

**SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CITY COUNCIL  
OFFICIAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 31, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:29 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Councilmember Scott Freels  
Mayor Pro Tem John Freeman  
Councilmember Jackie Morris-Lopez  
Councilmember EJ Sabathia  
Mayor Leslie Q. Jordan

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Don Reynolds, City Manager  
Robert Rathie, City Attorney  
Brian Foucht, ACM, Community Development Director  
Norma Alley, Regional Government Services  
Elizabeth Soto, CMC, CPMC, Deputy City Clerk

**1. CONSENT**

**A. Affidavit of Posting Agenda**

No public comment received.

**MOTION:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Freels, second by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, the Affidavit of Posting was approved.

AYES: Councilmembers: Freeman, Freels, Morris-Lopez, Sabathia, and Mayor Jordan. NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Authorizing A Financing Agreement with First Foundation Public Finance Providing for The Issuance of Series 2023 Bond Anticipation Notes in The Amount of \$14.6 Million To Construct the City's Sewer Force Main to Hollister.**

City Manager Don Reynolds introduced Cameron Weist, Bond Counsel; Dmitry Semenov, Municipal Advisor; and Wendy Cummings, CPA. Mr. Weist provided the report. The City Council approved The Weist Law Firm to serve as Bond Counsel for the issuance of the Notes and Ridgeline Municipal Strategies, LLC to serve as municipal advisor

The Notes are being structured as interest only Notes, to be issued as one fully registered note with a term of 3 years. Once the Project is complete the City will issue long-term revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) that will be purchased by USDA, the proceeds of which will be used to pay off and replace the Notes. The Resolutions authorizes the issuance of the Notes and approves the form of the Financing Agreement. The approval of the Resolution is necessary for the City to move forward with the issuance of the Notes.

No public comment received.

**MOTION:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Sabathia, second by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, **RESOLUTION 2023-10** authorizing and directing the execution of a certain Financing Agreement providing for the issuance of “City of San Juan Bautista, Series 2023 Wastewater Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (San Juan Bautista to Hollister Force Main Development Project)” in a principal amount not to exceed \$14,600,000 (the “Notes”) and providing for other matters properly related thereto was approved.

AYES: Councilmembers: Freeman, Freels, Morris-Lopez, Sabathia, and Mayor Jordan. NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Motion Carried.

**B. Planning Commission / Historic Resources Board Appointments**

City Manager Reynolds stated there are two vacancies; one open seat for an unexpired term ending December 2024; and one (1) open seat to fill an open seat for a 4-year term ending December 2026.

The Ad Hoc Committee members Sabathia and Mayor Jordan, provided their recommendations.

Received comment from the following member of the public:  
Cara Vonk

**MOTION:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Sabathia, second by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, to Appoint Mishele Newkirk-Smith to the Planning Commission to fill an open seat for a 4-year term ending December 2026.

AYES: Councilmembers: Freeman, Freels, Sabathia, and Mayor Jordan. NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Councilmember Morris-Lopez; ABSENT: None. Motion Carried.

Received comment from the following member of the public:  
Cara Vonk

**MOTION:**


Upon motion by Councilmember Morris-Lopez, second by Councilmember Freels, to Appoint Dan DeVries to the Planning Commission to fill an open seat for an unexpired term ending December 2024.

AYES: Councilmembers: Freeman, Freels, Morris-Lopez, and Mayor Jordan. NOES: Councilmember Sabathia; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**APPROVED:**



Leslie Q. Jordan, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Elizabeth Soto, Deputy City Clerk