



connect with existing roads. Councilmember Martorana commented that traffic will still continue and their safety statistics are not accurate nor adequate. Assemblymember Caballero suggested a meeting with CalTrans and the Council. Councilmember DeVries commented on the amount of traffic on Hwy 101 and Hwy 156. He also commented on the State Parks, and suggested returning the plaza hotel to a functioning historic hotel. Assemblymember Caballero will suggest this to the State Parks. No public comment was received.

### **B. Treasurer's Report**

City Treasurer Geiger spoke on investment advisory service and investment policies. Councilmember Boch questioned revenue, budget versus actual, as well as the gas tax. Councilmember Martorana commented that it was deferred. Martorana also inquired about the Library and expanding to add Chrome Books. No public comment was received.

### **C. Monthly Construction Progress Report**

City Engineer Dobbins reviewed his report for the Council. No public comment was received.

### **D. Community Development Report**

City Manager LaForge reviewed the report with Council.

### **E. City Engineer's Report**

City Engineer Dobbins reviewed his report for the Council. No public comment was received.

### **F. Public Works Report**

City Manager LaForge provided a report, and explained how the work order system has been revamped. Councilmember DeVries commented on his personal experience with the water turning brown when the hot water is running. City Manager LaForge commented that Public Works will look into this.

During public comment Jolene Cosio asked for clarification on which report was posted online, and City Manager LaForge provided clarification.

### **G. Wastewater Services Contract Report**

City Engineer Patrick Dobbins provided a report. Dobbins commented on the process involved in the sludge removal project, stating that work should start in October. No public comment was received.

## **H. Reports from City Council Appointees to Regional Organizations and Committees**

Councilmember Boch spoke on COG and that the Hwy 156 project will start 2020 and end 2022. Councilmember DeVries asked City Attorney Mall about the Council supporting the Measure G. Councilmember Martorana spoke on the Fire Committee meeting, that the City of Hollister and County are having issues with coverage, and also spoke on the placements of new fire stations. No public comment was received.

## **I. Strategic Plan Committee Report**

Vice Mayor Freeman provided a report. No public comment was received.

## **5. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Consider Appeal by Jason Williams for Rib Cookoff on May 3rd – 5th in 2019**

Councilmember DeVries recused himself from this item and left the Council Chambers.

City Manager LaForge asked Council to decide if there should be two events on the same date in May 2019; the Rib Cookoff and the Indian Market, and provided a report. Concerns have been raised about safety, traffic and trash. Business owners have stated that they did well with the events being on the same day. Finding a middle road, planners of the events are working together to find solutions. Before making their decision, City Manager LaForge asked Council to hear from both event planners. City Attorney Mall commented that the vote is on the each event's application.

Rib Cookoff promoter Jason Williams asked the Council to allow the event to continue to be on the May 5th weekend in 2019 and commented that that store owners had a great turn out in 218, and his schedule does not allow the event to be on any other date. When Councilmember Boch asked if 2020 could be on a different date, Williams responded that it cannot be foreseen. Councilmember Martorama asked what was done and decided between the other event planner to send visitors in the direction of the Indian Market. Williams responded the ideas of banners, flyers and performing on stage.

Indian Market planners Elaine Reyna and Chief Sonne Reyna reported that they were not able to make a profit during this year's double event. They do not believe that co-existing can happen if their vendors are not making a profit.

During public comment Marjorie Palmer spoke in support of the event being on the same day and how the events in San Juan help existing vendors. She also commented on how the city cannot afford to lose an event like the Rib Cookoff. Marjorie provided the city clerk with a petition signed by vendors. Lori Wilson of Bear's Hideaway commented that visitors she came across were happy to find multiple events on the same day and felt the community should work together. Margot Tankersley of the Ice

Cream Shop spoke in support on the events being held on the same day, commenting that visitors were happy to find both events on the same day but that garbage needing to be picked up. Eduardo Hernandez commented on keeping the Rib Cookoff, stating it really helps the community with the revenue festivals produce. Frederick Morra, a resident on Third Street commented on how he is affected directly by the street closures, but felt events help the community. Chuck Geiger commented on scheduling the events differently in the future. Jolene Cosio commented on the events co-existing. Bob Quaid commented that the non-profits in San Juan benefit from the Rib Cookoff.

Councilmember Boch suggested relocating the Indian Market. Vice Mayor Freeman agreed that the solution may be the location of the Indian Market. Councilmember Martorana commented on objections that were brought forth with the Indian Market, for example, low profits and advertisement. He addressed the parking situation and improvements for next year to help events co-exist.

It was the consensus of Council to accept both events applications for the May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 weekend.

### **B. Award of Well 6 Project**

City Engineer Dobbins provided a report. City Manager LaForge discussed the redundancy of the well and the cost. Councilmember Devries commented that the current cost for the Well 6 Project seems too high. City Manager LaForge replied that due diligence has been done, and that the well is new, and in good working condition, and re-drilling can bring risks and unknowns. There was discussion.

During public comment Chuck Geiger, commented on Well 6 engineering costs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Martorana and seconded by Mayor West to adopt Resolution 2018-40 authorizing execution of a contract with Maggiora Brothers Drilling for the Well 6 Project in the amount of \$138,150 and establish a contingency budget of \$25,000 for a total contract authorization of \$163,150. The motion passed unanimously.

Whereupon, Council took a 5 minute break.

### **C. Consider Increasing Community Hall User Fee**

City Manager Michaele LaForge provided a report. During public comment, Jolene Cosio asked for clarification on the increase changes.

It was the consensus of the Council to accept the increases to the Community Hall user fees.

**D. Consider Funding Request for Installation of Pickle Ball Courts at San Juan School**

City Manager Michaele LaForge provided a report. There was discussion. No public comment was received.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve a donation of \$5,000 for renovations to the San Juan School tennis courts to accommodate the game of pickle ball.

**6. Comments**

**A. City Council**

No comments received.

**B. City Manager**

No comments received.

**C. City Attorney**

No comment received.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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John Freeman, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

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Trish Paetz, Deputy City Clerk