

**REGULAR MEETING  
BELVEDERE CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021, 6:30 PM  
REMOTE VIA ZOOM  
MINUTES**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Steve Block, James Lynch, Nancy Kemnitzer, Sally Wilkinson, and James Campbell.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Craig Middleton, and City Attorney Emily Longfellow

*These minutes are intended to reflect the general content of the regular meeting. An audio file of the meeting is available: <https://www.cityofbelvedere.org/agendacenter>.*

**CALL TO ORDER IN REMOTE OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Campbell at 6:30 PM via remote Zoom meeting. COVID-19 disclaimer was read. City Manager Middleton took roll call.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

No one wished to speak. Mayor Campbell called to adjourn to Closed Session.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

- 1. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): (One potential case) Claims filed by Yema Khalif and Hawi Awash on January 25, 2021, on file with the City Clerk's Office.**
- 2. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1): (One potential case)**
- 3. Conference with Labor Negotiator. Government Code section 54957.6. Negotiator: City Manager. Bargaining Unit: Belvedere Police Department.**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in open session via Zoom at 7:11p.m. The following staff members joined the meeting: Police Chief Jason Wu, Public Works Director Robert Zadnik, Administrative Services Manager Amber Johnson, Planning and Building Director Irene Borba, and City Clerk Beth Haener.

City Attorney Emily Longfellow announced that no reportable actions were taken in the closed session.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one wished to speak.

**REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 4. City Council Reports**

Councilmember Block reported on the Ad Hoc Police Oversight Committee meeting and stated that he is looking forward to seeing a draft of the template from City staff. Councilmember Block stated that the Committee will reconvene in March. Councilmember Block also reported on an email and subsequent conversation he had with Harbormaster Curtis Havel of the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency. There has been an increase in aggressive behavior from some in the anchor out community and Councilmember Block is concerned that the situation may be escalating. Harbormaster Havel has suggested that an onboard

presence of sworn officers support him, and Councilmember Block hopes Chief Wu will consider this action.

Councilmember Kemnitzer extended her thanks to the Traffic Safety and Circulation Committee and Chair Michele Kyrouz, who collectively put in countless hours of work on an excellent data-driven report about traffic safety concerns and recommendations. Councilmember Kemnitzer urged that this report be provided to each relevant City department and would like to have updates on its implementation. Councilmember Kemnitzer also reported on the One Book Belvedere event, where a book discussion on “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson was facilitated by Dr. Carol Benet. Councilmember Kemnitzer stated it was a timely and fascinating discussion, and extended her appreciation to City Manager Middleton for his help with this event.

**Item 5. City Manager Reports**

City Manager Middleton reported on continuing COVID-related challenges for the City staff team and indicated that an employee had been exposed and is currently in quarantine. City Hall is carrying out contact tracing to make sure no one else was exposed. Middleton reported that the City had deferred repaving and slurry seal work in areas where trenching for the undergrounding of utilities was occurring, and that we are now in position to move forward. He stated that Public Works Director Zadnik will be putting a sizable roadwork project out to bid in the next couple of months, and that the City will be repaving segments of Bayview Avenue, San Rafael Avenue, Acacia Avenue, Beach Road and Bella Vista Avenue. City Manager Middleton extended the City’s thanks to the Belvedere Lagoon Property Owners Association (BLPOA) for its efforts to ensure the reliability of pumping infrastructure that protects the residents in the Lagoon area and is essential to the City’s overall effort to protect against flooding and sea-level rise. The BLPOA has recently installed a generator that will keep the pumps working in the event of a power outage. Middleton stated that the BLPOA has spent over \$900,000 on water management infrastructure in the past four years.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Campbell removed Item 9 from the Consent Calendar to the Individual Consent Calendar.

**MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Calendar**

**MOVED:** By Wilkinson, seconded by Lynch; approval was unanimous.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Items:

- 6. **Approve minutes of the January 14th, 2021 regular meeting**
- 7. **Approve warrants of January 2021**
- 8. **Fiscal Year Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020**
- 10. **Approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or Designee to submit a 2022-2023 Shoreline Erosion Control grant application to the California Department of Boating and Waterways**

**INDIVIDUAL CONSENT CALANDAR**

- 9. **Amendment to 2019 Resolution authorizing vacation of unused portions of Golden Gate Avenue to allow minor landscaping improvements in public utility easement area**

**MOTION:** To adopt the Individual Consent Calendar.

**MOVED:** By Kemnitzer, seconded by Wilkinson; approved.

**VOTE:**

<b>AYES:</b>	Wilkinson, Block, Kemnitzer, and Campbell
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Lynch

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 10. **Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Mid-Year Budget Review**

Administrative Services Manager Amber Johnson presented the staff report and stated that the mid-year budget review gives

the Council and the public an opportunity to review the City financial status, ensure the City is on track, and provide for fiscal transparency. Administrative Services Manager Johnson stated that this year's review is more robust than years past and went into detail of the review.

Administrative Services Manager Johnson answered questions from Council. Mayor Campbell thanked Administrative Services Manager Johnson and stated he is a fan of the more robust format of this review. Councilmember Kemnitzer requested that staff examine whether the Ranch is required to reimburse the City for the use of the Community Center during COVID which has needed extra cleaning and janitorial work.

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.


**THE FOREGOING MINUTES** were approved at a regular meeting of the Belvedere City Council on March 8, 2021, by the following vote:


**AYES:** Steve Block, James Lynch, Nancy Kemnitzer, Vice Mayor Wilkinson, and Mayor Campbell

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RECUSED:** None

Approve:   
James Campbell, Mayor

Attest:   
Beth Haener, City Clerk