

**CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 19, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Leslie Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 311 2nd Street, San Juan Bautista, California. This is the first hybrid meeting in 2022, as such, some members were in attendance at a zoom location.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Council Member Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Reynolds, General Counsel Rathie, Assistant City Manager Foucht, City Treasurer Michelle Sabathia

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Jordan called for public comments.

Darlene Boyd spoke regarding the Planning Commissioners issues and noted her complaints. She asked Council to appoint qualified citizens.

Andy Moore asked if anything could be done with the speed of traffic on Second Street and asked for speed mats to be placed at the location.

Michael Ponce asked for a timeline for completing the park restrooms.

David Medeiros spoke regarding an open letter from Council to the Planning Commission. He noted critical concerns with the letter.

At this time, Attorney Rathie reported out of Closed Session and noting that information was given, no reportable action was taken.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. **Approve the Affidavit of Posting Agenda**
- B. **Approve the Affidavit of Posting Public Hearing Notice**
- C. **Approve the Minutes for the June 30, 2022 Special Meeting**
- D. **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**
- E. **Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continuing Virtual Meetings and Commencing Hybrid Meetings**

- F. **Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Authorizing Closure of Streets for San Juan Days**
- G. **Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Authorizing Financial Support of the San Benito County Economic Development Corporation (SBC EDC) to Ensure Continued SBC EDC Advisory Support and Guidance to the San Juan Bautista Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee**

Note: This item was pulled and heard under separate action.

- H. **Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda Beyond Title**
- I. **Approve the Minutes for the June 14, 2022 Special Meeting**

Mayor Jordan requested item 3.C. be pulled for separate consideration.

Mayor Jordan called for public comments, seeing none, she closed the public comments.

A motion was made by Council Member Edge to approve the Consent Calendar Items A, B, C, D, E, F, H, and I. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

Mayor Jordan requested the resolution title to Item 3.C. read "Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Authorizing Financial Support of the San Benito County Economic Development Corporation (SBC EDC)".

A motion was made by Mayor Jordan to approve the resolution with the new recommended title. The motion was seconded by Council Member Edge. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

- A. **Proclamations for the San Benito Health Foundation for National Health Center Week and Agricultural Worker Health Day.**

Mayor Jordan read the proclamation into the record.

- B. **Presentation by Clean California on State Hwy Beautification**

A PowerPoint presentation was given regarding State Highway Beautification project.

- C. **City Council and Staff Announcements**

Each Council Member shared updates on meetings they attended and announced upcoming meetings and events.

- A. **Treasurer's Report and Monthly Financial Statements by City Treasurer – Sabathia**

City Treasurer Michelle Sabathia provided a brief summary of the financial statements and fielded questions from the Council.

Mayor Jordan called for public comments, seeing none, she closed the public comments.

B. City Manager's Report

City Manager Reynolds gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the updates to city activities and fielded questions from the Council.

Fire Chief Bob Martin Del Campo provided a brief update on the Fire Department.

Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Miller provided a brief update on the Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Leslie called for public testimony.

Cara Vonk testified on public bathroom and electric car plug-ins.

Teresa Lavagnino testified on school playgrounds being open to the public.

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

This item was addressed under Item 4C.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Amending Section 3-5-155 of the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code and Increasing Water Rates

City Manager Reynolds, legal counsel Mark Mandell, and consultant from Bartle Wells & Associates, Erik Helgeson, gave the staff report and fielded questions from the Council.

Mayor Jordan opened the public hearing for comments.

Andy Moore made comments regarding the 65% water from out of area.

Cheri Foletta asked if city has resolved issues with Earthbound Farm/Taylor Farms.

Michael Ponce asked if SJB permits well 6 with nitrate problem be resolved.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Jordan closed the public comment and public hearing.

Legal counsel Mark Mandell announced this was the last opportunity to file a protest.

Attorney Rathie counted the protests and announced there were five, which did not constitute a majority.

It was noted that this item would be brought back for first reading at the August meeting, with second reading at the September meeting, and will become effective 30 days after the September meeting.

B. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Levying the Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 2018-01 for Fiscal Year 2022/23

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

Mayor Jordan called for public comments, seeing none, she closed the public comments.

A motion was made by Council Member Flores to approve the resolution levying the Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 2018-01 for Fiscal Year 2022-23. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freeman. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Designate a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo September 7-9, 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Edge to designate the Voting Delegate as Mayor Jordan and Alternate as Vice Mayor Flores for the League of California Cities Annual Conference. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freels. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Recology Rate Increase

Celina Stotler of the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Agency and Mike Kelly of Recology presented a brief report on waste rate increases.

Mayor Jordan called for public comments, seeing none, she closed public comments.

B. Fireworks

City Manager Reynolds presented the staff report.

Mayor Jordan asked for public comments.

Tyler Jordan read part of the resolution and asked for clarification, he also noted the city had less security than the year before. Cara Vonk noted if only two citations were given and the city spent \$8,000, she felt it was a waste of city funds.

C. Path Forward for the City's Sphere of Influence

Assistant City Manager Brian Foucht presented the staff report.

Mayor Jordan called for public comments.

EJ Sabathia testified there was confusion at the public meetings regarding the map and stated there was good information sharing from staff. Cara Vonk stated the plan should be community driven and suggested reviving the Ad Hoc Committee to let the community members decide the direction of planning. Jackie Morris-Lopez stated she felt this should be community driven.

D. Update on Process for Filling Vacant Seat on Planning Commission

City Manager Reynold noted there had been one citizen interested.

Mayor Jordan called for public comments.

Jackie Morris-Lopez spoke to issues with absences on the Commission.

Tony Correia stated he submitted his application. Staff noted their receipt of the application.

E. General and Municipal Election Update

City Manager Reynolds provided an update on the number of open seats, ballot measures, and candidate filing deadlines.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Frontella for", is written above a horizontal line.

Lori Frontella
Regional Government Services