action: Consider the Community Grant Subcommittee grant award recommendations for program applications, excluding the grant requests from the Community Action Board and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

Assistant to the City Manager Woodmansee presented a staff report.

In public comment:

Steven Matzie from Advocacy Inc. spoke about how the organization helps the elderly.

Alexander Pedersen, president of Blue Circle, explained that the no-profit supports and encourages a Living Wage in local businesses.

Tracie Wise, from O'Neill Sea Odyssey thanked Council for considering funding the next generation of ocean stewards.

Eduardo Santana, from the Seniors Council, thanked Council for support.

Christina Thurston, from the Volunteer Center, thanked Council for supporting the organization.

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Mayor Storey said he is proud that Council continues to support critical and essential safety-net services in Capitola and the greater community. He also encouraged Council to check in with partners more frequently than once every 3 years.

Council Member Bertrand asked that Council be familiar with the programs we are funding as Council Members.

Motion: Allocate Community Grant Program funding as recommended by the Subcommittee and outlined in the staff report.

Result: Passed, 5:0 (Unanimous)

Mover: Council Member Brooks

Second: Council Member Bertrand

Yea: Vice Mayor Keiser, Council Member Brown, Council Member Bertrand, Council Member Brooks, and Mayor Sam Storey

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm to the next regular City Council meeting on October 27, 2022.

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ATTEST:

Sam Storey, Mayor

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Chloé Woodmansee, Interim City Clerk