



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
San Juan Bautista City Council
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She explained the Council's remote participation under the Governor's Executive Order in order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, and described the process of public participation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Freeman lead the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Council Member Mary Edge, Vice Mayor Cesar Flores, Council Member Scott Freels, Council Member John Freeman, Mayor Leslie Jordan.

City Attorney Mall announced that the Council had held an earlier special meeting for closed session at 5:00 p.m.; one item was heard, direction was given to legal counsel and the special meeting had ended at 5:25 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda but Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the City Council

David Wheatly spoke on recent state land use and rezoning legislation explaining that California Cities for Local Control had been formed to address the take of local control. He asked the City to consider joining the coalition and requested that Council adopt a model resolution in support of local control, at the next meeting.

Public comment was then closed.

3. Consent Items

- A. Approve Affidavit of Posting the Agenda**
- B. Adoption of Resolution 2021-17 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Ordering Preparation of an Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Valle Vista Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 1**
- C. Adoption of Ordinance 2021-02 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Eliminating Self Regenerating Water Softeners (Introduced March 16, 2021 with a 5-0 vote) (Exempt per Section 15061(b)(3), 15307 and 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act)**
- D. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda Beyond Title**

There were no public comments.

Motion on the Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Council Member Edge, seconded by Council Member Freeman and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar.

4. Presentations, Informational Items and Reports

a. Proclamation for Water Awareness Month, May 2021

Mayor Jordan read the proclamation.

Shawn Novak of the San Benito County Water Resources Association described efficiencies in watering systems and offered the services of the Water Resources Association to the community.

b. Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week, May 2-8, 2021

Mayor Jordan read the proclamation and thanked City Clerk Freels and Deputy City Clerk Paetz for their service as Municipal Clerks.

c. Proclamation for National Public Works Week, May 16-22, 2021

Mayor Jordan read the proclamation.

d. Report by Jill Pagan of the San Juan Committee

Jill Pagan of the San Juan Committee detailed the marketing and downtown events coordinated by the committee and described the committee's participation in regional economic development and tourism, and shared plans for future commercials, marketing and website enhancements to promote the City.

Public comment was opened.

Fran Fitzharris spoke on the Committee's partnership with the Poppy Jasper Film Festival and described the San Juan Bautista Hospitality Committee work to promote food and beverage offerings in the City.

Public comment was then closed.

e. Presentation by City Lead Library Technician Rochelle Eagen of the Fiscal Year 2020 California State Library Report

The staff report was presented by City Lead Library Technician Eagen

There were no public comments.

f. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Financial Statements by City Treasurer Michelle Sabathia

The report was presented by City Treasurer Sabathia.

There were no public comments.

g. City Manager's Report

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

h. Reports from City Council Representatives to Regional Organizations and Committees

Council Member Edge explained that the Highway 156 COG expressway was on target and would be breaking ground in the summer and reported on the Agency on Aging master plan for 2021-2022.

Vice Mayor Flores reported that he had attended a CMAP meeting, a Homeless services meeting and a LAFCO meeting and shared the opening day at of San Juan school.

Council Member Freeman reported on the AMBAG energy efficiency programs, and announced the upcoming sustainable communities planning workshop. He reported on the Intergovernmental meeting work on broad-ban, and announced that he was a speaker at a San Benito County Realtors meeting.

Mayor Jordan reported on the Intergovernmental meeting and detailed the San Benito County Water Resources Association programs

There were no public comments.

5. Action Items

A. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Declaring the Condition of Certain Properties and Ordering the Abatement of Weeds Thereon, and Noticing a Hearing for the Receipt of Objections to the Proposed Abatement (SJB MC 5-6-100 – 5-6-200)

The staff report was introduced by City Manager Reynolds and further presented by Fire Marshal/Fire Chief Charlie Bedolla.

Public comment was opened.

Darlene Boyd asked if large trees were addressed during the weed abatement process.

Public comment was then closed.

Motion on Item 5A

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Flores, seconded by Council Member Freels and carried with a unanimous vote to adopt Resolution 2021-18 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Declaring the Condition of Certain Properties and Ordering the Abatement of Weeds Thereon, and Noticing a Hearing for the Receipt of Objections to the Proposed Abatement.

B. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Amending the Master Programs Funding Agreement with the San Benito County Council of Governments for Use of Measure G Funds

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

Motion on Item 5B

Motion was made by Council Member Edge, seconded by Council Member Freels and carried with a unanimous vote to adopt Resolution 2021-19 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Amending the Master Programs Funding Agreement with the San Benito County Council of Governments for Use of Measure G Funds.

C. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Enforcing Ordinance 2020-02, Which Added Section 28 to Title 5: Banning the Use of Certain Plastics and Establishing a Sustainable Food Service Ware and Retail Bags Ordinance

The staff report was presented by Community Liaison Sanchez Turner and City Manager Reynolds.

Public comment was opened.

Jared G spoke on the purchase of the compostable items at his restaurant, and transfer of the costs to the consumer.

Fran Fitzharris spoke on the challenges in absorbing the costs and spoke on the use of grant monies and joint purchases to lower costs for businesses.

Celina Stotler of Integrated Waste management spoke on the various resources available to assist with use of composable resources.

Jim Leibold spoke on the costs and the need to allow business to use down what they have in order to ease the impacts of the costs of purchasing the new compostable products.

Public comment was then closed.

Motion on Item 5C

Motion was made by Council Member Freeman, second by Vice Mayor Flores and carried unanimously to Adopt Resolution 2021-20 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Enforcing Ordinance 2020-02, Which Added Section 28 to Title 5: Banning the

Use of Certain Plastics and Establishing a Sustainable Food Service Ware and Retail Bags Ordinance, with amendments to compliance dates in the resolution as follows:
Amend section 2 date to January 1, 2022, change section 4 date to January 2, 2022 and remove section 5.

D. Approve the Purchase of a Portable Backup Generator in the Amount of \$52,693.88 for City Operated Public Facilities

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

Public comment was opened.

Comment was made by Jim Leibold who asked for specifications of the unit and its storage location.

Public comment was then closed.

Motion on Item 5D

Motion was made by Council Member Freeman, and second by Vice Mayor Flores and carried with a unanimous vote to purchase the Portable Backup Generator in the Amount of \$52,693.88 for City Operated Public Facilities

E. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving Allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds, "Cares Act V2 and V3" Estimated to be \$231,284 for Regional Homeless Services

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

Motion on Item 5E

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Flores, second by Council Member Freeman and carried with a 4-1 Vote to adopt Resolution 2021-21 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving Allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds, "Cares Act V2 and V3" Estimated to be \$231,284 for Regional Homeless Services (Council Member Edge Voting no)

6. Discussion Items

A. Update on Water and Wastewater Distribution System Enhancements and Compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency

The staff report was made by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

B. Update on COVID-19 and Affects to the San Juan Community and San Benito County

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

C. Confirmation of the County's State of Emergency Due to COVID-19

Item 6C was discussed under item 6B.

7. Comments

A. City Council

Council Member Edge suggested working with the County to create a voucher program for the homeless to stay at hotels within San Juan Bautista.

Council Member Freeman spoke on new wireless services coming to the City and explained that a resident had a rock thrown through her window while driving through town over the weekend.

Mayor Jordan spoke on a hit-and-run on 3rd street during the weekend and the need for cameras downtown. She then spoke on the opening of the pickleball courts at San Juan School.

B. City Manager

There were none.

C. City Attorney

There were none.

D. City Clerk

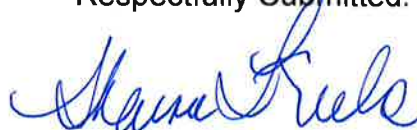
City Clerk Freels spoke on three legislative bills working through the State Assembly that would impact the process of public meetings by modifying provisions of the Brown Act.

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Council Member Flores, second by Council Member Edge and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Shawna Freels, MMC
City Clerk