

**SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CITY COUNCIL
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Sabathia led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilmember Scott Freels

Staff Present:

Don Reynolds, City Manager
Robert Rathie, City Attorney
Harrison Tregenza, Regional Governmental Services
Elizabeth Soto, CMC, CPMC, Deputy City Clerk

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Received general public comment

3. PRESENTATION

A. Central Coast Community Energy Annual Update

Judi Young, Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) provided the report highlighting 3CE's accomplishments and plans for 2023.

The following member of the public commented on the report:

Irada Pisano

B. Robert Fulton to Introduce Christopher Ranch Annexation Application

Robert Fulton with the Christopher Ranch Annexation Application provided the presentation.

No public comment received.

4. CONSENT

A. Approve a **RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista Proclaiming and Reaffirming the Existence of Local Emergencies in the City.

- B. Waive the Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda Beyond the Title.
- C. Approve the Affidavit of Posting Agenda
- D. Approve the Minutes of January 17, 2023.
- E. Approve a **RESOLUTION** Appointing Elizabeth Soto as a Representative and Don Reynolds as an Alternate Representative to the Board of Directors of the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA).
- F. Second Reading - Adopt an **ORDINANCE** to Amend Sections 2-1-105 and 2-2-115(B) of the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code to Vest the Authority in the City Manager to Appoint the City Clerk.
- G. Approve a **RESOLUTION** Authorizing Closure of Streets for Certain Special Events in 2023.

Items D and F were pulled for separate vote, separate discussion.

No public comment received.

MOTION:

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, second by Councilmember Sabathia, the consent agenda, items A, B, C, E, and G was approved.

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

Mayor Jordan pulled item D for corrections to show City Attorney Rathie was present at the meeting, and pointed out that the affidavit of posting was misstated but has been corrected.

- H. Approve the Minutes of January 17, 2023.

No public comment received.

MOTION:

Upon motion by councilmember Morris-Lopez, second by Councilmember Sabathia, the minutes of January 17, 2023 was approved as amended.

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

City Attorney Rathie stated that the Ordinance would revise the municipal code, vest the power to appoint the city clerk, and make the City Clerk position subject to the authority of the City Manager.

- I. Second Reading - Adopt an **ORDINANCE** to Amend Sections 2-1-105 and 2-2-115(B) of the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code to Vest the Authority in the City Manager to Appoint the City Clerk.

No public comment received.

MOTION:

Upon motion by councilmember Sabathia, second by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, **ORDINANCE 2023-01** to Amend Sections 2-1-105 and 2-2-115(B) of the San Juan Bautista Municipal Code to Vest the Authority in the City Manager to Appoint the City Clerk was approved.

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

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. City Council Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Freeman urged and encouraged residents to take advantage of 3CE rebates, and requested to bring forth a review of the franchise ban.

Councilmember Sabathia agreed to have the city revisit the franchise ban. There will be an indoor flea market on March 18th at 507 Thirds Street.

Mayor Jordan announced that the Senior group is asking for volunteers. Poppy Jazz International Film Festival will run April 12-19.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Freeman announced that Integrated Waste Management did not meet. AMBAG met to review the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Mayor Jordan Water Resources Association met to review the budget. The Fire Protection Advisory Committee met and are doing a feasibility study. The Intergovernmental Committee had a Special meeting to discuss Hazel Hawkins Hospital.

No public comment received.

C. Treasurer's Report and Monthly Financial Statements

Receive Report from Wendy Cummings, CPA.

No public comments received.

D. City Manager's Report

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

The following member of the public commented on the report:
Mariana Thomas

No public comment received.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Introduce an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5, Article 1 of the City of San Juan Bautista Building Code, and adopting the California Building Standards Code 2022 Edition of the California Fire Code and Appendices Title 24, Part 9.

Item continued to the next meeting.

The following members of the public commented on the report:

Leslie Austin

Cara Vonk (*via email*)

- B. Introduce an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Article 1-110 of the City of San Juan Bautista Municipal Code Regarding the Adoption of the 2022 California Building Code, and related International Codes and Repealing Chapter 10, Article 1-115.

Item continued to the next meeting.

No public comment received.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointment of City Treasurer

Councilmember Sabathia recused himself for the reason of material financial interest.

No public comment received.

MOTION:

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, second by Councilmember Morris-Lopez, Michelle Sabathia was appointed to serve as the City Treasurer.

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

B. Approve the San Juan Bautista Active Transportation and Community Connectivity Plan

City Manager Reynolds, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Brian Foucht, Tony Hull from Civilstreet, and Tony Leonard from CivicWell, provided a brief report on the San Juan Bautista Active Transportation Community and Connectivity Plan.

The following members of the public commented on the report:

Cara Vonk (*via email*)

MOTION:

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, second by Councilmember Morris-Lopez, **RESOLUTION 2023-14** approving the Active Transportation and Community Connectivity Plan (ATP), and direct the City Manager to integrate recommendations and conclusions contained in

the ATP as necessary into General Plan policies, programs and implementation measures, and further directs the City Manager to plan program and implement projects to accomplish recommendations contained in the ATP was approved.

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

C. Multi-Modal Center and Third Street Master Plan Integrated Plan Grant Funding

Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Brian Foucht provided the report.

No public comments received.

MOTION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Sabathia, second by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, **RESOLUTION 2023-15** authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the State Department of Transportation (CAL TRANS) under the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program to develop an integrated Multi-Modal Center Plan was approved.

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

D. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

City Manager Reynolds provided the report on the Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

The following members of the public commented on the report:

Michelle Sabathia

MOTION:

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, second by Councilmember Morris-Lopez, **RESOLUTION 2023-16** amending the budget for Fiscal Year 22/23 as indicated to reflect higher than expected revenues, savings, and several new projects and studies to be initiated before the end of the fiscal year (June 30) was approved.

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

Mayor Jordan recessed for a short break at 10:03 p.m. and reconvened at 10:09 p.m.

E. Mayor's Selection of Representatives to Committees, Regional Boards, etc.

Mayor Jordan announced that this matter needed to be brought back due to the fact that certain Regional Boards such as LAFCO require certain criteria that needs to be met in order to sit on these Boards.

Mayor Jordan announced the changes she made to the appointments to the Regional Boards and Committees.

MOTION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Sabathia, second by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, the appointment to the Regional Boards and Committees as stated was approved.

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Procedural Changes due State's termination of the State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

City Manager Reynolds reported that the State's State of Emergency is set to end on February 28, 2023. There will be changes to the Personnel Policies relating to the COVID-10 Prevention Program. Hybrid meetings will continue but the new Brown Act changes require officials to be present (unless excused by a "just cause") or follow the teleconference procedures requiring to post meeting agenda at their off-site location.

City Manager Reynolds noted that the parklets will be brought before the Council at the March meeting.

No public comment received.

B. Application for Urban Growth Boundary/Sphere of Influence and Public Safety Committees. The application for the Urban Growth Boundary/Sphere of Influence and Public Safety Committees have been opened through March 2, 2023.

No public comment received.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Sabathia, second by Morris-Lopez.

APPROVED:



Leslie Q. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elizabeth Soto, Deputy City Clerk