

**REGULAR MEETING
BELVEDERE CITY COUNCIL
May 10, 2021
6:00 P.M CLOSED SESSION
6:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION
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 Administrative Services Manager Amber Johnson.

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 6:00 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. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Unrepresented and represented employees: All City employees.

The closed session is to instruct the City's designated representative, City Manager Craig Middleton, regarding salaries and/or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits to City employees. Closed session permitted pursuant to § 54957.6(a) of the California Government Code.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in open session via Zoom at 6:34 P.M. The following staff members joined the meeting: Police Chief Jason Wu, Public Works Director Robert Zadnik, Planning and Building Director Irene Borba, City Attorney Emily Longfellow, and City Clerk Beth Haener.

Mayor Campbell announced that no reportable actions were taken in the closed session.

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to speak.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

2. City Council Reports

Councilmember Kemnitzer reported that she represents Belvedere on the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council Members (MCCMC) Sustainability Committee and the Executive Committee of BayWAVE. Both groups are addressing climate change, sea level rise, infrastructure, energy, and public safety related issues. Councilmember Kemnitzer stated that many jurisdictions are in the process of updating their climate action plans and policies. She requested that Council agenda the issue, after giving staff the opportunity to review actions in neighboring jurisdictions, and asked staff to update the Council

on the climate action planning.

Councilmember Kemnitzer also reported that Belvedere has earned a designation as an Age-Friendly City by the World Health Organization and, as such, the City is conducting a community assessment of needs and services that benefit seniors by launching a survey. Councilmember Kemnitzer urged residents to participate in the survey.

3. City Manager Report

City Manager Middleton reported that about 35% of Belvedere’s streets will be resurfaced beginning in June and July, and announced that the City is also planning a street rehabilitation project for the summer and fall in anticipation of new Capital Improvement Plan funds. City Manager Middleton reported that, in preparation for fire season, the City, along with Tiburon, held its first Chipper Day, which collected sixty tons of potentially flammable organic material. Middleton stated that the City’s Curbside Pickup Program is also kicking off to help remove flammable material from the island before the driest months of the year are here.

4. Water Conservation Presentation from Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) Operations Director.

Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) Operations Director, along with MMWD’s Board Member Larry Russell, gave a presentation on Marin’s current water supply, water use restrictions, and conservation tips for the residents of Belvedere.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Calendar.

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

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Items:

- 5. Approve minutes of the April 12, 2021, regular meeting.
- 6. Approve warrants of April 2021.
- 7. Fiscal Year Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2021.
- 8. Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Belvedere removing and replacing section 10.36.200 of chapter 10.36 “stopping, standing, and parking” of the Belvedere Municipal Code regarding 72-hour parking rule.
- 9. Adoption of a resolution for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, ratifying a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Belvedere Peace Officers Association (BPOA) establishing salary and benefits for those personnel.

INDIVIDUAL CONSENT CALANDAR

- 10. Approve Resolution of Acceptance for Portion of Property located at 431 Golden Gate Avenue per Previously Approved Property Transfer Agreement with the City.

MOTION: To adopt the Individual Consent Calendar.

MOVED: By Block, seconded by Kemnitzer; approved.

VOTE:

AYES: Wilkinson, Block, Kemnitzer, and Mayor Campbell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: Lynch

OTHER SCHEDULED ITEMS

- 11. Preliminary review of annual operating budget and capital improvement program for the City for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

City Manager Craig Middleton and Administrative Services Manager Amber Johnson presented the staff report and took questions from Council. There were no questions or comment from public.

12. Funding of the Library Project.

Bill Smith, chair of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board, along with Bonnie Spiesberger, chair of the Library Capital Campaign, presented on behalf of the library and took questions from Council.

Mayor Campbell called for public comment and, seeing no one wishing to speak, closed it, and brought the item back to Council for discussion. Councilmember Wilkinson stated that, despite sitting in on the Finance Committee’s deliberations on the library project, she was unable to establish that the funds are needed, and was therefore not convinced that a contribution would be the best use of the City’s funds. Councilmember Kemnitzer stated that she is in favor of the recommendation from the Finance Committee and discussed the services provided by the library for the community. The Council discussed the language of the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

MOTION: The Council grants a contribution to the Library Expansion Project in the amount of \$150,000, and the Council also states that this contribution is contingent upon qualifying for receipt of federal American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$150,000 or greater, which would be used to fund other priorities thereby freeing up resources for the library request.

MOVED: By Block, seconded by Kemnitzer, approved

VOTE:

AYES: Block, Lynch, Kemnitzer, and Mayor Campbell

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Wilkinson

RECUSED: None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.


THE FOREGOING MINUTES were approved at a regular meeting of the Belvedere City Council on June 14, 2021, by the following vote:

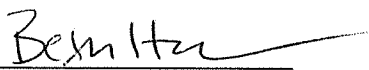
AYES: Steve Block, James Lynch, Nancy Kemnitzer, Sally Wilkinson, and Mayor Campbell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Approve: 
James Campbell, Mayor

Attest: 
Beth Haener, City Clerk