

**City of Carpinteria  
City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 28, 2022**

**In-Person and Virtual**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nomura called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present:            Councilmember Natalia Alarcon  
   Councilmember Gregg A. Carty  
   Councilmember Roy Lee  
   Vice Mayor Al Clark  
   Mayor Wade T. Nomura

Staff members present:            Dave Durlinger, City Manager  
   Jena Shoaf Acos, on behalf of Brownstein Hyatt Farber  
   Schreck acting as City Attorney of the City of  
   Carpinteria  
   Mack Carlson, on behalf of Brownstein Hyatt Farber  
   Schreck acting as City Attorney of the City of  
   Carpinteria  
   Brian C. Barrett, City Clerk  
   John L. Ilasin, Public Works Director  
   Olivia Uribe Mutal, Program Manager  
   Nick Bobroff, Principal Planner  
   Matt Roberts, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities  
   Director  
   Licette Maldonado, Administrative Services Director

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Nomura led those present in the salute to the flag.

**INTRODUCTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1.        Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Mary Ota on Her 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Clark, seconded by Councilmember Lee, to approve the Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Mary Ota on Her 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2022, as "Carpinteria Beautiful Month".

There was no public comment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Clark, seconded by Councilmember Alarcon, to approve the Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2022, as "Carpinteria Beautiful Month". The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Mootz, President of Carpinteria Beautiful thanked the City Council. Mayor Nomura and the City Council presented the Proclamation to members of Carpinteria Beautiful.

3. Proclamation Designating April 2022 as DMV/Donate Life Month.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Carty, to approve the Proclamation Designating April 2022 as DMV/Donate Life Month. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Annual Member Agency Update Presentation from Central Coast Community Energy.

Susan Davison with Central Coast Community Energy presented the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Davison was present via Zoom.

There was no public comment.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lieutenant Butch Arnoldi with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department provided an update on crime in the City.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Durlfing reported on the following:

- On Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 11 am, the Public Works Department will be holding an open house to receive public input on Downtown parklet concepts at the Seal Fountain.
- Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day event from 9 am to 1 pm at City Hall.
- On Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers there will be a special joint City Council, Planning Commission, and Architectural Review Board meeting to hold a concept review for a development concept for Bluffs I.

### **PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Emails distributed: Amy Plesetz, Peter Bonning, and Rosalyn Kohute

Speakers in-person: Amrita Salm and Karla Curry, and Donna Jordan

In response to Ms. Salm's and Ms. Curry's request, the Council unanimously requested staff return to a future Council meeting with more information on Carp Connect's request for funding mental health services for teens.

### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS: NONE**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Alarcon, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5 through 11. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Receive and file the Expenditures for the period beginning March 5, 2022 and ending March 18, 2022.
6. Receive and file the Monthly City Treasurer's Report on Compliance with Statement of Safekeeping and Investment of Public Funds.
7. Receive and file the Contracts Executed by the City Manager on behalf of the City for the Period of February 22, 2022 through March 21, 2022.
8. Adoption of Resolution No. 6113, Directing the Preparation of a Street Lighting District No. 1 Report as a part of Consideration of Continuing the District for Fiscal Year 2022-23.
9. Adoption of Resolution No. 6114, Directing the Preparation of a Lighting, Landscaping and Right of Way Improvement District No. 3 Report as a Part of Action Necessary to Continue Lighting, Landscaping and Right of Way Improvement District No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2022-23.
10. Adoption of Resolution No. 6115, Directing that the Required Report Be Prepared as a Part of the Process to Continue Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment District No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2022-23.
11. Adoption of Resolution No. 6116, Directing the Initiation of Procedures to Continue Winter Protection Berm Assessment District No. 5 for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

12. Adopt Resolution No. 6117, Approving an Appointment to the Tree Advisory Board.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6117, approving an appointment to the Tree Advisory Board.

City Clerk Barrett presented the staff report.

Speakers via Zoom: Michael Huth

Motion by Mayor Nomura, seconded by Councilmember Carty, to adopt Resolution No. 6117, as read by title only, approving the appointment of Patrick R. Crooks to the Tree Advisory Board. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

13. Authorization to issue a Notice Inviting Bids for the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project (Project No. 15131).

Recommendation: Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the Notice Inviting Bids for the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project (Project No. 15131).

Public Works Director Ilasin presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Speakers in-person: Bob Jordan

In response to Mr. Jordan's comments, Mayor Nomura requested Public Works Director Ilasin report back on Mr. Jordan's concern of loose aggregate on La Mesa Plaza after the previous slurry seal project that took place on that street.

Motion by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Alarcon, to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the Notice Inviting Bids for the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project (Project No. 15131). The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

14. Resolution No. 6112, establishing an updated and revised flag display policy.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6112, establishing an updated and revised flag display policy.

City Manager Durflinger presented the staff report.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Alarcon, to adopt Resolution No. 6112, as read by title only, establishing an updated and revised flag display policy. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Carty noted the conflict with the tree in front of City Hall and the flag pole and requested the Public Works Department look into the concern.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

15. (1) Review of two draft City Council District Maps (A2 and A3) and selection of a final District Map; and, (2) Adoption of Ordinance No. 752, (first reading) approving the final City Council District Map and scheduling for second reading on April 11, 2022.

Recommendation: Selection one of the two draft District Maps to be used for District Elections beginning in November 2022. Adopt Ordinance No. 752, (first reading) approving the final City Council District Map and schedule for second reading on April 11, 2022.

City Manager Durflinger, Program Manager Uribe Mutal, and Paul Mitchell with Redistricting Partners (present via Zoom) presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Nomura opened the public hearing at 6:51 pm.

Emails distributed: Russell Ruiz, Katherine Culbertson, Jon Lewis, Mike Winneguth, Elsie Winneguth, Michael Sipiora, Ross Robbins, Michael Ledbetter, Shannon Astudillo-Sedivy, Joan Harz, Amrita Salm, Shirley Johnson, Louise Hansen, Caroline Thompson, Jacquelyn Geary, and Amy Marie Orozco

Speakers in-person: Donna Jordan, Bob Jordan, Russell Ruiz, Mike Wondolowski, Ted Rhodes, Gail Marshall, Sheila Tenold, Jason Rodriguez, Lorraine McIntire, Kevin Twohy, Mike Pollard, Rick Olmstead, Giti White, and Kathleen Reddington

Speakers via Zoom: Davis Mersereau, Lisa Guravitz, and Jim Regunato

Mayor Nomura closed the public hearing at 7:31 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Carty, to approve District Map A2 as the final District Map for the City Council District Elections and Ordinance No. 752, on first reading (as read by title only) and schedule the second reading for the City Council meeting of April 11, 2022. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor Nomura

NOES: Councilmember Alarcon and Vice Mayor Clark

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

16. Adoption of Ordinance No. 753, (first reading) approving the sequencing schedule for district elections concerning the five Council districts in the City of Carpinteria.

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 753, (first reading) approving the sequencing schedule for district elections concerning five Council districts in the City of Carpinteria.

City Manager Durlinger and Program Manager Uribe Mutal presented the staff report.

Mayor Nomura opened the public hearing at 8:06 pm.

Emails distributed: Russell Ruiz

Mayor Nomura closed the public hearing at 8:07 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Carty, to adopt Ordinance No. 753, on first reading (as read by title only), thereby establishing the sequencing schedule for district elections concerning five Council districts, amending the approved District Map by applying numeric District designations consistent with the sequencing schedule, and setting the second reading for the Council meeting of April 11, 2022. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Nomura recessed to a break at 8:10 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:19 pm.

17. Pursuant to Carpinteria Municipal Code (“CMC”) § 14.78.040, the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider appeals of the Planning Commission’s decision to accept and certify an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) and grant approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit for Project 19-2015-CUP/CDP, a proposal to construct the 850-foot long portion of the approximately 2,800-foot long multi-use Rincon Trail project filed by: (1) Karl Cameron; (2) Stan Barankiewicz of Orbach Huff & Henderson LLP, on behalf of the Santa Barbara Soaring Association (“SBSA”); and (3) Helen O’Neill. The project location spans from the eastern terminus of Carpinteria Avenue in the City of Carpinteria to the western terminus of the Rincon Beach County Park parking lot, located in unincorporated Santa Barbara County, and involves City and Caltrans rights-of-way and Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 001-220-032, -092, -100 and -101.

Recommendation: Consider the filed appeals in a public hearing, and deny the appeals, thereby upholding the Planning Commission’s acceptance and certification of the EIR and approval of a Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) and Coastal Development Permit (“CDP”) for the Rincon Trail project through Resolution No. 6111 (Attachment A).

All Councilmembers disclosed that they had no ex parte communications.

Principal Planner Bobroff and Legal Counsel Acos and Carlson presented the staff report and presentation.

The Appellants Helen O’Neil, Karl Cameron, and Stan Barankiewicz presented.

The Applicant’s presentation included Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Roberts, Public Works Director Ilasin, Fred Luna with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SCBCAG), David Emerson with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and Jeff Lindgren with the County of Santa Barbara Parks.

Mayor Nomura opened the public hearing at 9:54 pm.

Emails distributed: David Shelton, Chris Collins, Robert Sporrer, Gary Mussell, Lynda Thompson, Sonia Sandomer, Linda Chaloupsky, John Darling, Thomas Livingstone, Ken Bolton, Peter Munk, Kate Faulkner, Richard and Alena Heath, Jay Plaehn, Larry Abele, Michael Steinbaum, Betty Winholtz, Zak Penwell, Mike Hilberath, Lee Eisler, Jennifer Lauritzen, Brian Kaiserauer, Paul Suding, Conrad Kutsch, Ognjen Grujic, Randall McCormick, Jamie Bishop, Trey Kropp, Alana Pfister, Dave Patterson, Ottis Gillespie, Becky Higbee, Wolfgang Daniel, Myles Connolly, Amanda Winther Schorsch, Patrick Switzer, Andrew Craig, Larry Daugherty, Peter Gamache, Matt Etter, Lucas Longo,



Elizabeth Engle, Eckehart Zimmerman, Lena Lander, Mike Harrington, Ian Higgins, Dylan Laughlin, Gever Tulley, Julie Spiegler, Cherry Stockton, Tammie Kim, Jon Blake, Aaron LaPlante, Shawn Hasse, Leslie Ogden, Mike Perrin, Logan Walters, Christian Koepenick, Kayla Gibried, Stefani Henderson, Rachael Hendricks, John Kloer, John Greynald, Jeffrey Longcor, George Jimenez, and Lindsay King

Speakers in-person: Kathleen Reddington, George Jimenez, Tom Truax, Logan Walters, Thomas Livingstone (did not speak), Grant Foad (did not speak), Mike Perrin, Jay Plaehn, and Tammie Kim

Speakers via Zoom: James Acres, Barry Remis, Jon Blake, Patrick Switzer, John Callender, James Murphy, Jamie Ormond, Jeff Longcor, Janica Chewbaca

Mayor Nomura closed the public hearing at 10:45 pm.

Councilmember Lee made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 6111 to deny the appeals, and accept and certify the EIR and approve the Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit for the portion of the Rincon Trail project located in the City of Carpinteria.

The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Council.

Councilmember Lee again made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 6111 to deny the appeals, and accept and certify the EIR and approve the Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit for the portion of the Rincon Trail project located in the City of Carpinteria.

The motion died again due to a lack of a second.

Motion by Vice Mayor Clark, seconded by Councilmember Carty, to conditionally grant the appeals and direct staff to come back to a future Council meeting with additional information on the feasibility of Alternatives 2 and 4. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura

NOES: Councilmember Lee

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

18. Review of the Mid-Year Budget Report and making related adjustments to appropriations.

Recommendation: Accept the Mid-Year Budget Report and approve adjustments to the budget as summarized in Attachment D. *(This motion requires a roll call vote.)*

Administrative Services Director Maldonado presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Clark, seconded by Councilmember Lee, to accept the Mid-Year Budget Report and approve amendments to the adopted budget as provided for in Attachment D. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Councilmember Lee, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

19. Response to the 2021 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report, "The Keys to Housing The Homeless, Two State Programs Offer Rooms and Homes".

Recommendation: Approve the letter to the subject Santa Barbara Grand Jury Report.

City Manager Durflinger presented the staff report.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Clark, seconded by Councilmember Carty, to approve the letter response to the Grand Jury Report for the City Manager's signature and transmittal, including the correction on page 2 of the letter to remove a vestige of a prior letter. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Carty, Vice Mayor Clark, and Mayor Nomura  
NOES: Councilmember Lee  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

City Manager Durflinger noted that he participated in the League's upcoming legislation webinar and would work with Department Heads on the various pieces of legislation that affect each department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS**


There were no reports.

**ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILMEMBERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

All Councilmembers are expected to be in attendance at the regular City Council meeting of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Nomura adjourned the meeting at 12:05 am on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

  
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Wade T. Nomura, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brian C. Barrett, City Clerk