

SUSANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 – 4:30 PM

Mayor Schuster called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call of Councilmembers Present: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster
Absent: Brian Moore

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Thomas Herrera; seconded by Kevin Stafford to Approve.

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

Voting For: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster

Voting Against: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any): No public comment.

3. CLOSED SESSION:

City Council met in Closed Session at 4:31pm to discuss the following:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1): Case number 63745, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Kathleen Allison, Gavin Newsom Vs. city of Susanville.

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

City Council reconvened in open session at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Schuster started the pledge of allegiance and offered the Invocation.

Mr. Newton stated that the Council met in closed session and no reportable action was taken.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Leanne, public, addressed the Mayor regarding a comment she made during the May 18, 2022 meeting.

Three members of the public addressed the Council and stated their thoughts on raising a pride flag.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 6.A Minutes of the City Council's May 18, 2022 regular meeting.

Mayor Schuster requested that the minutes reflect her exact language stated during the Future Council Items section at the May 18, 202 meeting.

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Motion to waive oral reading and approve minutes of City Council's May 18, 2022, regular meeting with the requested changes.

Moved by Thomas Herrera; seconded by Kevin Stafford to Approve Approved with the requested changes.

Motion Carried: 4- 0

Voting For: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster

Voting Against: None

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** No business.

8. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council member Herrera stated that he may not have many meetings left and reflected on his time serving on the council and working with staff. He offered thanks and stated that the city is in good hands with the staff currently here. He shared stories regarding pain in our community and being able to address this without judgement.

Council member McCourt offered the Land Acknowledgement Statement and the City's Mission Statement. He discussed inclusivity as well as exclusivity and what would be more beneficial to businesses and the community. He added that there should be more dialogue exchange that includes everyone and not make decisions based on opinions.

Council member Stafford stated that he supports everyone who came in tonight and thanks them for being in attendance. He added that he does not want to hurt anyone's feelings but, he believed that the flagpole is for the American flag only.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

9.A Consider **Resolution No. 22-6000**, approving street closures for 13 Saturday morning Farmer's Markets and 4 Night Markets.

Bob Godman, Public Works Director, provided an explanation of the item and requested approval.

David Teeter, LARP, offered thanks to the staff for how Pancera Plaza looks and continues to look.

[Farmer's Market letter 2022.docx](#)
[22-6000.pdf](#)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-6000, approving street closures for 13 Saturday morning Farmer's Markets and 4 Night Markets.

Moved by Thomas Herrera; seconded by Kevin Stafford to Approve.

Motion Carried: 4- 0

Voting For: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster

Voting Against: None

9.B Consider **Resolution No. 22-6001**, terminating Airport Hangar Lease Agreement, City Owned Hangar #5 with Larry and Nancy Runyon and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Airport Hangar Space Lease Agreement, City Owned Hangar #4 with Larry and Nancy Runyon

Mr. Godman provided an explanation on the item and requested approval.

Councilmember McCourt inquired as to whether or not contracts have to come to council for approval.

Mr. Newton stated that it is currently required by our code and that staff has been working on some changes.

[City Owned Hangar Space Lease #4 - Unsigned.pdf](#)

[Hangar_Map.pdf](#)
[22-6001.pdf](#)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-6001.

Moved by Thomas Herrera; seconded by Kevin Stafford to Approve.

Motion Carried: 4- 0

Voting For: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster

Voting Against: None

9.C First Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics Northern California.

Mr. Godman presented information on the event to the Council.

Dean Growdon, Sheriff, stated that this is to raise awareness and raise money to go towards the special olympics.

[Request Letter.pdf](#)

9.D Consider **Resolution No. 22-6002**, amending the Streets SB1 budget.

Mr. Godman provided a history and explanation on the item and requested Council approval.

[Change Order SC4-5.pdf](#)
[22-6002.pdf](#)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-6002, amending the Streets SB1 budget.

Moved by Thomas Herrera; seconded by Kevin Stafford to Approve.

Motion Carried: 4- 0

Voting For: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster

Voting Against: None

9.E Consider authorizing Mayor to sign letter of support for research regarding the effects of prison closures on rural communities.

Mr. Newton provided an explanation on the item and requested the Mayor's signature on a letter of support for research regarding the effects of prison closures.

Council member Stafford inquired as to whether or not the timeframe was to which Mr. Newton stated he could look into that date.

Councilmember McCourt provided the information he had on the topic.

[Letter of Support - Eason.pdf](#)

Moved by Thomas Herrera; seconded by Kevin Stafford to Approve.

Motion Carried: 4- 0

Voting For: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster

Voting Against: None

10. **SUSANVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**

11. **SUSANVILLE MUNICIPAL ENERGY CORPORATION:**

12. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

13.A Department Reports

Mr. Newton stated that a petition was recieved by the City Clerk today regarding the cannabis ordinance. He added that those documents will be reviewed by legal and the signatures will be verified by the Clerk. He added that this process has to be completed within 30 business days and the ordinance will not go into effect until that process is concluded and a determination has been made.

Mr. Newton also provided information on the election and the key dates.

14. FUTURE COUNCIL ITEMS:

14.A Future Council Items

Council member Herrera commented on the cannabis item and requested that the council consider approving a modification of the ordinance to include a limit of one despensary per 5,000 in population.

Discussion occurred on the item to look into population count, langauge that the Mayor wanted changed at a previous meeting, as well as Council member Herrera's language.

[20220601 BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.docx](#)

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Thomas Herrera; seconded by Kevin Stafford to Approve Adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Motion

Carried: 4 - 0

Voting For: Thomas Herrera, Quincy McCourt, Kevin Stafford, Mendy Schuster

Voting Against: None

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Schuster, Mayor

Heidi Whitlock, City Clerk

Approved on: June 15, 2022