

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OJAI CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OJAI CITY HALL
401 SOUTH VENTURA STREET, OJAI, CA
WITH TELECONFERENCE OPTION (ZOOM)**

Mayor Stix called the Regular Meeting of the Ojai City Council to order on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On the call of the roll, the following were present in the Council Chambers: Mayor Stix, Mayor Pro Tem Francina, and Council Members Rule, Lang, and Whitman. Also present in the Council Chambers: Interim City Manager Alameda, City Attorney Summers, and Deputy City Clerk Montgomery.

Mayor Stix read a statement announcing Acting City Manager Alameda stepping in to replace Interim City Manager Scott.

ABSENCES

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy City Clerk Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Francina, with a second by Council Member Lang, to approve the agenda of the November 14, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.

Council Action:

Unanimous consent reached through the Mayor, with five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Ayes: Stix, Francina, Rule, Lang, Whitman

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSES

PRESENTATIONS

Kathy Nolan and Betsy Van Leit of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition presented on the Community Service Grant Project: City Hall Campus Master Plan – Year 1 Community Engagement Report.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Art Commission Chair West provided an update on the Commission.

Historic Preservation Commission Chair Aikens provided an update on the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (30-MINUTE)

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1.a - e)

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the governing bodies, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no discussion of these items unless, before the governing body votes on the motion to adopt, specific items are removed from the Consent Calendar for separate motions.

1. a) Waiver of Reading in Full of Any and All Ordinances Listed on this Agenda and provide that they be Read by Title only and Directing the Clerk to Assign an Ordinance Number Upon Successful Introduction.
- b) **City of Ojai Warrants for October 1, 2023 – October 14, 2023**
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- c) **Minutes of the City Council; October 24, 2023, Special Meeting; October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting; October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting; October 3, 2023 Special Meeting; and July 27, 2013 Regular Meeting**
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
- d) **Minutes of the Planning Commission; October 18, 2023, Regular Meeting; October 4, 2023, Regular Meeting, and September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting**
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- e) **Winter City Council Meeting Schedule**
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council cancel the December 26, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting for a winter holiday recess, and approve the resolution for regular meeting cancellation.

Motion:

It was moved by Council Member Rule, with a second by Council Member Lang, to approve the Consent Calendar 1.a – 1.e.

Council Action:

Unanimous consent reached though the Mayor, with five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Ayes: Stix, Francina, Rule, Lang, Whitman

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSES

DISCUSSION

2. **Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Title 6 (Businesses, Professions, and Trades) of the Ojai Municipal Code to add a New Chapter 8 Titled “Proposed Rental Housing Development Rent Disclosure Ordinance”**

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Receive public comment; and,
2. Review and Introduce the Ordinance adding a New Chapter 8 Titled “Proposed Rental Housing Development Rent Disclosure Ordinance” requiring certain rental

- rate disclosure information for proposed housing development projects; OR,
- 3. Modify and introduce the draft ordinances as desired; OR
- 4. Decline to introduce the draft ordinances and provide other direction as desired.

Motion:

It was moved by Council Member Lang, with a second by Council Member Whitman, to direct staff to return with a revised ordinance for Council review, considering the changes proposed by the City Attorney.

Roll Call:

On the call of the roll, the vote was five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council Action:

Ayes: Francina, Lang, Whitman, Stix, Rule

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSES

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (REMAINDER)

DISCUSSION

3. Introduction of Four Ordinances (1) Modifying the Structure of the Planning Commission; (2) Modifying the Structure of the Historic Preservation; (3) Modifying the Structure of the Arts Commission; and (4) Modifying the Structure of the Parks & Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- 1. Open public hearing, accept public testimony, close the public hearing; and,
- 2. Review and Introduce the attached ordinances amending the Ojai Municipal Code Provisions governing the membership, selection and dismissal processes, terms of service, and quorum requirements for the Planning, Historic Preservation, Parks & Recreation, and Arts Commissions; OR,
- 3. Modify and introduce the draft ordinances as desired; OR
- 4. Decline to introduce the draft ordinances and provide other direction as desired.

Motion:

It was moved by Council Member Lang, with a second by Council Member Whitman, to adopt the four (4) ordinances for the Planning Commission the Historic Preservation Commission the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Arts commission, and include one amendment in section 4-1 16.1 101 for the Arts Commission created to strike the sentence that reads, “a majority of the commission shall be residents of the city.”

Roll Call:

On the call of the roll, the vote was five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council Action:

Ayes: Francina, Lang, Whitman, Stix, Rule

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSES

4. Introduction of an Ordinance Adopting a Local Tenant Preference Policy for

Lower Income Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing

That the City Council:

1. Receive public comment; and,
2. Review and Introduce the attached Ordinance Adopting a Local Tenant Preference Policy for Lower Income Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing; OR,
3. Modify and introduce the draft ordinance as desired; OR
4. Decline to introduce the draft ordinances and provide other direction as desired.

Motion:

It was moved by Council Member Rule, with a second by Council Member Lang, to introduce the Ordinance with oral modifications identified.

Roll Call:

On the call of the roll, the vote was five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council Action:

Ayes: Lang, Whitman, Francina, Stix, Rule

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSES

5. Discussion – Proposed 25 MPH Citywide Speed Limit

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and discuss the staff report and provide staff direction to:

1. To retain the services of a consulting traffic engineer to work with Public Works and Police/Sheriff’s staff to identify the streets eligible for these reductions.
2. Prepare a specific recommendation for implementation to the City Council, as well as an appropriate community outreach plan.
3. Identify additional signage that should be installed concurrent with establishing these new speed limits.
4. Prepare a community “pride campaign” that connects this public safety initiative on an emotional level with the community’s desire to distinguish Ojai as a neighbor-friendly and bicycle, pedestrian and driver safe community.

Motion:

It was moved by Council Member Rule, with a second by Council Member Lang, to direct staff to consider the services of a consulting traffic engineer to work with Public Works and County Sherriff’s Department staff to identify streets eligible, to prepare a specific recommendation for implementation to the City Council as well as an appropriate community outreach plan, identify additional or possible signage, and prepare a community “pride campaign” that supports and connects this public safety issue initiative.

Roll Call:

On the call of the roll, the vote was five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council Action:

Ayes: Stix, Francina, Rule, Lang, Whitman

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSES

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORTS

Mayor Stix Expressed gratitude to the Ojai Film Festival. Mayor Stix reported that they attended the Help of Ojai Board Meeting.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Acting City Manager Alameda expressed gratitude to the Sheriff’s Department for hosting a great emergency preparedness meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Lang requested a future “peace policy” and “code of ethics,” referring to the sentiment of public comment period speakers.

Council Member Rule requested a future agenda item for the discussion of recording noticed Closed Sessions.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stix adjourned the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 10:44 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting on November 28, 2023.

Prepared by: Bridget Mara Administrative Assistant II

Submitted by: Weston Montgomery, Chief Deputy City Clerk