

**REGULAR MEETING
BELVEDERE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 9, 2021, 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
450 SAN RAFAEL AVENUE, BELVEDERE, CA**

MINUTES

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Craig Middleton, Police Chief Jason Wu, Public Works Director Robert Zadnik, Administrative Services Director Amber Johnson, Planning and Building Director Irene Borba, City Attorney Emily Longfellow, Information Technology Coordinator Chien Liew, and City Clerk Beth Haener

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. The meeting was held in-person in the Council Chambers, with the option provided to residents of participating in-person or via teleconference, using the Zoom platform.

Mayor Campbell read the COVID-19 notice and public participation instructions.

City Manager Middleton called the roll.

OPEN FORUM

No one from the public wished to speak.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Item 1. City Council Reports

Councilmember Block reported that the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency will be meeting with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission this week to discuss an agreement to settle outstanding matters between the two agencies. Councilmember Block encouraged residents to participate in the meeting.

Councilmember Wilkinson reported on the yellow bus challenge. She reported that the level of participation has dropped from previous years and encouraged families with students to purchase bus passes, which are available at busschallenge.org.

Mayor Campbell reported that Labor Day weekend will include a major celebration of Belvedere's 125th Birthday and asked people to pre-register for the events on the City's website.

Mayor Campbell reported that the City Council and the Planning Commission held a joint meeting for the purpose of receiving a thorough briefing from the City's housing counsel about new housing laws. He encouraged those who could not attend to listen to a recording of the meeting, and also directed the public to information about State housing laws on the City website.

Item 2. City Manager Report

City Manager Craig Middleton reported that the City is being vigilant with the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus, and is following health guidance at this hybrid Council meeting as at all meetings. Middleton stated that he looks forward to hearing from members of the public as to how they feel about the hybrid meeting platform that is being used tonight.

City Manager Middleton thanked everyone for their patience with the many construction projects taking place around the City. He indicated that the work is important, particularly the upgrades of water and sewer mains on Cove Road.

City Manager Middleton stated that, at the next Council meeting, staff will bring a plan to install additional electric vehicle chargers at both City Hall and Tom Price Park, and that the City is preparing to install a solar array on the roof of the corporation yard to offset the energy draw needed for the electric vehicle chargers.

City Manager Middleton reported the City has been meeting with stakeholders about aspects of the critical infrastructure project to protect Belvedere’s levees and utilities against seismic and flooding risk. He hopes to present a feasibility-level design to Council in the fall.

City Manager Middleton introduced Chien Liew, the City’s Information Technology Coordinator, and thanked him for all his hard work with the City, including his work on cyber security. Middleton stated that the City is lucky to have Mr. Liew.

Mayor Campbell called for public comment. Belvedere resident William Rothman asked where the September 4th birthday bash will be held. Mayor Campbell responded that the celebration will be held at Community Park. Mr. Rothman also asked who will be included in the stakeholders meeting on the project that City Manager Middleton mentioned in his report. City Manager Middleton responded that they anticipate having meetings with all stakeholders, and anyone in town who would like to offer ideas and thoughts are welcome.

Seeing no one else from the public wished to speak, Mayor Campbell closed public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Block requested item 5 be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 5.
MOVED: By Kemnitzer, seconded by Lynch; approval was unanimous.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Items:

- 3. **Approve minutes of the July 12th, 2021, regular meeting.**
- 4. **Approve warrants of July 2021.**
- 6. **Approve Revocable License for private improvements in the City-street right-of-way along Windward Road for the property at 29 Windward Road.**
- 7. **Adopt a Resolution to amend the City of Belvedere Administrative Policy Manual to incorporate a Flexible Work Policy.**
- 8. **Adopt resolution to amend the City of Belvedere Administrative Policy Manual to incorporate the Policy Manual for the Belvedere Police Department.**
- 9. **Adopt a Resolution reciting the facts of the consolidated election held on March 3, 2020, declaring the result, and such other matters as provided by law.**
- 10. **Confirm appointment of Niran Amir as the Reed Union School District representative on the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees.**

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- 5. **Fiscal Year Investment Report for the quarter ending June 20, 2021.**

Councilmember Block stated that, at a previous meeting, he believed Council had decided to invest in a 115 Trust fund, which is not included in the report. Administrative Services Manager Amber Johnson recognized the oversight and committed to bringing a revised report to the next Council meeting.

MOTION: To approve Fiscal Year Investment Report for the quarter ending June 20, 2021.
MOVED: By Block, seconded by Wilkinson; approval was unanimous.

OTHER SCHEDULED ITEMS

11. Appoint a voting delegate and alternate for the League of California Cities' Annual Conference.

Council appointed Councilmember Kemnitzer as the delegate for the League of California Cities' Annual Conference and Councilmember Lynch as the alternate.

MOTION: To appoint Councilmember Kemnitzer as the delegate and Councilmember Lynch as the alternate for the League of California Cities' Annual Conference.
MOVED: By Block, seconded by Wilkinson; approval was unanimous.

12. Request for Contribution for the Belvedere Birthday Bash.

City Manager Middleton presented the staff report. Mayor Campbell called for public comment on items 11 and 12 and, seeing none, closed public comment. Councilmember Lynch requested an edit in the language of the resolution.

MOTION: To approve contributions for the Belvedere Birthday Bash, including Councilmember Lynch's edit.
MOVED: By Kemnitzer, seconded by Lynch; approval was unanimous.

13. Consider a Resolution to Contribute Funds to Countywide Case Management Program for People Experiencing Homelessness.

City Manager Middleton presented the staff report and took questions from Council.

Mayor Campbell called for public comment and, seeing none, closed public comment.

MOTION: To approve a resolution to contribute funds to countywide case management program for people experiencing homelessness.
MOVED: By Block, seconded by Kemnitzer; approval was unanimous.

14. Review of Street Sweeping Equipment and Service Alternatives.

Public Works Director Robert Zadnik presented the staff report and took questions from Council.

Mayor Campbell called for public comment and, seeing none, closed public comment.

Council requested that additional information be brought to the next Council meeting.

15. Adopt a Resolution authorizing Design Approach for Belvedere Community Playground.

Councilmember Kemnitzer stated for the record that her residence is within 500 feet of the subject property and therefore she must recuse herself from this item.

Public Works Director Robert Zadnik presented the staff report and took questions from Council.

Mayor Campbell called for public comment.

Belvedere resident Adam McNeile stated his support for the playground project as designed.

Belvedere resident Mario Valente stated his support for the playground project as designed.

Belvedere resident Jerome Bellach stated his opposition to the playground project as designed and yielded the rest of his time to William Rothman.

Belvedere resident Linda Remy stated her opposition to the playground project as designed and yielded the rest of her time to William Rothman.

Belvedere resident William Rothman stated his opposition to the playground project as designed.

Belvedere resident Bryan Kemnitzer stated his support for the playground project as designed.

Belvedere resident Jena Watson stated her support for the playground project as designed.

Mayor Campbell closed public comment and brought the discussion back to Council. Council discussed the options brought before them and thanked everyone who spoke on the item.

MOTION: To reaffirm the recommendation of the Parks and Open Space Committee to complete the Belvedere Community Playground as designed.

MOVED: By Block, seconded by Wilkinson; approved.

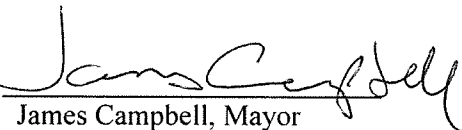
VOTE: **AYES:** Block, Lynch, Wilkinson, and Mayor Campbell
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: Kemnitzer

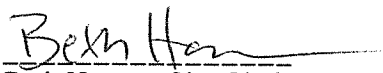
ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES were approved at a regular meeting of the Belvedere City Council on October 11, 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