

**CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2020
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Edge called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice Mayor Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Edge, Vice Mayor Jordan, Council Members Flores and Freeman. Council Member DeVries arrived at 6:01 P.M.

Staff Present: City Manager Reynolds, City Attorney Mall, City Clerk Cent, Administrative Services Manager Paetz, Associate Planner Kennedy

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cheri Kao Linthicum asked if the City or the County provided vector control as she has seen mosquitos around standing water in Rancho Vista. She also commented that pet owners are not picking up after their pets and the City should have a fine or supply bags for waste pick up.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Affidavit of Posting Agenda

B. Approve Affidavit of Posting Public Hearing Notice

C. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2020

D. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on Tonight's Agenda Beyond Title

E. Approve Resolution 2020-08 Authorizing Street Closure for Los Padrino's Car Show

Vice Mayor Jordan made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Second by Council Member Flores. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Presentations: 1) "Is Our Community Prepared for a Disaster?" by Gary Byrne, President/CEO of Community Foundation for San Benito County, and 2) CERT Training Proposal by Michael Linthicum

Gary Byrne, the President of the Community Foundation for San Benito County, made a slide presentation on the subject of disaster preparedness. He gave the statistics of small businesses failing to reopen in the years after a disaster. The Foundation is starting a disaster relief fund to partner with and to support non-profits in the event of a disaster. A question and answer period followed with the Council. Mr. Byrne stated he would distribute his presentation to the Council via email. Mr. Byrne requested that a budget item for community disaster relief be placed on a future agenda to help the community rebound after a disaster. Michael Linthicum, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructor, gave a briefing with a slide presentation and proposed starting a CERT team in San Juan Bautista. A question and answer period followed with the Council. There was extensive discussion about concerns of a fire in San Juan Canyon. There was no public comment.

B. Monthly Financial Statements

City Manager Reynolds reviewed the financials and responded to questions. There was no public comment.

D. Reports from City Council Appointees to Regional Organizations and Committees

Council Member Freeman reported transportation and a regional forecast were presented at the AMBAG meeting, officials from agencies in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties were present at the Super COG meeting in Paso Robles, and MBCP welcomed new jurisdictions from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Vice Mayor Jordan reported on the San Benito County Water District meeting where she was elected to as Chair; she asked that residents stop using water softeners and turn off irrigation. There was no public comment.

C. City Manager's Report

Mayor Edge went back to this item. City Manager Reynolds presented his report, mentioning specifically the water master plan, the wastewater treatment plant, water system flushes, and the Rancho Vista roundabout plans. There was no public comment.

E. Strategic Plan Update from Ad Hoc Committee

City Manager Reynolds presented meeting notes; specifically, the by-laws should define two-year terms, require Brown Act training, a mission statement, and meeting with more stakeholders. Council Member Flores also included looking for committed people to be on the Committee. There was no public comment.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Introduce an Ordinance Adding Section 28 to Title 5, Banning the Use of Certain Plastics and Establishing a Sustainable Food Service Ware and Retail Bags Ordinance

City Manager Reynolds reviewed his report and offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Edge opened the Public Hearing. No public comments were received. Mayor Edge closed the Public Hearing.

A question and answer period followed between council members and City staff. City Manager Reynolds reported a bail schedule will be presented in a resolution in time for the second reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Reynolds also reported that not all downtown businesses are on board and time would be needed to correct this, and the restrictions would be posted on the website. City Attorney Mall reminded the Council take-out food in plastic is allowed in this Ordinance.

Council Member DeVries made a motion to Introduce an Ordinance Adding Section 28 to Title 5, Banning the Use of Certain Plastics and Establishing a Sustainable Food Service Ware and Retail Bags Ordinance. Council Member DeVries then tabled his motion and asked City Attorney Mall to comment on the Ordinance. Ms. Mall commented that the Ordinance would apply to City Hall as well as merchants and restaurants. Second by Council Member Flores. Motion passed 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Farmers Market Update

Associate Planner Kennedy reviewed his report, and stated the applicant had filed a new application to continue the Farmers Market. The applicant, Jerry Lami of West Coast Farmers Market, addressed the Council and responded to questions. He presented the challenges he was facing and what he was doing to improve and grow the Farmers Market. Mr. Lami recommended continuing the market to November 2020 and re-evaluating at that time. Council Member DeVries will help Mr. Lami contact local farms about participating in the Farmers Market. If the time of the market was moved to later on Sunday, Mr. Lami reported he would need help with blocking off the street early enough to prevent cars from parking on Mariposa before the Market. There was no public comment.

B. Downtown Parking

City Manager Reynolds reviewed his report, the presentation to the Planning Commission earlier in the month, and the feedback he had received from groups and individuals about paid parking. Mr. Reynolds showed the design boards from a Harris & Associates parking study ordered by the previous Interim City Manager. Council members and City staff discussed and asked questions. There was no public comment.

7. COMMENTS

A. City Council

Vice Mayor Jordan reported she had received positive comments about the workshop held last Saturday. Council Member Flores suggested having more than one workshop a year. Council Member Freeman stated he has received comments about dangerous situations at Donner and Third Streets because of low visibility and some were running stop signs. Council Member Flores has also received comments involving traffic near his home on Seventh Street.

B. City Manager

No comments received.

C. City Attorney

No comments received.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Flores. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.


Mary Vasquez Edge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura Cent, City Clerk