James Lynch, Mayor Peter Mark, Vice Mayor Jane Cooper, Councilmember Nancy Kemnitzer, Councilmember Sally Wilkinson, Councilmember



City Manager Robert Zadnik City Attorney Andrew Shen

# REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION OF THE BELVEDERE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date	Time	Location
Meeting of July 10, 2023	6:00 pm	City Council Chambers
	-	450 San Rafael Avenue
		Belvedere, CA

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Closed Session of the Belvedere City Council was convened at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers by Mayor James Lynch.

## 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmembers Nancy Kemnitzer, Jane Cooper, Sally

Wilkinson, Mayor James Lynch

**ABSENT:** 

Councilmember Peter Mark

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Robert Zadnik, Police Chief Jason Wu, City

Attorney Andrew Shen, Administrative Services Director Helga Cotter, Planning and Building Director Rebecca Markwick, Public Works Director Antony Boyd, Associate Planner Samie Malakiman, and Interim City Clerk Beth

Haener

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM

No Public Comment was received.

#### 4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council Adjourned to Closed Session.

#### 5. CLOSED SESSION

#### **5.A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Unrepresented and represented employees: All City employees.

The closed session is for a review of the City Council's position and to instruct the City's designated representative, City Manager, regarding salaries and/or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits to members of the Belvedere Peace Officers Association and to unrepresented City employees. Closed session permitted pursuant to § 54957.6(a) of the California Government Code.

# 6. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUNCE ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION IF ANY

Mayor Lynch called to order the Open Session at 6:30 p.m. and announced there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

#### 7. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### 7.A. City Council Reports

Councilmember Jane Cooper and Councilmember Nancy Kemnitzer provided reports.

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

### **7.B.** City Manager Report

City Manager Robert Zadnik provided updates to City Council.

Mayor Lynch called for public comment. Public Comment was made by the following individuals: Sandy Donnell and William Rothman.

#### 7.C. Progress Update from The Communications Taskforce

Communication Taskforce member Kevin Burk presented the item.

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

#### **7.D.** Police Chief Report

Police Chief Jason Wu presented the Belvedere Police Department quarterly report and took questions from Council.

Mayor Lynch called for public comment. Public Comment was made by the following individual: William Rothman.

#### 8. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Councilmember Kemnitzer, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 4 Cooper, Kemnitzer, Wilkinson, Mayor Lynch

Nay: None Absent: Mark Abstain: None

**8.A.** Motion to Approve the Warrants for May 2023

ACTION: Item approved

**8.B.** Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Special Closed Session City Council Meeting of June 12, 2023 and the Regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2023

**ACTION:** Item approved

**8.C.** Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-27 Accepting Updates to the Belvedere Police Department Policy Manual (Lexipol)

**ACTION:** Item approved

#### 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**9.A.** Consideration of and Possible Decision on an Appeal of the Planning Commission's Approval of 101 Golden Gate Avenue Planning and Construction Project

Associate Planner Samie Malakiman introduced the item. Associate Planner Samie Malakiman, Building and Planning Director Rebecca Markwick, Fire Marshall Mike Lantier and City Arborist Kent Julin answered questions from Council.

The Public Hearing was opened to the public. Public comment was made by the following individual: James Campbell. Seeing no other public comment, and without objection, the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Kemnitzer, seconded

by Councilmember Wilkinson, to adopt Resolution 2023-30 denying the appeal and upholding the Planning Commission denial of design review approval to remove nine eucalyptus trees at 101 Golden Gate Avenue, and direct staff to amend the

Municipal Code for clarity regarding tree removals

Aye: 3 Cooper, Kemnitzer, Wilkinson

Nay: Mayor Lynch

Absent: Mark Abstain: None

#### 10. OTHER SCHEDULED ITEMS

**10.A**. Authorize City Manager to approve a contract for Consulting Services related to the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update

City Manager Robert Zadnik presented the item and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Lynch called for public comment. Public Comment was made by the following individual: William Rothman.

City Council gave direction to staff on the. Item

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Cooper, seconded by

Councilmember Kemnitzer authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Dyett and Bhatia Urban and Regional Planners to update the City's General Plan Housing &

Safety Element and related documents

Aye: 4

Cooper, Kemnitzer, Wilkinson, Mayor Lynch

Nay: Absent:

None Mark

Abstain:

None

**10.B.** Discussion Regarding The Mills Act Program; Provide Guidance to Staff Regarding Possible Amendments

Director of Planning and Building Rebecca Markwick presented the item and answered questions from Council.

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

The City Council gave direction to staff on the item.

**10.C.** First Reading and Review of Resolution 2023-28, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, establishing salaries and benefits for Miscellaneous (non-represented) employees of the City of Belvedere

City Manager Robert Zadnik presented the item and answered questions from Council.

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

**ACTION:** No action was needed.

**10.D.** First Reading and Review of Resolution 2023-29, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, establishing salaries and benefits for The Belvedere Peace Officer's Association employees of the City of Belvedere

City Manager Robert Zadnik presented the item and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Lynch called for public comment. Public Comment was made by the following individual: William Rothman.

**ACTION:** No action was needed.

#### 11. OPEN FORUM

Mayor Lynch called for public comment, seeing none, closed the open forum.

#### 12. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Belvedere City Council, Mayor Lynch Adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Belvedere City Council at 8:57 p.m.

**APPROVED:** 

James Lynch, Mayor

ATTEST

Beth Haener, City Clerk