

**CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Dave Potter called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll call: Councilmembers Jeff Baron, Alissandra Dramov, Karen Ferlito, Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Richards, and Mayor Dave Potter.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The following members of the public spoke:

Melanie Billig

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Dramov pulled consent items 7, 9, 12. City Administrator Rerig pulled item 6 and 13 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Baron to approve consent agenda items #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 11, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and approved 5-0-0-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, and Mayor Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Item 1 - January 8th, January 25th, and February 1st Special Meeting Minutes, and January 9th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Item 2 - December 2023 Monthly Reports

Item 3 - January 2024 Monthly Reports

Item 4 - December 2023 Check Register Summary

Item 5 - January 2024 Check Register Summary

Item 8 - Resolution 2024-016, authorizing City Co-Sponsorship of the Carmel Public Library Foundation's Annual Donor Salute Event at the Main Library on Sunday, March 10, 2024; and

Authorizing City Co-Sponsorship of the Carmel Public Library Foundation's Annual Sterling Circle Event at the Main Library on Sunday, June 9, 2024

Item 10 - Resolution 2024-018, Rescinding Resolution 2023-105 and Establishing the City Council meeting dates for the 2024 Calendar Year

Item 11 - Resolution 2024-019, Authorizing one (1) free use day of the Sunset Cultural Center theater and lobby for the AIM youth mental health community event

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

Item 6 - Resolution 2024-014, accepting donations from Carmel Cares, an official City Support Group, and approving a Budget Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Adopted Budget

Dale Byrne, President of Carmel Cares, gave an introduction of many key members of the Carmel Cares team, and highlighted their valuable contributions. He thanked the 100 volunteers that give their time and energy and thanked the donors for their generous financial contributions.

Mayor Potter and the Council gave thanks to Carmel Cares for all their hard work in giving back to the community and making the village a better and more beautiful place to live.

Motion by Councilmember Ferlito to adopt Resolution 2024-014, seconded by Mayor Potter and approved 5-0-0-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, and Mayor Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Item 7 - Resolution 2024-015 authorizing the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with EMC Planning Group for the Coastal Engineering and Adaptation Planning Project, Phase 2, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$450,000; and Authorize an Amendment to the CIP FY 2023/24 Budget to include the \$500,000 Grant

Mary Bilse, Environmental Programs Manager, gave a brief summary of the item and answered questions from the Council. Public Works Director Bob Harary addressed public comments and provided clarification on concerns brought up by the public.

Public Comment:

Brian Sours

Dale Byrne

Melanie Billig

Council discussion resumed. Councilmember Dramov expressed a desire to rein in money spent on consultants and noted the amount of contracts awarded to EMC for various projects including

this one totals over \$1 million. Councilmember Baron spoke about the importance of preparing for Climate Change. Mayor Potter said that perhaps contracts for over \$100,000 should be placed under Orders of Business instead of Consent agenda in the future.

Motion by Councilmember Baron to approve Resolution 2024-015, seconded by Councilmember Ferlito, and approved 3-2-0-0 by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Ferlito, and Mayor Potter
NOES: Councilmember Dramov, Mayor Pro Tem Richards
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Item 9 - Consideration of Resolution 2024-017, authorizing the consumption of alcohol and the potential erection of tents on public property for the Otto Wedding Dinner to be held Friday, October 11, 2024 in Devendorf Park

Ashlee Wright, Director Library and Community Activities, provided an overview of the item and answered questions from Council. She outlined the process for obtaining special event permits and stated that the current policy does not grant special exceptions for private events in Devendorf Park. Ms. Wright said that in the absence of special rules, the application for a wedding in Devendorf park was processed in accordance with the existing policy. She also noted that the applicant was advised to have a backup plan in the event the permit was not approved.

Public Comment:
Mike Brown
Tasha Witt

Councilmembers Baron, Ferlito, and Mayor Pro Tem Richards said that they do not support the closure of Devendorf Park for a private wedding and noted that events open to the public are more desirable.

Motion by Councilmember Ferlito, seconded by Councilmember Dramov, to deny Resolution 2024-017. Motion carried 5-0-0-0 by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, and Mayor Potter
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2024-017 was denied.

Item 12 - Resolution 2024-020, authorizing the serving of alcohol on public property, and the erection of tents on public property for the Carmel Art Festival

Library and Community Activities Director Ashlee Wright gave a summary of the item and answered questions from Council. She clarified that unlike the item previously, this is a public event available to anyone to attend.

Public Comment:

None

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards to approve Resolution 2024-020, seconded by Councilmember Ferlito, and approved 5-0-0-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, and Mayor Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Item 13 - Resolution 2024-021, Adopting the Updated Board and Commission Handbook

City Administrator Rerig requested to pull this item from consent and requested it be continued to a future meeting for more discussion and clarified that when it is brought back it will be under Orders of Business rather than on the Consent agenda.

Motion by Mayor Potter to continue this item to a date uncertain, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and approved 5-0-0-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, and Mayor Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2024-021 was not adopted; continued to a date uncertain.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Pierik read the closed session agenda titles:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (1)
Name of Case: Daniel Logan v. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea;
Superior Court of Monterey County Case #24CV000088

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8:

Property: First Murphy House, NE corner Lincoln Street and 6th Avenue, Carmel-by-the-Sea
Agency negotiators: City Administrator, City Attorney
Negotiating parties: Carmel Heritage Society and Chamber of Commerce

Under negotiation: Lease amount and terms

**C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8:**

Property: Rio Park, East of Dolores Street and Lasuen Drive, Carmel

Agency negotiators: City Administrator, City Attorney

Negotiating parties: Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)

Under negotiation: Lease amount and terms

PUBLIC APPEARANCES - Limited to items on the Closed Session agenda:

Sygale Lomas

Cindy Lloyd

Kristi Reimers

Anna Williams

ADJOURNMENT

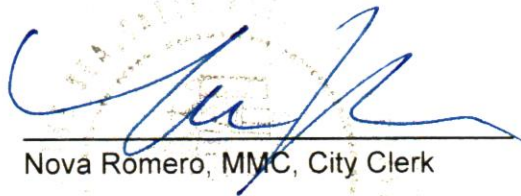
Council moved into Closed Session at 5:43 p.m. Council adjourned Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Dave Potter, Mayor



Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk