

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Highland was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor McCallon at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

The invocation was given by Pastor Tracy Johnson, Immanuel Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Chavez-Cordova.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chavez-Cordova, Lilburn, McCallon, Solano,
Absent: Timmer

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Marroquin stated the Council met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) regarding existing litigation in the In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation. Direction was given to enter into a settlement agreement which is an open session item that we will see on tonight's agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A proclamation was presented to Wendy Alvarez, San Bernardino County's Interim Children's Network Officer, for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Linda Crawford Fields spoke regarding safety concerns at Jeffrey Court Apartments.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

A MOTION was made by Council Member Chavez-Cordova, seconded by Council Member Solano, to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 4-0, with Council Member Timmer being absent.

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances
Waived the reading of all Ordinances in their entirety and read by title only.
2. Minutes – February 14, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting
Approved the Minutes as submitted.

3. Warrant Register
Approved Warrant Register No. 751 for March 14, 2023, in the amount of \$2,128,668.93 and Payroll of \$210,626.80.
4. Treasurer's Report for January 2023
Received and filed Treasurer's Report for January 2023.
5. Claim Consideration – Mercury Insurance a/s/o Darlene Alcaez
Rejected claim.
6. Records Destruction Authorization
Approved the destruction of certain records.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing.

CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE

7. Contract Renewal – 2018-12, “Facilities and Parks Janitorial Service”

Public Works Director/City Engineer Zamano gave a brief review of the staff report.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Solano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lilburn, to approve an extension of the facilities and parks janitorial maintenance contract 2018-12 with Base Hill, Inc. dba Jan Point for one-year. Motion carried, 4-0, with Council Member Timmer being absent.

8. Resolution Authorizing the City of Highland to Enter into the Settlement Agreements with CVS, Allergan, Teva, Walmart and Walgreens, Agree to the Terms of the related State-Subdivision Agreements, and Authorize Entry into the Related State-Subdivision Agreements with the Attorney General

City Attorney Marroquin gave a brief review of the staff report.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Chavez-Cordova, seconded by Council Member Solano, to:

- 1) Approve Resolution No. 2023-007 authorizing the City of Highland to enter into the Settlement Agreements with CVS, Allergan, Teva, Walmart, and Walgreens, agree to the terms of the related State-Subdivision Agreements, and authorize entry into the related State-Subdivision Agreements with the Attorney General;
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents; and
- 3) Authorize that these funds be allocated to the County. Motion carried, 4-0, with Council Member Timmer being absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH CVS, ALLEGAN, TEVA, WALMART, AND WALGREENS, AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE RELATED STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO THE RELATED STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENTS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

9. City Manager Report and Comments (Work Program, Regional/Legislative/Development Issues, Subcommittees, etc.)

City Manager Hughes stated the City was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program, Cycle 11 grant. This will be a striping maintenance project on 5th Street, Greenspot Road and Orange Street. The estimated total project cost is \$155,000. The grant will pay for 90% for a total of \$139,000 of the project cost. City Manager Hughes thanked Public Works Director/City Engineer Zamano and his staff for their successful efforts to secure additional grant funding.

A construction update was provided for the pavement rehabilitation project on Cunningham Street and McKinley Avenue, both between Base Line & 9th Street, with construction substantially complete. Last week, the City's contractor constructed the rubberized asphalt overlay, the remaining work includes adjusting the manholes, replacement of traffic signal loops, pavement striping and markings. The complete project is anticipated to be completed by March 30. The construction cost is \$543,000 and is funded 100% with CDBG funding.

On March 7, the Planning Commission approved a new sign program for a future mobile fueling station to be located on the southwest corner of Palm Avenue and 5th Street. This was the last approval needed before the Building Division issues permits to construct the new fueling station canopy, along with the new landscaping, decorative walls and tenant improvements for the existing building.

Beazer Homes is constructing model homes for their 54-single family detached residential neighborhood called Messina. The new development is located north of Aurantia Park off Santa Ana Canyon Road. These homes will range in size from 2,500 to 3,000 square feet.

A congratulatory message was given to Assistant Director of Administrative Services Nava-Cruz for receiving a Woman of Distinction Award from Assemblyman James Ramos for the 45th District for her dedication and commitment to the City of Highland.

City event updates were provided for the following dates: On Saturday, March 25, the City will be hosting its 25th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival. On Saturday, March 18 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., there will be a Highland Improvement Team (HIT) Project. It will be a Historic District clean-up in preparation for the Citrus Harvest Festival. On Monday, March 27 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Highland Police Station will be hosting a blood drive. On April 12, the Redlands Bike Classic will be holding its Highland race. Information and flyers are posted in our Weekly Newsletter. On Saturday, April 15, there will be another (HIT) Project, but the location is yet to be determined. There will also be an Open House at Fire Station #1 located at 26974 Base Line from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On the week of April 18 through April 21, the City will host a commemorative potluck for Public Safety Appreciation Week. It will start at the Police Station, then Fire Station #1, Fire Station #2, and will be ending at Fire Station #3. The events will take place from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. each respective day. On April 27 at 9 a.m., the City will be hosting an Arbor Day planting, location is yet to be determined.

A report on various statistics was given for the following departments: for the month of February, Burrtec completed 130 illegal dumping work orders. In January, they completed 167. The Sheriff's Department from February 14 to March 12 responded to 2,790 calls for service, took 270 reports and made 88 arrests.

10. Council Member Comments (Agency/Committee/AB 1234 Reports, District Updates, etc.)

Mayor Pro Tem Lilburn thanked City Public Safety staff for keeping Highland's neighborhood's safe during the floods. No major problems arose because of the joint effort from everyone. She also stated on April 1, the Highland Senior Center is hosting a craft fair flea market and a pancake breakfast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor McCallon adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. in memory of Sidney Kwock, Rudy Madrid, and John Bryson.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Betty Hughes, MMC

Larry McCallon

City Clerk

Mayor