

**CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Leslie Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jordan, Vice Mayor Flores, Council Members Edge, Freels and Freeman

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Reynolds, City Attorney Rathie, Assistant City Manager Foucht, City Treasurer Michelle Sabathia, City Accountant Wendy Cumming

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maria Orozco testified she received a red tag violation from the city and is still awaiting the requested accompanying documents from the City. She inquired when the documents were going to be received.

Nancy Carlise testified to the difficulty some citizens have with technology, so the meetings should be in person and to flag etiquette.

Sandy Patterson testified to flag etiquette.

Two dial-in speakers were not able to unmute themselves to speak after several attempts.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. **Approve Affidavit of Posting the Agenda**
- B. **Adopt the Minutes of April 19, 2022 Meeting**
- C. **Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving the Report Prepared in Connection with the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Levy of Assessments in Connection with Valle Vista Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 1**
- D. **Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City Declaring Its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments Within Valle Vista Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and Setting the Time and Place for a Hearing on Said Assessment**
- E. **Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Calling a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 8, 2022, Requesting that County of San Benito Agree to Consolidation of Said Election With the Statewide General Election to be Held on Said Date,**

and Requesting the County to Render Services in Connection With Said Consolidated Election

- F. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Proclaiming and Reaffirming the Existence of a Local Emergency in the City**
- G. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda Beyond Title**

A motion was made by Council Member Edge to approve the Consent Items. The motion was seconded by Council Member Flores. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. City Council and Staff Announcements

Council Member Freeman announced it was Bike to Work Month and encouraged citizens to bike to work.

Council Member Freels requested the organizers of the BBQ event be diligent about cleaning up the streets and sidewalks after the event.

B. Proclamation Recognizing Historic Preservation Month, May 2022

Mayor Jordan read the proclamation.

C. Planning Commission Presentation of Certificates of Recognition for National Preservation Month to Michael and Vina Statua for the Residence at 607 Third Street, and Mary Lopez for 307, 309 and 313-315 Third Street

Mayor Jordan read the certificates of recognition.

Eduardo Lopez spoke on behalf of the Lopez family expressing gratitude for the recognition and appreciation of the community.

D. Balanced Access San Juan Bautista – Aromas Project presented by President Elise Brentnall

Elise Brentnall provided a presentation on the Balanced Access project and requested City Council's support.

Margot Tankersley and Edie Lopez spoke in favor of the project and organization.

City Council requested a resolution be prepared for the June meeting supporting the project.

E. San Juan Committee Annual Report

Jill Pagaran and Fran Fitzharris provided a verbal report and fielded questions from the City Council.

F. Pet Friends Annual Report

Eric and Marina Gordan provided a verbal report and fielded questions from the City Council.

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

City Accountant Wendy Cumming summarized the staff report and fielded questions from the City Council. No public comments were received.

H. City Manager's Report

City Manager Reynolds provided a staff report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

Jacqueline Morris-Lopez and David Medeiros spoke to the subjects presented.

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

Council Members reported on meetings they attended. No public comments were received.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Declaring the Condition of Certain Properties to Constitute a Public Nuisance and Ordering the Abatement of Weeds Thereon, and Conducting a Hearing for the Receipt of Objection to the Proposed Abatement

Mayor Jordan opened the public hearing and called for the staff report. Fire Marshall Charlie Bedolla presented the staff report, fielded questions from City Council, and recommended adoption of a resolution.

Mayor Jordan called for public comment.

Rosa Vivian Fernandez spoke in favor.

Jaqueline Morris-Lopez spoke in favor.

David Medeiros spoke in favor.

Hearing no one further, Mayor Jordan closed the public comments.

Hearing no further comments or questions from the City Council, Mayor Jordan closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Flores to adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista declaring the condition of certain properties to constitute a public nuisance and ordering the abatement of weeds, thereon, and conducting a hearing

for the receipt of objection to the proposed abatement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Edge. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. LGBTQ Pride Month: Approve a Proclamation and Authorize the Flying of the Pride Flag for the Month of June 2022 Consistent with City Council Resolution 2021-40

City Attorney Rathie provided the staff report.

Council Member Freels stated he supports the proclamation, but did not support flying the flag on the City Hall flagpole. He wished for another flagpole to be identified to fly commemorative flags.

No public comments were received.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Flores to approve a proclamation and authorize the flying of the Pride Flag for the month of June 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freeman. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 4 Yes-1 No (Freels).

B. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Accepting the Proposed Water Rate Study and Setting Six Actions into Motion:

- 1. Accept the Bartell Wells and Associates (BWA) Water Rate Study.**
- 2. Propose that the water rates set forth in the BWA Study and the Rate Table be the increase in rates proposed by this action.**
- 3. Set a public hearing for July 12, 2022 in City Council Chambers at 311 Second Street in San Juan Bautista and virtually by web conference.**
- 4. At the Public Hearing the City Council will hear testimony from all interested persons regarding the proposed water rates.**
- 5. Direct staff to mail notice of the Public Hearing to water customers in the manner set forth in Section 53755(a)(1) of the California Gov. Code.**
- 6. Direct staff to accept written protests.**

Direction was given by City Council to continue this item to the May 24 Council Meeting.

C. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Authorizing the County, as Lead Agency for the Members of the San Benito Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency, to Conduct Activities Needed on Behalf of the City to Comply with Senate Bill 1383, the Short-lived Climate Pollutant Act and Declaring the Purpose and Need for a Rural Exemption

City Manager Reynolds provided the staff report and fielded questions from the City Council.

Council Member Freeman noted the exemption date needed corrected prior to finalizing.

No public comments were received.

A motion was made by Council Member Freeman to adopt the presented resolution with the noted change of the exemption date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Flores. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

- D. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Determining a Specific Time and Place Authorizing the Non-Profit Organization Anzar High School Booster Club consistent with Municipal Codes 5-1-166 and 5-16-100 to Sell TNT Safe and Sane Fireworks for the July 4th Holiday**

Direction was given by City Council to continue this item to the May 24 Council Meeting.

- E. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Approving the Transmittal of an "Open Letter From the City Council To The Planning Commission"**

City Attorney Rathie provided the staff report.

Planning Commissioner Jacqueline Morris Lopez spoke to the matter and requested by-laws be established for the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Freels to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Flores. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

- F. Appoint a City Clerk for the Period Ending December 2022**

No applications were received.

7. DISCUSSION

- A. Receive the Draft City Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23, and Set May 24th as the first Budget Workshop**

City Manager Reynolds presented the draft FY 2022/23 Budget accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. He fielded questions from the City Council.

Rosa Vivian Fernandez, San Benito Health Foundation, inquired when the budget was going to be approved and when payments would be made to agencies approved for outside funding requests.

Jacqueline Morris-Lopez spoke to budgeting of a part-time community development director.

- B. COVID-19 Update**

City Manager Reynolds presented the update accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. He fielded questions from the City Council.

Rosa Vivian Fernandez, San Benito Health Foundation, spoke to the increase of COVID cases.

C. Water and Wastewater Update

City Manager Reynolds presented the update accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. He fielded questions from the City Council.

No public comments were received.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Loayza Subdivision Agreement for May 24th**
- B. Water Board Settlement Agreement**

City Manager Reynolds noted future agenda items.

9. COMMENTS

- A. City Council**

Council Member Freels requested no presentations from outside organizations be scheduled for the June meeting and presentations be kept to no more than 10 minutes. Mayor Johnson and Council Member Edge supported the time limit on presentations.

Council Member Edge announced the upcoming Senior Potluck to be held on June 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mission Olive Grove.

- B. City Manager** – no comments.
- C. City Attorney** – no comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Reynolds, Acting Deputy City Clerk