

City of Chula Vista
Regular City Council Meeting
MINUTES

Date: February 4, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Deputy Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, Mayor McCann

Also Present: City Manager Kachadoorian, City Attorney Verdugo, City Clerk Bigelow, Deputy Director of City Clerk Services Turner

Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Bigelow called the roll.

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

Led by Scouts of America Troops 2099 and 1194.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

4.1 Oath of Office

Board of Library Trustees

- Isabella Glinksy

City Clerk Bigelow administered the oath of office.

4.2 Presentation of a Proclamation Welcoming and Commending the Members of the Shen Yun Production

The proclamation was presented.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 5.1 through 5.6)

City Attorney Verdugo announced that a revised agreement for Item 5.4 had been distributed and that action on the item would be on the revised document.

Item 5.3 was removed from the consent calendar at the request of Deputy Mayor Chavez.

John Acosta, Chula Vista resident, spoke in support of Item 5.4.

Steve Stenberg, Chula Vista resident spoke in support of Item 5.5.

Moved by Mayor McCann

Seconded by Councilmember Fernandez

To approve the recommended actions appearing below consent calendar Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 through 5.6. The headings were read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Deputy Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

5.1 Approve Meeting Minutes

Approve the minutes dated: January 7, 9, and 14, 2025.

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.

5.4 Grant Award, Appropriation, and Agreement: Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from Cal OES for the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program, Waive the Competitive Bidding Process, and Approve an Agreement with SBCS for Domestic Violence Services

Adopt a resolution accepting \$203,130 in grant funds from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, waiving the competitive bidding process, approving an agreement with SBCS Corporation for domestic violence response and advocacy services, and appropriating funds to the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund for the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

Item 5.4 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-013 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIZED UNITS PROGRAM, WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SBCS CORPORATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR **(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

5.5 Purchase Approval: Waive the Competitive Bidding Process and Approve the Purchase of AMKUS Rescue Systems Products from Diamondback Fire & Rescue

Adopt a resolution waiving the competitive bidding requirements and approving the purchase of specified Fire & Rescue equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, from Diamondback Fire & Rescue over a five-year period.

Item 5.5 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-014 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AMKUS EQUIPMENT FROM DIAMONDBACK FIRE & RESCUE

5.6 Grant Award: Accept the Roy and Marian Holleman Foundation Grant to Replace Animal Housing, Appropriate Funds and Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget

Adopt a resolution accepting a grant award from the Roy and Marian Holleman Foundation in the amount of \$38,000 to provide animal housing improvements at the Animal Care Facility and appropriate funds for that purpose. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

Item 5.6 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCPETING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ROY AND MARIAN HOLLEMAN FOUNDATION, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR **(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

ACTION ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

5.3 Agreement: Approve an Agreement with HR&A Advisors, Inc. to Develop an Economic Development Strategic Plan

Assistant City Manager Allen provided a brief overview of the item and responded to questions from the City Council.

Moved by Councilmember Preciado
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Chavez

To adopt Resolution No. 2025-012, heading read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Deputy Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 5.3 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A TWO-PARTY CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HR&A ADVISORS, INC. TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING SERVICES

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Acosta, Chula Vista, spoke regarding various topics.

The following members of the public spoke in support of competitive wages for SEIU Local 221:

- *Jennifer Lima*
- *Shannel Honore*

Nancy Yamagata, Chula Vista resident, expressed concern regarding the impact of the potential deportation of undocumented individuals on her students.

Alfredo Luna, Chula Vista resident, expressed concern regarding a violation of his family's civil liberties.

Tatiana Landini, Chula Vista resident, spoke regarding homeless encampments near Palomar.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 Housing Funds: HUD Block Grant Programs Funding Priorities for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025/26 Annual Action 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.

Management Analyst Barnard gave a presentation on the item.

Mayor McCann opened the public hearing.

John Acosta, Chula Vista resident, spoke expressing a neutral position on the item.

There being no further members of the public who wished to speak, Mayor McCann closed the public hearing.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Consider Items Removed From the Consent Calendar, if Any

For action on this item, refer to the section Action Items Removed from the Consent Calendar, above.

The meeting was recessed at 5:56 p.m. and resumed at 6:05 p.m.

8.2 Employee Compensation: Amend the Compensation Schedule for the FA Deputy Executive Director, FA IVDC-LECC Executive Director, FA Director of SD LECC, FA Finance Manager, FA Deputy Director of IV-LECC, and FA Deputy Director of LECC

Acting Captain Scott Adkins gave a presentation on the item and announced that approval of the item would affect executive compensation.

Moved by Mayor McCann

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Chavez

To adopt Resolution Nos. 2025-016 and 2025-017, the headings were read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Deputy Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 8.2 headings:

A) RESOLUTION NO. 2025-016 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL AGENT DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FISCAL AGENT IVDC-LECC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FISCAL AGENT DIRECTOR OF SD LECC, FISCAL AGENT FINANCE MANAGER, FISCAL AGENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IV-LECC, AND FISCAL AGENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LECC, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

B) RESOLUTION NO. 2025-017 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2025, AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5 TO REFLECT SALARY INCREASES FOR FA DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FA IVDC-LECC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FA DIRECTOR OF SD LECC, FA FINANCE MANAGER, FA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IV-LECC AND FA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LECC

8.3 Measure A Expenditure Plan and Appropriation: Amend the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan to Add One Police Captain, Six Peace Officers, Continue Hourly Community Services Officers, Overtime, Lockers and Vehicles, and Appropriate Funds

Police Chief Roxana Kennedy gave a presentation on the item.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the item:

- *John Acosta, Chula Vista resident*
- *Scott Siebert*

Moved by Mayor McCann

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Chavez

To adopt Resolution No. 2025-018, the heading was read, text waived. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Deputy Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

Item 8.3 heading:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-018 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE AMENDED MEASURE A PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURE PLAN TO ADD ONE POLICE CAPTAIN, SIX PEACE OFFICERS, CONTINUE HOURLY COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICERS, OVERTIME FUNDING, EQUIPMENT STORAGE LOCKERS, AND VEHICLES FOR THE

POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

There were none.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

10.1 Border 2 Fire Update/Summary

Fire Chief Muns and Emergency Services Manager King gave an update on the Border 2 Fire.

11. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor McCann reported on attendance at recent events and made community announcements.

11.1 Appointment of the South Bay MTS Executive Committee Representative

Moved by Mayor McCann

Seconded by Councilmember Preciado

To appoint Councilmember Fernandez as the primary member and Mayor McCann as the alternate member of the South Bay MTS Executive Committee. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Deputy Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Inzunza, Councilmember Preciado, and Mayor McCann

Result, Carried (5 to 0)

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on attendance at recent events and made community announcements.

Deputy Mayor Chavez spoke regarding her attendance at the Metropolitan Transit Systems Board meeting.

13. CITY CLERK'S REPORTS

There were none.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

There were none.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Resolution No. 13706 and City Council Policy No. 346-03, the City Attorney maintains official minutes and records of action taken during closed session.

City Attorney Verdugo announced that the City Council would convene in closed session to discuss the items listed below.

Mayor McCann recessed the meeting at 8:08p.m. The City Council convened in closed session at 8:17 p.m., with all members present.

15.1 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of case: 1) Guadalupe Jose Venegas, et al. v. City of Chula Vista, et al., San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 37-2023-00047590-CU-PA-CTL

Action: No Reportable Action

Name of case: 2) City of Chula Vista v. Slade Fischer, et al., San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 24CU006375C

Action: No Reportable Action

Name of case: 3) Lamar Scott Dowling v. Chula Vista Police Department, et al., San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 25CU003024C

Action: No Reportable Action

Name of case: 4) Lamar Scott Dowling v. Chula Vista Police Department, et al., San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 25CU001169C

Action: No Reportable Action

15.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Steve Stenberg, Chula Vista resident, spoke expressing a neutral position on the item.

Agency-designated representatives: Maria Kachadoorian, Courtney Chase, Sarah Schoen, Tanya Tomlinson, and Marco Verdugo

Employee organization: IAFF

Action: No Reportable Action

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCann adjourned the meeting in memory of ames Vincent Pieri.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Tyshar Turner, Deputy Director, City Clerk Services

Kerry K. Bigelow, MMC, City Clerk