

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
San Juan Bautista City Council  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Jordan led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present: Council Member Scott Freels, Council Member John Freeman, Mayor Leslie Jordan

Excused: Council Member Mary Edge

Absent: Vice Mayor Cesar Flores

Mayor Jordan described the Council's remote participation under the Governor's Executive Order and then detailed the process of public participation in the meeting.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Consent Items**

**A. Approve Affidavit of Posting the Agenda**

**B. Approve Affidavit of Posting the Public Hearing Notice**

**C. Approve Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Special City Council Meeting**

**D. Approve Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting**

**E. Adopt Ordinance 2021-02 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Amending the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code Chapter 10-1, to Revise Section 10-1-505 to Include an Increase in Fence Heights if Needed to Mitigate Noise or Provide Screening from Adjoining Highways or Non-Residential Use and to Prohibit Fences Closer than Three Feet from a Fire Hydrant (Exempt from CEQA) (Introduced 6/15/2021 with a 5-0 vote). Second reading and adoption.**

**F. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda Beyond Title**

**Motion on the Consent Calendar**

**Motion was made by Council Member Freels, seconded by Council Member Freeman and carried with a 3-0-2 vote (Council Member Edge excused, Vice Mayor Flores absent) to approve the Consent Calendar.**

**4. Presentations, Proclamations, Informational Items and Reports**

**A. Proclamation Recognizing Agricultural Worker Health Day**

Mayor Jordan read the proclamation in presentation to the San Benito Health Foundation.

**B. Proclamation Recognizing National Health Center Week**

Mayor Jordan read the proclamation in presentation to the San Benito Health Foundation.

Vice Mayor Flores joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

**C. Presentation of Annual Member Agency Report by Lina Williams of Central Coast Community Energy**

The report was presented by Lina Williams.

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

The report was presented by City Treasurer Sabathia.

Public comment was opened.

Jackie Morris-Lopez inquired about a payment made.

Public comment was then closed.

**E. City Manager's Report**

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds, Fire Chief Bedolla and Sheriff Taylor.

Public comment was opened.

Jackie Morris-Lopez commented on requirements for vaccination.

Public comment was then closed.

**F. Reports from City Council Representatives to Regional Organizations and Committees**

Vice Mayor reported on the LAFCO meeting presentation on member duties.

Council Member Freels reported on the first Public Safety Committee meeting.

Council Member Freeman reported on the AMBAG meeting active transportation workplan, ongoing sustainable communities transportation plan, and the regional housing needs allocation. He went on to report on the Intergovernmental Committee work on homelessness and discussions regarding the John Smith landfill.

Mayor Jordan reported on the Water Association meeting and detailed the water conservation efforts in the County.

**5. Action Items**

**A. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Amending the Valle Vista Landscape and Lighting District Budget to Add \$40,000 from its Reserve to Address Deferred Maintenance**

Staff report by was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

**Motion on Item 5A**

**Motion was made by Council Member Freeman, seconded by Council Member Freels, and carried 4-0-1 (Council Member Edge excused) to adopt Resolution 2021-41 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Amending the Valle Vista Landscape and Lighting District Budget to Add \$40,000 from its Reserve to Address Deferred Maintenance**

**B. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving a Contract with the Local Government Commission to Develop an Active Transportation and Community Connectivity Plan**

The staff report was introduced by City Manager Reynolds and further presented by Assistant City Manager Fouchte.

There were no public comments.

**Motion on Item 5B**

**Motion was made by Council Member Freeman, seconded by Council Member Freels, and carried 4-0-1 (Council Member Edge excused) to adopt Resolution 2021-42 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving a Contract with the Local Government Commission to Develop an Active Transportation and Community Connectivity Plan**

**C. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the Wastewater Compliance Project with the City of Hollister**

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

**Motion on Item 5C**

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Flores, seconded by Council Member Freeman, and carried 4-0-1 (Council Member Edge excused) to adopt Resolution 2021-43 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the Wastewater Compliance Project with the City of Hollister**

**D. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Benito County Water District for the Hollister Urban Area Water and Wastewater Master Plan 2021 Update**

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

Public comment was opened.

Jackie Morris-Lopez inquired about details of the Memorandum.

Public comment was then closed.

**Motion on Item 5D**

**Motion was made by Council Member Freeman, seconded by Vice Mayor Flores, and carried 4-0-1 (Council Member Edge excused) to adopt Resolution 2021-44 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Benito County Water District for the Hollister Urban Area Water and Wastewater Master Plan 2021 Update**

**E. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Awarding a Consulting Services Agreement to California Consultants, Inc. for Grant Writing and Administration Services**

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

Public comment was opened.

Jackie Morris-Lopez inquired about other cities California Consultants, Inc. provided services to.

EJ Sabathia thanked staff for finding such a qualified consultant.

Public comment was then closed.

**Motion on Item 5E**

**Motion was made by Council Member Freels, seconded by Vice Mayor Flores, and carried 4-0-1 (Council Member Edge excused) to adopt Resolution 2021-45 of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Awarding a Consulting Services Agreement to California Consultants, Inc. for Grant Writing and Administration Services.**

**F. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving a San Benito County Economic Development Corporation Grant in the Amount of \$5,000**  
City Manager Reynolds requested to continue the item to September.

**Motion on Item 5F**

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Flores, seconded by Council Member Freeman, and carried 4-0-1 (Council Member Edge excused) to postpone the item to the September meeting.**

**G. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving Plans and Specifications for the Construction of Franklin Circle Park at Franklin and Sixth Street**

The staff report was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

Public comment was opened.

Yolanda Delgado inquired about lighting and the naming of the park.

Jackie Morris-Lopez spoke on the naming of the park.

Public comment was then closed.

**Motion on Item 5G**

**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Flores, seconded by Council Member Freels, and carried 4-0-1 (Council Member Edge excused) to adopt Resolution 2021-46 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving Plans and Specifications for the Construction of Franklin Circle Park at Franklin and Sixth Street.**

## **6. Discussion**

### **A. July Fourth Fireworks Enforcement Wrap Up and Future Enforcement Policies**

The staff report by was presented by City Manager Reynolds and Fire Chief Bodella.

Public comment was opened.

Rachel Ponce spoke in support of the efforts and development of the plan and spoke on the naming of Franklin Circle Park after Glenny Farney.

Wayne Norton thanked the city for action and the compromise of the plan.

Jackie Morris Lopez spoke on prior efforts for safe and sane fireworks.

Public comment was then closed.

### **B. Potential Uses for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Funds**

The staff report by was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

### **C. Update on Water and Wastewater Distribution System Enhancements and Compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency**

The staff report by was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

There were no public comments.

### **D. Update on COVID-19**

The staff report by was presented by City Manager Reynolds.

Public comment was opened.

Jackie Morris-Lopez inquired about returning to requiring masks for businesses, and requiring them for city staff and consultants.

Public comment was then closed.

## **7. Comments**

### **A. City Council**

Vice Mayor Flores stated that he was glad to see things moving forward.

Council Member Freels spoke on the momentum of the city and spoke on a recent fire in El Dorado County.

Council Member Freeman spoke on the new opportunities of the city and reminded everyone to stay safe.

**B. City Manager**

There were none.

**C. City Attorney**

There were none.

**D. City Clerk**

There were none.

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion was made by Council Member Freeman, seconded by Vice Mayor Flores and carried with a 4-0-1 vote (Council Member Edge excused) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ Shawna Freels, MMC  
City Clerk