

**CITY OF CASTROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

**1209 Fiorella
City Council Chambers**

**Wednesday
June 17, 2020**

**5:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Santleben.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Phyllis Santleben

Mayor Pro Tem Darrin Schroeder

Councilmember Sheena Martinez

Councilmember Paul Carey

Councilmember Phil King

Councilmember Todd Tschirhart

Leroy Vidales, Interim City Administrator/Finance Director

Debra Howe, City Secretary

John Gomez, Public Works Director

Devin Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director

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. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells and similar demonstrations/distractions will not be permitted. No placards, banners, or signs will be permitted in the Chambers or in any other room in which the council is meeting. 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. Discussion on five-year financial revenue forecast and Capital Improvement Plan

Mayor Santleben briefed the city council on guidelines she had copied on how to identify projects and developing a strategy on prioritizing the current projects. Mayor Santleben suggested breaking the council members into groups with citizen participation and divide the projects in streets or utilities between the groups, placing them in order of priority. Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder questioned the council looking at capital improvement projects first and not determine what it would take the next year to run the city efficiently, especially due to the COVID 19 shut down and lower revenues projected. Councilmember Carey felt they would be looking at the projects twice in this type of exercise, suggesting instead to just go through all of the projects together. Mayor Santleben started listing the projects but made the decision to leave the meeting and have the Mayor Pro Tem preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Santleben left the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Councilmember Martinez said last year one of the priorities was to improve the electrical and streets in River Bluff. She wanted the electrical to be a priority in this year's budget talks due to the system declining. Public Works Director John Gomez briefed the city council on his projects shown in the

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next year with a few shown further out in the five-year forecast. Mr. Gomez went through the projects and designate which projects was a priority to him for next year. Council asked for a revised list of projects and costs for review at a future meeting.

Interim City Administrator Leroy Vidales briefed the city council on projected revenues and bringing back recommendation on increases to comprehensive fees, including the new trash service increases. Councilmember Carey said the council needed to look at fees of services to get a good picture of the services the city provided. He felt the other funds – water and sewer needed to start paying their way, not being subsidized by the electric. Councilmember King spoke on the organizational chart and asked that the boards and commissions be identified differently as they were council appointed. Councilmembers discussed holding the next meeting on July 9, 2020 at 5pm.

V. Adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Darrin Schroeder
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Howe
City Secretary