

**CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2013
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Boch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Boch led the pledge of allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Boch, Vice Mayor Moore, Council Members Cosio, Edge and Lund

Absent: Fire Chief Fox, City Clerk McIntyre, City Treasurer Geiger

Staff Present: City Manager Grimsley, Deputy City Clerk Paetz, City Attorney Thacher, Asst. City Planner Leal

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Wanda Guibert (SJB, Resident) and Georgana Gulate (SJB, Resident) provided an update on the open house and barbecue fundraiser held for Luck Library and the Museum, and reported they made more than \$5,000, and thanked City Manager Grimsley for barbecuing. There is still an opportunity to sponsor a storage box containing newspapers from years past at \$30. Mayor Tony Boch had for display in City Hall an aerial photograph donated by the Leonard Caetano family. Eric Gredassoff (SJB, Resident) commented that persons walking their dogs do not pick up after their dog, and there is loud music coming from parties held at Christopher Ranch.

Whereupon, Council Member Edge arrived to the meeting.

3. PRESENTATIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Presentation by Kathy Bisbee, CMAP Director

Kathy Bisbee was not able to attend so this item was rescheduled to next month.

B. Proclamation – Freedom Week (Freedom From Workplace Bullying)

Mayor Boch proclaimed October 20-26 Freedom from Workplace Bullying Week in San Juan Bautista.

C. Monthly Financial Statements – Treasurer’s Report

City Treasurer Geiger was not present. City Manager Grimsley responded to questions. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No comments were received.

D. Library Report

Council members were provided with a report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Boch announced he would attend a library forum regarding the future of San Benito County Libraries later this month. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No comments were received.

E. Fire Chief's Report

City of Hollister Interim Fire Chief Mike O'Connor was present and reported there was a fire in the canyon, the new quarters are coming along well, and he is taking a fire engine out of commission for regular maintenance. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No comments were received.

F. Sheriff's Report: Monthly Activity

A representative from the Sheriff's department was not present and there was no written report in the Council packet. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No comments were received.

G. Public Works Report

Council members received the City Manager's report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No public comments were received.

H. Code Enforcement Report

Council Members received a report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No comments were received.

I. City Planner Report

Council Members received a report in their packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No comments were received.

J. City Manager Report

City Manager Grimsley reviewed his written report for Council stating Well No. 2 is off-line because of high nitrate levels and Well No. 1 is being used exclusively. Other issues being addressed by the city manager include a tax sharing agreement with the County, procuring a new patrol vehicle in accordance with the public safety contract with the Sheriff's Office, and a significant bump that has developed on First Street. A question and answer period followed. There was discussion about water availability for fire and emergency, whether the County Board of Supervisors have weighed in on the tax sharing agreement, and whether a black and white patrol vehicle would be an option for the City. City Manager Grimsley asked for direction on whether Council wants City staff to participate in the County bidding process or have the City bid the patrol car independently. It was the consensus of Council to let the County bid on the patrol vehicle and leave it up to the sheriff to decide what color they want the vehicle. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. No comments were received.

K. Public Meetings and Committee Reports

Council Member Cosio reported District Attorney Candace Hooper would be the featured speaker at the Neighborhood Watch meeting next week, and AMBAG was looking for bicycle rider representatives for a committee involved with bike lanes, and she participated in a GIS live maps demonstration. Vice Mayor Moore reported the new fire station that will be located at the airport was discussed at the Fire Committee meeting. Council Member Lund reported it was also discussed at the Fire Meeting a fire contract with Cal Fire and creation of a fireworks ordinance that will be consistent throughout the county and cities. Council Member Edge reported on the LAFCo meeting, which was attended by Mayor Boch as well. Mayor Boch reported the Water Ad Hoc Committee met with San Juan School Public Works Superintendent Bill Rupert to consider using their well as a backup well for the City, and the possibility of releasing City reclaimed water over their sports field. Mayor Boch further reported he and City Manager Grimsley visited a pellet softening plant in Valencia and were impressed with the process and the cost of operating the plant.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Affidavit of Posting Agenda

B. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on Tonight's Agenda Beyond Title

C. Approve Resolution 2013-31 for Street Closures

D. Approve Minutes for August 20, 2013 Regular Meeting

Council Member Edge requested Item 4D be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Edge and seconded by Vice Mayor Moore to approve Items A, B, and C on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4.D. Approve Minutes for August 20, 2013 Regular Meeting

Council Member Edge stated he would abstain from voting on the minutes because he was not present at the August 20 meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Cosio and seconded by Vice Mayor Moore to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0-1-0 with Council Member Edge abstaining.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Making Loan Payment to Pavex to Reduce the Principal and Interest Rate

i. Adopt Resolution 2013-32 Approving the Use of Reserve Funds to Make a Loan Payment to Pavex and Amending the Budget

City Manager Grimsley presented a report stating that paying down the principal on the Pavex loan would greatly benefit the City by reducing the amount of interest

paid over the life of the loan; Pavex would reduce the interest rate on the loan to 5% from 6%; and there is enough revenue in the City's reserve fund to authorize the payment of \$200,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Cosio and seconded by Vice Mayor Moore adopting Resolution 2013-32 approving the use of reserve funds to make a loan payment to Pavex. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Selection of City Volunteer to Recognize on Philanthropy Day
Mayor Boch suggested Planning Commissioner Wanda Guibert be selected to honor at San Juan Oaks on National Philanthropy Day.

A motion was made by Mayor Boch and seconded by Council Member Edge to recognize Wanda Guibert on National Philanthropy Day for volunteering her time throughout the City. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider Selection of a Representative to the Community Choice Aggregation Project Development Advisory Committee
Council was notified that the speaker for the Community Choice Aggregation Project was in route to the meeting so this item was moved to the end of the meeting.

D. Approve Resolution 2013-33 Creating a General Plan Advisory Committee and Appointing Members Thereto
Assistant City Planner Leal presented a staff report with a list of recommended members to the General Plan Advisory Committee, and local stakeholders. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. Richard Ponce (SJB, Resident) expressed interest in being on the committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Boch and seconded by Council Member Cosio to approve Resolution 2013-33 creating a General Plan Advisory Committee and appointing members thereto, and include Richard Ponce as a member to the committee as well. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Planner Leal announced the first Community meeting of the General Plan Update Project would be held on October 22.

Whereupon, City Attorney Thacher advised about posting and attendance requirements according to the Brown Act.

5.C. Consider Selection of a Representative to the Community Choice Aggregation Project Development Advisory Committee.
Brennan Jensen arrived to the meeting and made a presentation about Community Choice Aggregation, a program through which local governments assume responsibility for providing electrical power to residential and commercial customers within their jurisdiction in partnership with PG&E. A question and answer period

followed. Mayor Boch opened for public comment. Chris Khan spoke in support of the project.

It was the consensus of council to continue this item to the next regular meeting and requests more information be made available in advance.

E. Request by Council Member Edge that the Council Consider Additions to the Strategic Planning Committee Membership

Council Member Edge requested the following changes be made to the Strategic Planning Committee membership: remove Nancy Martin and add John Mortensen.

A motion was made by Council Member Cosio and seconded by Council Member Edge to make the recommended changes to the Strategic Planning Committee membership. The motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Announcement of a Community Meeting to Discuss the General Plan Update Project, October 22, 6:30 p.m., in the Community Center

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

B. Consider Council Support for Senate Bill 405 – Phase Out of Single-Use Plastic Bags in California

A request from Senator Alex Padilla for a resolution in support of Senate Bill 405, which would enact a statewide phase out of single-use plastic bags in California, was included in the Council packet. A question and answer period followed. Mayor Boch open end for public comment. No comments were received.

It was the consensus of the Council to bring this item back next meeting that staff prepare a resolution.

7. COMMENTS

A. City Council Members: Council Member Edge requested that the minutes be brought current by the next meeting and suggested the deputy city clerk be provided with some assistance if necessary. Council Member Edge questioned the City Manager about a tax sharing agreement with the county, and annexation. Mayor Boch reminded everyone there would be a Veterans Day parade in downtown Hollister on November 11. Mayor Boch further commented that the City Manager could authorize contracts up to \$5,000 to paint City Hall.

B. City Manager: City Manager Grimsley provided information with talking points to the Council regarding development at San Juan Oaks and the impact on San Juan Bautista.

C. City Attorney: City Attorney Thacher cautioned Council Members against discussing items during the meeting that are not on the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.