

City of Chula Vista

Special Meetings of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency and Housing Authority Meeting Jointly with the City Council

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Deputy Mayor McCann, Councilmember Padilla, Mayor Casillas Salas

Also Present: City Manager Kachadoorian, City Attorney Googins, City Clerk Bigelow, Assistant City Clerk Turner

The City Council minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the City Council Agenda. Agenda items may be taken out of order during the meeting.

The agenda items were considered in the order presented except for Item 7.1, which was heard following Public Comment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council and special meetings of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Authority of the City of Chula Vista were called to order at 5:01 p.m. and in the Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

Mayor Casillas Salas announced, pursuant to AB 23, that she and each Councilmember would receive \$50 for their attendance at that Housing Authority meeting, held simultaneously with the City Council meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Bigelow called the roll.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Casillas Salas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence to reflect on the one-year anniversary of the shooting of George Floyd and the pain that racial discrimination had caused to many members of the community.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

4.1 Community Services Department "COVID" Year-In-Review

Director of Community Services Lamb gave a presentation on the item.

Delia Dominguez-Cervantes, Chula Vista resident, submitted comments regarding impacts of the pandemic.

4.2 Presentation of a Proclamation Commending Antonio "Tony" Cruz for His Four Years of Dedicated Service to the City and Declaring Wednesday May 26, 2021 as "Tony Cruz Day" in the City of Chula Vista

Mayor Casillas Salas read the proclamation and Councilmember Padilla presented it to Mr. Cruz.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 5.1 through 5.3)

ACTION: **Moved by** Mayor Casillas Salas
 Seconded by Councilmember Galvez

To approve the recommended action appearing below each of the following consent calendar items. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

5.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approve the minutes dated: February 16, March 2, and 16, 2021

5.2 Waive Reading of Text of Resolutions and Ordinances

Approve a motion to read only the title and waive the reading of the text of all resolutions and ordinances at this meeting.

5.3 Investment Report: Quarter Ending March 31, 2021

Accept the investment report for the quarter ending on March 31, 2021

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public submitted written comments regarding a recent article printed in La Prensa regarding campaign funds:

- *Brenda Aguirre*
- *Ian Burgar*
- *Jennifer Villa*
- *Jennifer M.*
- *Alfonso M.*
- *Madison Beck*
- *Ricardo Ochoa, Chula Vista resident*
- *Mark Marconi, Chula Vista resident*
- *Beau, Chula Vista resident*
- *Andrea Beth Dansky*
- *Gretel Rodriguez*
- *James E. Moffat*
- *Rick Bates*
- *John P. Teevan*
- *Sara Kent*

The following members of the public spoke regarding a recent article printed in La Prensa regarding campaign funds:

- *Beatrice Fernandez, Chula Vista resident*
- *Tom Lemmon*
- *Kate Bishop, Chula Vista resident*

7. BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

7.1 Human Relations Commission Presentation to City Council Making Recommendations Regarding the Christopher Columbus Statue and Taking Certain Actions to Reflect Chula Vista's Diversity

The following individuals gave a presentation on the item:

- *Human Relations Commission Chair Martinez Montes,*
- *Human Relations Commission Vice Chair Branch*
- *Human Relations Commissioners Keen-Ayub, Felix, Lake and Medina*
- *Park and Recreation Commissioner Enriquez*
- *Kumeyaay Community Members John Elliot and Stan Rodriguez, Ed.D*
- *Community Members Elena Izcalli, Erica Renfree and Marisol Rerucha*

The following members of the public spoke in support of the Commission's recommendation:

- *Grace Sardina, representing the Sons and Daughters of Italy*
- *Beatriz Zamora, Chula Vista resident, spoke on behalf of Stan Rodriguez, Mario Aguilar, Pedro Anaya and Sheryl Sanchez*
- *Susana Vega, Chula Vista resident*
- *Joel Rodriguez, Chula Vista resident*
- *Forest Smith, La Mesa resident, representing Party for Socialism and Liberation*
- *Luis Montoya, representing Party for Socialism and Liberation*
- *Judy De Los Santos, National City resident, representing Union del Barrio*
- *Grace Sesma, representing Originals Peoples Alliance*
- *Citlali Sanchez, Chula Vista resident*
- *Nicolas Tovar, Chula Vista resident*
- *Jorge Hernandez*
- *Andres Aguilar, Chula Vista resident*
- *Angela Elliot-Santos, representing Manzanita Tribe/Kanap Kuahan, spoke on behalf of Juan Caro, Olympia Beltren and Vincent Quitugua*
- *James Cardinale Hill, representing Sons and Daughters of Italy/Knights of Columbus*
- *Erica Pinto, San Diego resident, representing Jamul Indian Village*
- *Franny, Chula Vista resident*
- *Pedro Perez, Chula Vista resident*
- *Gretel Rodriguez, San Diego resident, representing California Teachers Organization*
- *Yesenia Husley*

The following members of the public spoke in opposition to the Commission's recommendation:

- *Michael Brault, representing Knights of Columbus*
- *Michael Gorski*

The following members of the public spoke regarding Commission's recommendation:

- *John Scheck, representing Coronado Knights of Columbus*

- *Anthony Villafranca spoke on behalf of Michael McCable*
- *Eli Komai*
- *Stefano Dimenna, representing Sons of Italy*

The following members of the public submitted written documentation in support of the Commission's recommendation but did not wish to speak or were not present when called:

- *Kecia Flores*
- *Samantha Cruz*
- *Giovanni Cerda*
- *Ken Cohen*
- *Pedro Vargas*
- *Irene Alamilla*
- *Sue Lake, representing the Human Relations Commission*
- *Marcos Antonio Perez, Bonita resident*
- *Colin Richard, San Diego resident*
- *Celine Kitaoka, Chula Vista resident*
- *Charles Hester, Chula Vista resident*

Jennifer Garcia registered a neutral position on the item and did not wish to speak.

Mario Saratoga submitted a request to speak with no position noted and did not wish to speak.

The following members of the public submitted written communications in support of the Commission's recommendation:

- *Rachel Ortiz*
- *Margaret Baker*
- *Maria Figueroa*
- *Beatrice Perez*
- *Josh Hobbs*
- *Lily Wang*
- *Ricardo Ochoa*
- *Valerie Rositas*
- *Sonali*
- *Derek Lam*
- *Olympia Beltran*
- *Don Dumas*
- *Norell Martínez*
- *Dr. Adrian Arancibia*
- *Pedro Rios*
- *Anzy Adams*
- *Keith Hammond*
- *Zach Farber*
- *Norma Cazares*
- *Cereescia Sandoval*
- *Brian Batugo*
- *Emily V*
- *Ratha Kelly*
- *Joel Rodriguez*

- *Luis Montoya*
- *Raquel Nunez*
- *T.E. Caballero*
- *Josephine S. Talamantez*
- *Rose Lujan*
- *Margaret Baker*
- *Colin Hampson*
- *Carrie Geremia*
- *Pedro Vargas*
- *Amy Huie*
- *Mariam Ruiz*

The following members of the public submitted written communications in opposition to the Commission's recommendation:

- *Charles Hernandez*
- *Blair Knoll*
- *Nelson Mozzini*
- *Tim Isbell*
- *Kim*
- *Chris Basaites*
- *Sean Goodin*
- *John Zarem*
- *Shirley Cameron*
- *Stefanie Meurer*
- *Barbara Randall*
- *Bill Walker*
- *Maureen Walker*
- *Latifa Warsawsky*

The following members of the public submitted written communications expressing a neutral position on the Commission's recommendation:

- *Michael McCabe*
- *John O'Reilly*

Council discussion ensued.

ACTION: **Moved by Mayor Casillas Salas**
 Seconded by Councilmember Galvez

To do the following:

- Permanently remove the statue of Christopher Columbus at Discovery Park,
- Direct the Human Relations Commission to return within two months with a recommendation for Council consideration regarding the composition and duties of a task force, which would include members of the Human Relations Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, Kumeyaay community, and Sons and Daughters of Italy, and would be charged with recommending a method of disposal of the Christopher Columbus statue, renaming Discovery Park, and identifying replacement artwork, and
- Designate October 12 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Chula Vista.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (4): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

No (1): Councilmember McCann

Result: Carried (4 to 1)

Mayor Casillas Salas called for a recess at 8:47 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m., with all members present.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Consideration of Adopting the Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021/22

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than the time specified in the notice.

City Attorney Googins announced the following potential property-related conflicts of interest: Mayor Casillas Salas on Item 8.1B; Councilmember McCann on Item 8.1C; and Councilmember Padilla on Item 8.1D.

Mayor Casillas Salas opened the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public commenting period Mayor Casillas Salas closed the public hearing.

ACTION: **Moved by** Mayor Casillas Salas
 Seconded by Councilmember Galvez

To adopt Resolution Nos. 2021-093 (Item 8.1A), HA2021-003 (Item 8.1E), SA2021-002 (Item 8.1F), 2021-097 through 2021-099 (Items 8.1 G through I), and place the below ordinance (Item 8.1J) on first reading. The headings below were read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-093 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 EXCLUDING OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS: 01, 10, EASTLAKE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1 ZONE C, EASTLAKE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1 ZONE E, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 07M EASTLAKE WOODS & VISTA, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STM0407 AND TRF0429

E. RESOLUTION NO. HA2021-003 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

F. RESOLUTION NO. SA2021-002 OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

G. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-097 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF VARIOUS POSITION TITLES AND CHANGES IN SALARY AS REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 OPERATING BUDGET

H. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-098 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE AMENDED COMPENSATION SUMMARY FOR ALL UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY CONTRACT AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT SAID AMENDED COMPENSATION SUMMARY

I. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-099 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2021, AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5

J. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.05.010 ADDING THE UNCLASSIFIED POSITION TITLES OF DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL SERVICES, EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER AND SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER AND DELETING THE POSITION TITLE OF ANIMAL CARE FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Casillas Salas left the dais during voting on Item 8.1B.

ACTION: **Moved by** Councilmember McCann
 Seconded by Councilmember Cardenas

To adopt Resolution No. 2021-094 (Item 8.1B), heading below read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (4): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, and Councilmember Padilla
Abstain (1): Mayor Casillas Salas

Result: Carried (4 to 0)

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-094 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT #10, EASTLAKE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1 ZONE E, AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR CIP PROJECT TRF0429 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Deputy Mayor McCann left the dais during voting on Item 8.1C.

ACTION: **Moved by** Mayor Casillas Salas
 Seconded by Councilmember Galvez

To adopt Resolution No. 2021-095 (Item 8.1C), heading below read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (4): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Abstain (1): Councilmember McCann

Result: Carried (4 to 0)

C. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-095 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGETS FOR OPEN SPACE DISTRICT #1, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 07M EASTLAKE WOODS & VISTA AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR CIP PROJECT STM0407 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Councilmember Padilla left the dais during voting on Item 8.1D.

ACTION: **Moved by** Mayor Casillas Salas
 Seconded by Councilmember McCann

To adopt Resolution No. 2021-096 (Item 8.1D); heading below read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (4): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Abstain (1): Councilmember Padilla

Result: Carried (4 to 0)

D. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-096 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR EASTLAKE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1 ZONE C AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 07M EASTLAKE WOODS & VISTA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

8.2 Local Coastal Program and Municipal Code Amendments for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than the time specified in the notice.

Principal Planner Donaghe gave a presentation on the item and responded to questions of the Council.

Mayor Casillas Salas opened the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public commenting period Mayor Casillas Salas closed the public hearing.

ACTION: **Moved by Councilmember Galvez**
Seconded by Mayor Casillas Salas

To place the below ordinance on first reading, as amended to include the provision that JADUs cannot be rented for less than 30 days and that JADUs and ADUs be subject to a future ordinance on vacation rental fines and penalties. The heading below was read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING THE SPECIFIC PLAN OF THE CHULA VISTA LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AND AMENDING CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTIONS 19.58.022 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT) AND 19.58.023 (JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS); AND CHAPTERS 19.22 (RESIDENTIAL ESTATES ZONE); 19.24 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE); 19.26 (ONE-AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE); 19.28 (APARTMENT RESIDENTIAL ZONE); 19.30 (ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICE ZONE); 19.36 (CENTRAL COMMERCIAL ZONE); 19.48 (PLANNED COMMUNITY ZONE); AND 19.84 (BAYFRONT SPECIFIC PLAN-LAND USE ZONES)

8.3 Amendment to the Transnet Local Street Improvement Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2020/21 through 2024/25

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than the time specified in the notice.

Senior Civil Engineer Moneda gave a presentation on the item.

Mayor Casillas Salas opened the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public commenting period Mayor Casillas Salas closed the public hearing.

ACTION: **Moved by** Mayor Casillas Salas
 Seconded by Councilmember McCann

To adopt Resolution No. 2021-100, heading below read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-100 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSNET LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-21 THROUGH 2024-25

8.4 Public Hearing to Consider Various Actions for the Financing, Development and Operations of a Resort Hotel, Convention Center, Parking Structure and Related Public Improvements on and Adjacent to Parcel H-3 within the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than the time specified in the notice.

Mayor Casillas Salas opened the public hearing.

ACTION: **Moved by** Mayor Casillas Salas
 Seconded by Councilmember Padilla

To continue the public hearing to the June 15, 2021 City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Temporary Appointment of a CalPERS Retiree Pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21221(H)

City Manager Kachadoorian spoke regarding the item.

ACTION: **Moved by** Councilmember Galvez
 Seconded by Mayor Casillas Salas

To adopt Resolution No. 2021-101, heading below read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Galvez, Councilmember McCann, Councilmember Padilla, and Mayor Casillas Salas

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-101 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA CERTIFYING THE NECESSITY OF TEMPORARILY APPOINTING A CALPERS RETIREE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 AND 21221(h)

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

10.1 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Update

Housing Manager Hines, Senior Management Analyst Dorado and Kathie Lembo, representing South Bay Community Services, gave a presentation on the item and responded to questions of the Council.

11. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Casillas Salas congratulated the Chula Vista winners of the MTS Laptop Scholarship contest winners; Angelina Cano, David Castellon, Elijah Gaginer, and Martin Martinez.

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

At the request of Councilmember Padilla, there was consensus of the Council to add an item to a future agenda to seek input from the Human Relations and Parks and Recreation Commissions on a community process to examine the establishment of a memorial to the Chula Vista resident victims of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Cardenas spoke regarding George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Councilmember McCann thanked the Public Works department for their work on several recent issues.

Councilmember Galvez spoke regarding her attendance at the following recent events: Opening of Seven Mile Casino's new Sammy's restaurant and the Grand Opening of Celebrando Latinas. Councilmember Galvez extended holiday greetings.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Tyshar Turner, Assistant City Clerk

Kerry K. Bigelow, MMC, City Clerk