

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
February 23, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Rob Cullen.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Cullen.

3. ROLL CALL:

City Manager Adams conducted roll call.

City Council: Council Members Hendrickson, LeBarre, Acosta, Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan, and Mayor Cullen
City Staff: City Manager, Steven Adams, City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz

4. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Cullen introduced Marc Bloom, District Manager from California Water Service Company. Mr. Bloom presented a general district overview of how water rates are set. Cal Water serve 13,000 residents through 2,600 service connections in King City. Cal Water has a contract to bill for the City sewer, which is included in the water bill. Cal Water is finishing up a six phase project to move water from the West to the East part of town. Cal Water proposed ratemaking consolidation with Cal Water's Salinas service area to help keep rates reasonable and not close local offices, not taking employees out of King City and not scaling back needed upgrades to the water system in King City.

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

None

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Member Acosta mentioned "bullying awareness day" and wearing pink shirts to support the cause. The Four Cities for Peace, were asked to review the goals and objectives. Council member LeBarre reported Assembly candidates Anna Caballero and Georgia Acosta were visiting King City showing support. Council member LeBarre will be attending the MST March 12-15, 2016 in Washington D.C. for a Transportation Legislative conference to recruit funding to our local area. Mayor Cullen announced Council member LeBarre, City Manager Adams and himself will be meeting with Senator Cannella in May. Also, Mayor Cullen announced "Junior Achievement" to support the schools on March 24. Council Member Hendrickson would like an update on Komfort Court and Rio Plaza cameras. Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan attended Monterey Bay Association of governments to work cooperatively with the King City Tourism group that supports the Gateway communities to Pinnacles National Park. Jernigan also requested clarification update from City Manager Adams regarding \$5,000 payment for a Successor Agency, property taxes.

8. CITY STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

City Manager Adams responded in reference to item of property taxes by Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan. Mike Howard is working on rectification for the property. City Manager Adams reported on Sewer Project construction is on schedule. The survey results are coming in and have a collected estimate of 400 results. Mayor Cullen requested an update on Police Chief recruitment. City Manager Adams mentioned the deadline for applications is March 2nd, expects to receive some qualified applicants and is expected to hire someone by mid -April. City Attorney, Koczanowicz provided an update on State Audit.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2016 Council Meeting
- B. City Check Register
- C. Successor Agency Check Register
- D. Consideration of Labor Agreement with the Service Employees International Union
- E. Consideration of proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan
- F. Consideration of change in City Representatives to the Transportation Management Agency

Action: Motion to approve item A,B,C, D, E and F by Jernigan and seconded by LeBarre

AYES: Council Members: Acosta, Hendrickson, LeBarre, Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan and Mayor Cullen,

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan commented on City Check Register and requested City Staff to give a better description on what checks are for. Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan spoke how pleased she was on Consideration of the Proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan.

10. REGULAR BUSINESS:

10.a. Consideration of District Elections

City Manager Adams reported that the City Council and City Manager received a request from the League of the United American Union Citizens and Tri-Counties Association of Latino Elected Officials to adopt District Elections for the City of King City. They claim the current voting system is a violation of California Voting Rights and they would seek judicial action if no action is taken. Two public workshops were scheduled December 8, 2015 for public input. The workshops were informative and included discussions.

Doug Johnson, from NDC, presented the election system options and explained The California Voting Rights Act.

Public Comments:

Assemblyman Alejo was recognized by Mayor Cullen for attending.

Carlos Victoria spoke regarding a small group of people working with City Council, Adams for District Election and announced signatures being collected.

Assemblyman Alejo spoke in support of District Elections.

Merideth Evans, speaking on behalf of Senator Cannella, is very excited to place this bill for District Election consideration into action.

Dan Ruby resident completely supports District Elections.

Richard Myer resident does not support District Elections.

Gerry Ramirez resident opposes District Elections.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Cullen stated he has seen many positive changes and will support District Elections to unite our community. Public involvement is necessary and also having the right process to move forward with District Elections.

Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan spoke in support of District Elections and indicated it will cost less to campaign so more people will be able to run for City Council.

Council Member Hendrickson spoke in support of District Elections.

Council Member LeBarre spoke in support of District Elections, but would like using SB493 to move forward towards District Elections.

Council Member Acosta indicated she would like more time to consider District Elections.

Mayor Cullen called for a Motion.

Action: Motion called by Acosta to have item go to a vote of the public seconded by None

Mayor Cullen spoke that there was no Second and Motion does not move forward.

Mayor Cullen asked for more information on timeline to Mr. Johnson from NDC, California VRA and Election System Options.

Mr. Johnson explained it may be complete mid-May for District Elections, but must start Public Hearings in March, 2016.

Attorney Koczanowicz mentioned from past experience having more involvement from the community makes this more successful.

City Manager Adams expressed concern moving forward too quickly given unanticipated problems that may come up that the City would not have time to address.

Carlos Victoria expresses to move forward for 2016.

Council Member Acosta states how we need to be prepared to spend the money if we move forward.

RJ Rivera from Liberty Tax suggested to have a District Election for the upcoming Election and also include a City-wide Mayor on the Ballot.

Attorney Koczanowicz indicated it is possible, but legally does not recommend because it would require placing a Charter amendment on the ballot.

Council Member Hendrickson request to move forward with District Election by 2016.

Action: Motion to approve item 11.a. by Hendrickson and seconded by Jernigan.

Attorney Koczanowicz explains moving to District Election through an Ordinance for 2016.

Council Member LeBarre request to Amend to 2018.

Mayor Cullen withdraws the Amendment due to timeline.

City Manager Adams offers one option to vote just on District Election and hold off on timeline for following meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan not in favor of delaying. Less than 20 people showed up to the Workshops.

Mayor Cullen had a suggestion from staff to make an amendment to the Motion that would require acceptance by both the person making the Motion of the second, but we do not have that acceptance.

Mayor Cullen called a Motion to move to a District Elections for the 2016 year.

AYES: Council Members: Hendrickson, LeBarre, Jernigan and Mayor Cullen

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members: Acosta

Item 10B Consideration of Fund'ds for Forden

Andrea Wasson, Recreational Coordinator speaks "Fun"ds for Forden Fundraising Plan and use of Impact Fees for Park Expansion.

Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan expresses support for the Commemorative Pickets with peoples' names printed on them. Advocates parks would attract people with animals off the freeway.

Mayor Cullen request more information on foundation. Mayor Cullen would like to see it done within an affiliate fund within the Monterey County Foundation.

Action: Motion to approve item B by LeBarre and seconded by Acosta.

AYES: Council Members: Acosta, Hendrickson, LeBarre, Mayor Pro Jernigan and Mayor Cullen

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

Item 10C Consideration of Requested Change to Transportation Agency for Monterey Council (TAMC) Regional Development Impact Fees

City Manager Adams spoke in regards to Consideration of requested change to proposed Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Regional Development Impact Fees.

Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan welcomes this opportunity.

Action: Motion to approve item C by LeBarre and seconded by Jernigan.

AYES: Council Members: Acosta, Hendrickson, LeBarre, Mayor Pro Tem, Jernigan and Mayor Cullen

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

Mayor Robert Cullen adjourned: Hendrickson, LeBarre, Mayor Pro Tem Jernigan and Mayor Cullen.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cullen adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Approved Signatures:



Mayor, Robert Cullen
City of King



City Clerk, Steven Adams
City of King