

**CITY OF CASTROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSESSION
ELSASS HALL
1201 Fiorella
May 09, 2023
Tuesday
12:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darrin Schroeder called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Darrin Schroeder

Scott Dixon, City Administrator

Mayor Pro Tem Phil King

Debra Howe, City Secretary

Councilmember Sheena Martinez

John Gomez, Public Works Director

Councilmember Paul Carey

Councilmember Harold Stein

Councilmember Herb Dyer

Others in attendance:

David Merz, Incoming District 4 Councilmember

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The City Council will hear comments from any citizen or visitor. Speakers must address their comments to the presiding officer rather than individual council members or staff; stand at the podium, speak clearly into the microphone, and state your name and residential address before speaking. Speakers will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes for testimony. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks will be given one warning before losing the privilege to speak or may be removed from the room. In accordance with the State Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda. Action can only be taken at a future meeting.

No one requested to speak.

IV. Discuss potential opportunities and threats to building a resilient Castroville and achieving fiscal sustainability

V. Discuss alignment of the City Council vision regarding criteria to be included in development agreements leading to building a resilient city, the right city scale, and fiscal sustainability

VI. Draft a City Council Purpose Statement for the growth and development

All of the above items were discussed in the work session together.

(Cont.)

Matt Lewis, with Simple City Designs reviewed with the city council what their objectives were for a standard development agreement. The council members provided Mr. Lewis with what they felt was needed to protect the city and not burden the citizens. City Administrator Scott Dixon spoke on what the goal was for the city council and what they wanted. Councilmember Carey felt Euclidean zoning should be considered for new developments and to rethink current development standards. Mayor and Councilmembers expressed what they loved about Castroville and said they did not want to see the charm, small town feel and available resources to be taken away by future development. Representatives from the Medina Valley ISD, Medina County ESD Fire Department and TxDOT spoke on what their needs when looking at the street widths for school buses, fire trucks, and garbage trucks. Their main objective was the safety of the citizens. TxDOT representatives spoke on the traffic issues on Hwy 90 and the need for an overpass, the challenges Hwy 90 presented and funding. The city council spoke on walkability, keeping the same fencing requirements, various lot setbacks, Hike and Bike Trails, Parks, possibly more than one home on a lot and fire codes. City Administrator Dixon wanted value transfer included. Mr. Lewis would be bringing back a summary of the wants and needs of the city council and other entities at a later date. The city council would have a further discussion at that evening's council meeting.

VII. Adjourn

Mayor Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Darrin Schroeder
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Howe
City Secretary