

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Campbell, 70 N. First St., Campbell, California



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 16, 2023 – 4:00 PM
Campbell Community Center – Room Q80
1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell, CA 95008

This City Council meeting was duly noticed pursuant to open meeting requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (G.C. Section 54956).

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Campbell convened this day in the special meeting place, Campbell Community Center – Room Q80, 1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell, CA 95008.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Anne Bybee	Mayor	Present
Susan M. Landry	Vice Mayor	Present
Dan Furtado	Councilmember	Present
Sergio Lopez	Councilmember	Present
Elliot Scozzola	Councilmember	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Brian Loventhal, City Manager; Angelique Gaeta, Assistant City Manager; Andrea Sanders, City Clerk; Bill Seligmann, City Attorney; Rob Eastwood, Community Development Director; Will Fuentes, Finance Director; Todd Capurso, Public Works Director; Cecil Lawson, Information Technology Manager; Jenny Le-Christensen, Human Resources Manager; Natasha Bissell, Recreation & Community Services Director; Gary Berg, Police Chief; Andrea Atkinson, Support Services Manager; and Dan Livingston, Captain.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was taken following staff presentations.

PRIORITY SETTING SESSION

- Develop Fiscal Year 2023-24 Citywide Priorities**
Recommended Action: That the City Council review Fiscal Year 2022-23 citywide priorities and receive updates on department workplans; and develop Fiscal Year 2023-24 citywide priorities.

Staff gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 City Council Priorities and FY 2023 adopted workplans. Senior staff presented a Council Priorities matrix with status updates on workplans related to the adopted priorities. Community Development Director Eastwood provided updates to the General Plan and Housing Element as part of the Comprehensive Long-Term Land Use Planning Priority, and a Climate Action workplan as part of the Sustainability Priority. Public Works Director Capurso provided an update to the SB 1383 workplan as part of the Sustainability Priority. City Manager Loventhal and Public Works Director Capurso presented workplan updates as they related to the Measure O Implementation Priority. City Manager Loventhal, Finance Director Fuentes, and Public Works Director Capurso presented workplan items relating to labor, Economic Development, pensions, a User Fee Study, funding levels and CIP projects as part of the Financial Stability Priority.

City Attorney Seligmann, City Clerk Sanders, Police Chief Berg and Public Works Director Capurso provided status updates on workplan items that were not specifically related to an adopted Council Priority but fulfilled an operational need. Police Chief Berg provided the Council information relating to Emergency Management and a Psychological Emergency Response Team as future workplan considerations.

Mayor Bybee asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Amy Taylor, Campbell resident and owner of Cloud City Supply in Campbell, spoke in support of marijuana and CBD products. She requested that the City Council consider adopting an ordinance to legalize the sale of marijuana-based products in Campbell.

Steve Saunders, Campbell resident, spoke on which priorities he was in support of, such as, planning for housing and growth; Measure O; promoting City infrastructure maintenance; maintaining financial stability; projects funded by ARPA money; and fully staffing the Police Department.

Mayor Bybee noted the desk item received from Sean Mendelson emphasizing his interest in a Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Bybee noted an email received by the City Council from Liz Gibbons former Campbell councilmember and current Campbell resident, who noted that there was money available at State and Federal levels for grant funding for the Climate Action Plan.

Councilmember Lopez noted an email received from Noelle Oliveira, Campbell resident, who stated concerns with pedestrian safety for children. Areas of concern were Harrison Ave., the Ainsley Square and near the Campbell School of Innovation.

City Clerk Sanders noted an email received by Adam Buchbinder, Campbell resident, who requested the City establish a city-wide connected bike plan as a workplan item and noted CTC's Active Transportation Program and Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning grants.

Mayor Bybee called for a 15-minute recess. The City Council reconvened with all members present at 6:18 p.m.

Councilmembers provided input on current priorities that should be continued as well as new priorities for consideration.

Councilmember Lopez spoke in support of the current adopted priorities. He requested adding a public safety category to include items such as Police Department needs, additional resources for crossing guards and pedestrian safety. Other topics of support included: bike and pedestrian planning; traffic calming; the Hamilton Avenue Area Precise Plan; housing programs; a Climate Action Plan and electrification; economic development; a comprehensive parks plan; providing resources for staff's internal technological updates; SB 1383 and ensuring equity and access for rental units; and continued implementation of ADA compliance and services for seniors. Councilmember Lopez also directed staff to continue seeking outside funding sources from outside agencies (VTA, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, County, State, Federal etc.) He was supportive of receiving further information related to a potential marijuana ordinance and information on potential ways to use ARPA funding.

Councilmember Furtado requested additional discussions and a status update on Measure O. Additional areas of support for Councilmember Furtado included: an economic development strategy, with emphasis on small businesses, using ARPA funds to support them, and protecting the City's industrial base; implementing a Climate Action Plan and staff to apply for applicable grants; developing a strategy to encourage housing within the City, especially affordable housing; addressing the City's homeless challenges and needs; and, a Psychological Emergency Response Team. Councilmember Furtado also requested the following items: clearly defined roles of the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee; a status update on CalPERS pensions; ensuring adequate reserve funds; a review of City Boards and Commissions to clearly define commissioner guidelines, scope of work, and roles and responsibilities; a review of the San Tomas Area Plan, with focus on current resident needs; and, added support for the maintenance of the Museum.

Vice Mayor Landry stated support for the following: having an all inclusive city and ADA compliance; Measure O and potential improvements to City Hall; a Climate Action Plan, electrification, and grant funding; water conservation; housing equity and the potential use of ARPA funds to support affordable housing; a Gun Safety Public Awareness Campaign; Emergency Management; the Psychological Emergency Response Team; and, additional homeless services. Vice Mayor Landry requested the following: addressing city deficiencies (parks, buildings, ADA, Safe Routes to School sidewalks etc.); CalPERS pension updates; approval of a Succession Plan; potential inventory of City redwood trees; and completion of Public Works Standard Specifications and details.

Councilmember Scozzola requested the following: other potential revenue sources, such as implementation of a vacant parcel tax; exploring the topic of governance and a lobbying policy; strengthening the City's discrimination policy, specifically on appearance, (height, weight, skin color, makeup or lack thereof,

hairstyle, clothing choices); and staff exploration of tenant rights, specifically rent control.

Mayor Bybee stated support of the Comprehensive Long-Term Plan Priority, but noted concerns that will arise from implementation of the General Plan and Housing Element such as a need for additional resources, staffing, and affordable housing funding. Mayor Bybee stated support for the following: using ARPA money for affordable housing, housing program staffing needs and possibly a Psychological Emergency Response Team; a Climate Action Plan as part of the Sustainability priority; Measure O implementation and a study session update, an economic development study; public safety and furthering recruitment efforts. She noted concerns with the overall Measure O budget, how potential budget overages will be addressed, and determining how the extra money from the middle fund will be used. She directed staff to look at outside agencies (County, other cities, school districts) to leverage programs and funds and using cost-sharing agreements to help with affordable housing, the unhoused, those with mental health issues and crossing guards. Additionally, she requested staff look for additional grant resources and additional revenue streams and suggested a potential revenue measure.

City Manager Loventhal summarized that he heard Council consensus on adopting the same priorities for the next fiscal year. He noted that Council feedback included an interest in additional community services and addressing community needs. Staff will review Council comments and return at the March 21, 2023, City Council meeting for formal adoption of the FY 2023 Council Priorities.

ADJOURN

Mayor Bybee adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Anne Bybee, Mayor

Andrea Sanders, City Clerk