

MINUTES

City of Guadalupe

Regular Meeting of the Guadalupe City Council

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm

City Hall, 918 Obispo Street, Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL:

Council Member Christina Hernandez

Council Member Gilbert Robles

Council Member Megan Lizalde

Mayor Pro Tempore Eugene Costa Jr.

Mayor Ariston Julian

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present. (NOTE: The abbreviation, "CM", will be used for "Council Member" in these minutes.)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MOMENT OF THANKS, APPRECIATION OR CONDOLENCES.

Mayor Julian said that there have been 146 shootings so far this year. He mentioned the recent Louisville Bank shooting where five (5) were killed: Joshua Barrick, 40; Deana Echert, 57; Tommy Elliott, 63, Juliana Farmer, 45, and James Tutt, 64. We offer special prayers and a quick recovery to Police Officer Nicholas Wilt, 26 years of age, who was only 10 days out of the academy. Special prayers, as well, for the recovery of those who remain hospitalized. Our condolences and prayers to the victims, family members, those injured and the entire community.

4. AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Julian requested that Item #12 – Appointments to various Boards and Committees be moved, becoming Item #10. Item #10 – Social Media Use Policy becomes Item #11. Item #11 – Approving the Associate Planner job description pay scale, and authorizing the recruitment process for this position becomes Item #12.

5. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

a. Swearing-in Andrew Breda, Police Officer

b. Life Saving Award:

- Fire Engineer David Bonifacio
- Police Officer Michael Kuhbander

- Police Officer Omar Ruiz

Chief Cash gave a brief background on the events resulting in this Life Saving Award: "Fire Captain Garcia and Fire Engineer Bonifacio had a medical assist call. When they arrived at the scene, an individual was lying on the floor, unconscious. A roommate had called 911. Captain Garcia and Engineer Bonifacio placed a pulse oximeter on the individual to gain a pulse reading. Then Police Officers Kuhbender and Ruiz administered CPR, attempting to get air into the lungs. Captain Garcia placed AED pads to the individual's chest but there was no rhythm coming from the heart. After several minutes of CPR attempts, a pulse was finally found. Engineer Bonifacio rode in the ambulance to the hospital continuing rescued breathing. The CCU doctor at Marian Hospital stated that the first responders' actions enabled the life of the individual to be saved."

Officer Ruiz spoke for those receiving the award: "Was it stressful? Yes, but we do this on a daily basis. Officer Kuhbender has tons of experience that rubs off. It was pretty intense. We did what we're trained to do. We performed CPR for about half an hour...we all cycled out. We don't need this award, but it's appreciated. It's something we do on a daily basis. On behalf of the department and Fire, this is what we do for the City. So, thank you."

c. Proclamations:

- Guadalupe Food Bank Volunteer Recognition

CM Robles read the proclamation which, in part, said: "The City of Guadalupe became an acting agent with the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County as a United States Department of Agriculture distribution site since March 2020. Volunteers participated in over 121 weeks of food distribution and provided food to a minimum of 188 families per session averaging 4.38 individuals per family. Over 55,380 cases of food were sorted, packed and distributed to participants. An average of 18 volunteers participated per session in the food distribution efforts. These volunteers established a core group of individuals who gave of their time, committed to serving their fellow neighbors. Those impacted by the Pioneer Street flood disaster also benefited from these volunteers in their relief efforts."

Ms. Lourdes Ramirez spoke on behalf of the Food Bank saying, "The mayor came up with the idea for the food bank at the start of the pandemic. He called the Food Bank for the County. Then he said that we needed volunteers. A lot of people came over to help wherever needed. We have a lot of friends. The Police Department and Fire Department also came to help out...City staff...Rotary...retired teachers, teachers who weren't working. A lot of good things came out of this. We served 400 families per week for a long time. There's a saying that goes: 'When you do good things for people, you also gain good feelings from all of that'. I feel that I gained some really good feelings, and I also gained some really good friends. When we got back to distributing once a month, they weren't upset that we weren't going to be working so hard. They were upset that we weren't going to be seeing each other every week. We have made some great friends. I did invite them to come today. They told me to say that they love the Food Bank, they love Guadalupe, and they thank you. I'll take this proclamation back to them and share it with them."

Mayor Julian also gave thanks to the volunteers and all the Food Bank staff for what you do and continue to do.

- Donate Life Month

The proclamation was read by Mayor Julian which, in part, said: "More than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting. The need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic, Latino, and African American communities. Organ donors saved more than 40,000 lives last year, the most ever. Tissue donations can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others. California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting www.donateLIFecalifornia.or Go to www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org for those who are Spanish speaking. For California residents, you can find information on living kidney donations by going to www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org "

Mr. Scott Burns relayed information on how he, as someone with kidney failure, received his donated kidney, which was three years in waiting. Mr. Burns said, "There is an average of 7 to 8 years on the waiting list here in California. In Santa Barbara County, there are 250 people waiting and there are four (4) here in Guadalupe. There is an individual who was the recipient of one of five organs donated by the family of a registered nurse at Cottage Hospital who died from a brain aneurysm." He read a letter from the individual who received the donated liver. Mr. Burns re-emphasized the need to donate.

Mayor Julian said that Deek Segovia had donated a kidney. He said, "It's powerful to see how many people are saved by donations."

- National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

CM Lizalde read the proclamation which, in part, said: "Child Welfare Services had 3,801 referrals in the north county for possible abuse in 2020/2021. The effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by communities and need to be addressed by the entire community. North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center and its CAPC partners are committed to educating this community on child abuse and neglect with several events throughout this month. Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social agencies, schools' youth organizations, religious organizations, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community, and residents. Child abuse and neglect are a community condition and problem. The City of Guadalupe calls upon all residents, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, and medical facilities to increase their participation in the effort to prevent child abuse and neglect."

Ms. Alison Wales thanked the City Council and the City of Guadalupe for being supportive of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center. She said, "In 2016, child abuse was made visual. There were 2,000 pinwheels distributed over the years representing child abuse. In 2022 in the Santa Maria Valley, which Guadalupe is a part of, there were 1,681 cases to be investigated. There is a fear of reporting child and domestic abuse. Abuse may not be out of malice, but families may need help and children's voices need to be heard."

CM Lizalde added, "This is a topic that is near and dear to me. For about fifteen years I worked at Child Welfare and Adult Services. It's about helping and supporting these children and their families. It takes all of us to nurture children when they're young. Doing so can change the trajectory of these children."

- Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month

The proclamation was read by CM Hernandez which, in part, said: "People of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds fall victim to sexual assault. Sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community. Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community. Statistics show child abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18. Those numbers change to more than 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime. California has the most reported rapes in the United States...an American is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds in the United States. Prevention is possible when everyone gets involved increasing education, awareness, and community involvement. We recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals involved in this effort and note the challenges of the survivors of sexual assault and their families and friends as they struggle to cope with the reality of sexual violence. The City Council encourages all residents and businesses to participate in a month full of recognition and activities promoted by the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center to increase awareness of sexual assault and to create solutions in an effort to eliminate sexual violence from this City."

Ms. Emily Dreiling mentioned that she is a board member of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center for three (3) years. I've been affiliated with them for approximately ten years. When you quote the statistics and you look at 1 in 4 and 1 in 6, even if you haven't been personally impacted by sexual violence, you are 'one degree of separation' typically of someone who has. It's something that impacts our community. It's important for everyone in our community to step up in some capacity and a part of the solution, however small that part is, such as knowing the resources that are available...taking that extra look if you see something 'out of the norm', and just familiarize yourself in how you can get involved. The work that the Center does is really important and vital to our community to understand why they're here and how we can support them. So, thank you for this proclamation and making this important to the City of Guadalupe."

Ms. Alison Wales, again, thanked the City Council and City for our support. She said, "Since 1974, The National County Rape Crisis Center has covered from 'tunnel to bridge'. On average, there are about 88 cases per year. Sexual violence...it is just 'violence'. Victims and perpetrators are both female and male. Boys and girls...female and male – violence. Please take that extra step if you see something that may not appear 'normal' to you." She also mentioned that on May 20th, they will have their major fundraiser.

CM Hernandez said, "I've worked with families from Santa Maria and Lompoc where youth have been affected by such violence. It's something that everyone should stand up against."

6. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

George Alvarez: In line with the two proclamations regarding child abuse and sexual violence, etc., Mr. Alvarez questioned where organizations were here to protect women as this is a serious matter. Then he said, "What I actually came to speak about was Cal Trans. I hear that Cal Trans is going to expand Hwy 1. They may have to excavate the cemetery, and some residents may have to give up their property. That's what I hear. If so, it's the responsibility of the Council to tell us the purpose of the expansion and how it will impact us as citizens. Also, the flooding...we have a school and a

community center that needs to be protected....what's going on with all of that? There was one meeting with FEMA...the Army Corps of Engineers, but nothing else. What is the City Council going to do about all of this to ensure the safety of those facilities? Put a moratorium on building until problems are resolved and we can protect the structures of the new buildings."

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items are presented for City Council approval without discussion as a single agenda item in order to expedite the meeting. Should a Council Member wish to discuss or disapprove an item, it must be dropped from the blanket motion of approval and considered as a separate item.

- A.** Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar will be adopted by the same vote cast as the first meeting unless City Council indicates otherwise.
- B.** Approve payment of warrants for the period ending April 3, 2023.
- C.** Approve the Minutes of the City Council regular meeting of March 28, 2023.
- D.** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-23 authorizing the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder for the Wastewater Effluent Irrigation Pump Station Rehabilitation Project.
- E.** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-24 approving a contract with Ashley & Vance Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$95,792.00 for development of a conceptual site plan document, including specifications and an engineer's estimate to complete the minimum improvements necessary for the City's corporation yard at 303 Obispo St., to serve as an effective electric bus parking area, and authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.
- F.** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-25 authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services contract with Andrew Goodwin Designs (AGD) for the design of the Le Roy Park Phase II Project.
- G.** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-26 approving an update to the City of Guadalupe Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and incorporating it by reference into the Air Quality and Safety Element of the City's General Plan 2042.
- H.** Approve Amendment No. 1 to the City's agreement with Los Amigos de Guadalupe (LADG) and approve an agreement with Tom Brandeberry for the Royal Theater Project.
- I.** **MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**
 - 1. Planning Department report for March 2023
 - 2. Building Department report for March 2023
 - 3. Public Works / Engineering report for March 2023

CM Hernandez questioned whether she should recuse herself from voting on Item #7.H., City's agreement with Los Amigos de Guadalupe (LADG) and approve an agreement with Tom Brandeberry for the Royal Theatre Project, as she is a LADG board member. City Attorney Sinco said, "Because you don't receive any compensation for serving on the board, there's no financial conflict and you can participate on that item."

Request to Speak:

Shirley Boydston sent an email with the following: On Agenda Item #7.G. – Local Hazard Mitigation Plan – "This is the most comprehensive and clearly written plan I have read in several years. To whomever wrote it, a hundred thanks. It clearly details all the dangers – past, current, and future – to Guadalupe. My hometown and, I dare to say, 95% of the citizens.

Since the dangers to homes and the water treatment plant were clearly stated, do we dare to hope that minds can be changed to make improvements along the Santa Maria riverbed to reduce the dangers that will surely come again...about every 5 years. Losing access to the Beach Preserve is a blow not only to adults but the children, some of whom are just getting acquainted with that gem. I cannot disagree more strongly with the cost-benefit test for doing ANYTHING to stabilize the flowing menace. Signed, Shirley Boydston, Guadalupe

Motion was made by Council Member Hernandez and seconded by Council Member Costa, Jr. to approve the Consent Calendar. 5-0 Motion passed.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: (Information Only)

Mr. Bodem said, "The City Attorney, Mr. Philip Sinco, and I are in the process of negotiating Community Benefit agreements for all three (3) cannabis applicants. We gave a draft Community benefit agreement regarding the proposed cannabis processing plant located at 151 Obispo Street. They will be coming back to the City Council, probably the first meeting in May."

Mayor Julian added, "Cal Trans is scheduling a meeting with Cal Trans directors regarding Hwy 166 and Hwy 1 and all projects that will affect the City. This meeting will be in May here at City Hall." Mr. Bodem said, "It's scheduled for May 3rd. It will be an internal working meeting, still public." The mayor added that we should let people know.

CM Robles asked, "Will we be discussing with Cal Trans the needed stop sign for 9th & Guadalupe Streets to slow some of the traffic down?" Ms. Sweeney responded, "I just need to put an encroachment permit application in for it. Hwy 1 has a large project. There were a number of items that the Council requested back in December 2021 and that was one of them. Last December I had made a comment that Cal Trans wasn't listening to us, and I think they got the hint. We got Cal Trans' attention, and we will be pushing to have those items in that list included in that project. The stop sign at 9th & Guadalupe Streets is one of them."

CM Lizalde then asked, "Should we ask the public what they want of Cal Trans?" Mayor Julian said that everything will be on the table to discuss."

On Parks and Recreation, CM Lizalde asked about the decision-making process for naming Central Park. Ms. Hannah Sanchez said, "We will be discussing this at the next meeting. The Recreation Commission has suggested the name, 'Las Mujeres Park'. Emily Dreiling had mentioned that all but one park in California is named after a female. We didn't want to narrow it down to one female from Guadalupe. We wanted to make it broader and maybe put a plaque each year showing a different name."

CM Lizalde then asked about the type of ground to be used for the dog park. Ms. Sanchez said, "The design team is requesting that information from the Recreation Commission. That information is needed by April 24th. The information will be in the next monthly report."

Another question asked by CM Lizalde was, "The Townsend Memo...are they actively working on these, or do we need to work on these? Several of them caught my eye." Mr. Bodem said, "We received \$5.0M for the Royal Theatre. We asked this group to continue to send updates. This was sent out to department heads. These might tip off the City Council and department heads. It's more informational than anything right now." CM Lizalde added, "Grants are really important. This (memo) is a good tool...it's clear and concise. I just want to make sure we're taking advantage of grants that are available."

9. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: (Information Only)

Chief Cash mentioned that he had sent in his written report...issues had been brought up by council members and others:

Concern and request raised by Mr. Romo at the last council meeting in reference to parking in front of his business on Guadalupe Street. There are two (2) options: extend the 2-hour parking zone from 8th Street all the way through to 6th Street or have timed parking directly in front of his business, spanning the property lines, with 15–20-minute parking, with appropriate green curb marking and signage on a pole in the sidewalk.

Operations Night Tow – the procedure is in three steps. It's always been ongoing but now we're collecting information on vehicles. There are no towing companies in town. It has to be fiscally viable for these towing companies to come to town to tow vehicles.

Code Compliance: A new website is being designed to allow for online complaints and reports. All Information will be captured together.

The State awarded the Police Department \$15,000 for our Wellness Program. Officers are submitting suggestions for an Officer Wellness Program. All police departments received funding allocated based on the number of sworn officers within their department.

CM Lizalde mentioned the Firehouse Grant. Chief Cash said, "You have to have a Firehouse Store in your jurisdiction to be eligible." CM Lizalde said that a Firehouse Sub Store was coming to Santa Maria soon.

Flooding – after action report is completed. It's been sent to managers and directors for their review...the City Administrator and City Attorney...it's being reviewed by staff. Everyone has given their input and I'll put it all together and have it presented at the next council meeting.

Chief Cash also mentioned that there was a federal grant available to hire police officers. However, he felt that Guadalupe didn't qualify as rules had been changed regarding how officers are to be paid. The grant will fund 75% of the officer's salary, then 50% and in the third year, the agency would need to pay the full 100%. We just don't have the funds for that. He said, "We're still looking for grant writers. It's an art and a special skill. We really don't have the talent now...we have great people...but we're working on it."

Request to Speak:

George Alvarez: "It's about time we hired a police officer. U-turnville in the middle of town. A multitude of people are doing U-turns in town. This happens every day. Public safety is a real concern. We need more police officers."

Floods – has Representative Carbajal reached out to our public safety person to have a meeting with our supervisor, Steve Lavagnino? I've talked to him. I'm in the thick of this thing because it's been neglected. I hope this report will tell us that this is what we need. I want to know. We're the public. I love transparency. Unfortunately, politicians don't deal in transparencies. It's wrong. We're a small Latino community. We're always behind the 8-ball. Use our being behind the 8-ball to get federal funding. Use our demographics. It's because of Guadalupe that we got Righetti High School in the 60's."

Mayor Julian spoke about the closed access to the beach. He said, "The County took pictures. The river is south of the gate. The road between the gate and sand plant is gone. The County thinks that maybe it'll be about six (6) months before we get something going on. They're contacting the Corps of Engineers, FEMA...Carbajal is in the mix for potential funds for all of that. It will be a while before things will be happening. The County is getting a lot of calls wanting access to the beach. You physically can't. It's in the works but we've got our eyes on it. It's important to Guadalupe and Santa Maria to have access to the beach."

REGULAR BUSINESS

10. Social Media Use Policy.

Written report: Hannah Sanchez, Recreation Services Manager

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-27 approving a social media use policy.

Ms. Sanchez briefly explained the intent of this policy: The purpose of this proposed Social Media Use Policy is to establish guidelines for the City's participation in and City staff use of third-party platforms commonly known as social media sites, channels, networks, and technology such as Facebook, Google+, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc. for City business. In addition, the policy is also to establish guidelines and standards for all City employees, officers, volunteers, and any consultants, providers, and contractors acting in an official capacity and who are authorized to post information on social media websites on behalf of the City. Also, this policy would require use of any social media site to relate solely to matters of City business. It is not intended to create general public forums. It establishes guidelines for posting information and provides a uniform policy to be used by all departments. This is on the City-side...it is not telling employees how they can post personally. It's for City use.

Ms. Sanchez said, "I am the only one that had social media right now. (However, she was told that both Police and Fire use social media, too.) This policy, then, would apply to both Police and Fire, as well."

Mayor Julian then asked, "Police and Fire have theirs. How does this policy impact them?" CM Lizalde also asked, "Correct me if I'm wrong...this is a social media use policy, correct? It's not whether they're going to have one or not...that's a departmental decision. Is that correct?" Ms. Sanchez said, "Yes, within the policy it does say that any department that wants to use social media has to send a request to the City Administrator/or designee. So that's another question as to who the designee would be. I could do it or it could be HR." Teg Butler indicated he would be the designee.

Ms. Sanchez said that with Police and Fire, they would just submit paperwork, but they already have their social media in place. CM Lizalde said, "It's really important to move forward with this, especially with our revised website coming soon and if we're trying to get programs out there to the community. It's just another way for us to communicate to them." Ms. Sanchez added, "This policy doesn't mean I would no longer be doing 'physical advertising', such as the with the marquee. This will just help me out."

City Attorney Sinco said that Lexipol, a standard police policy company, already has a social media policy. He said, "I don't think there's a problem. What Chief Cash may be mentioning is if someone appeared on social media in uniform but that's different. If I find that PD is using something inconsistent, it will come back to the Council."

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Robles to approve Resolution No. 2023-27 approving a social media use policy. Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nos:0 5-0 Motion passed.

11. Approving the Associate Planner job description, pay scale, and authorizing the recruitment process for this position.

Written report: Todd Bodem, City Administrator

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-28 establishing the classification and job description/pay scale for the Associate Planner position within the Building and Planning Department and authorizing the recruitment process.

Mr. Bodem briefly gave the background and rationale for creating this new Associate Planner position. The City is looking to replace two (2) consultants who have a combined 75 years of experience. The current Planning Director consultant has indicated that this new position makes sense as planning activities for the City will be increasing. One of the City's goals is to create economic development. This proposed position may not be looked upon as important; however, it does drive revenue. Last year, the prior Human Resources Manager did a quick salary survey. This Associate Planner is not comparable to the position in Santa Maria with the same title. Because of our small staff, this position will be doing more. Applications will bring in fees.

Mr. Appel has said that he would need about 3-4 months to shadow. This proposed position is recommended for full time, or 2080 hours per year, as opposed to the current combined 1,016 hours per year for the two (2) consultants. This position will help build the department, along with the current Permit Technician. Having an onsite planning employee should significantly enhance customer service with questions being able to be answered in a more expeditious manner.

Mr. Appel then spoke on this new position. He said, "I brought this up several years ago, but there was no budget for it at the time. I wanted to have real good public service in planning...long-term for the City. It is better to have an in-house person. Right now, it's impersonal and not very efficient. I'll be available to train and continue doing ordinances and 41 programs that have to be implemented for the General Plan. Depending on how much work the new person would have, I could take the long-term things. It's very rare for an agency not to have an in-house planning department...makes all the difference. In terms of dollars, it's kind of a wash."

Both Mayor Julian and CM Lizalde talked in terms of this new position being more efficient. CM Lizalde said, "Having someone here, onsite, adds to the efficiency of the department...the infrastructure for our future. This is vital and we should be serious in supporting it."

Mr. Appel added, "One good thing is that all the big items, such as the General Plan and Housing Element, will be done when the Associate Planner comes on board. Hopefully, a procedural manual will be developed by me and Bill Scott by the end of the year which will explain each of the different types of applications and what needs to be done."

Mr. Bodem said that this person can digitize a lot of the 'paper information' in the department. Mr. Appel said, "There's a specific drive, P-drive, that I set up 5 years or so ago. That's a good source of information for the new person, such as back projects, conditions of approval, etc."

CM Costa, Jr. asked Mr. Appel, "Do you know someone for this job?" Mr. Appel said, "You might pick up someone locally with the proposed salary range. Maybe someone from City of Santa Maria or the County of Santa Barbara."

CM Lizalde asked Mr. Teg Butler, Human Resources Manager, if he had a chance to review the job description. Mr. Butler said he had reviewed it. CM Lizalde then asked him, "On the job description, there's nothing for conditions of appointment. Would that be typical to be put on there like, pass

the DMV background, verification of experience, etc. It's not on there. It may be something minor." Mr. Butler said, "That's a formality but we could include that on there, yes."

Another question from CM Lizalde was, "As for education and experience, is this the final that we're leaning towards for this description or will be bullet-pointing out, making it a little more specific?" Mr. Butler said, "That would probably require a discussion with Mr. Appel and Mr. Bodem to see what qualifications they want." Mr. Bodem added, "Completion of substantial college level course work in planning or a related field, usually at the bachelor's degree level and two (2) years of professional planning experience involving public or private sector planning." Mr. Appel then said, "We've seen people who don't have degrees, worked themselves up through the ranks and have done well. So, for here, I'd look at a requirement of at least two (2) years in the profession rather than a degree and no experience." Mr. Bodem suggested, "With the salary range, we'll probably get a degreed individual."

Motion was made by Council Member Robles and seconded by Council Member Lizalde to approve Resolution No. 2023-28 establishing the classification and job description/pay scale for the Associate Planner position within the Building and Planning Department and authorizing the recruitment process. Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nos: 0 5-0 Motion passed.

Addressing Mr. Appel, CM Lizalde added, "Thank you. I appreciate that we have such a wealth of knowledge, so dedicated to the City. Maybe we take it a little for granted that we have this precious resource. Your willingness to help in this transition is so huge and thank you." Mr. Appel responded, "I really enjoy it. You all have been a great bunch of people through the years. I've been in a lot of political situations before, and this has been a joy working out here with you. So, thank you, too."

12. Appointments to various board and committees.

Written report: Todd Bodem, City Administrator

Recommendation: That the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appoint Council members to various boards and committees representing the City of Guadalupe.

Mayor Julian said, "In the past, we'd have retired people who could attend various meetings. Not anymore with people working. With zoom meetings, a majority of a board has to be physically in the same place to proceed. This could be a problem with the inability to have people going to meetings. But if we don't connect with these agencies, they'll say that we don't care, which isn't the case."

The mayor further said, "Look at Twitchell Management Authority and Central Coast Water Authority. Shannon goes to some of these technical meetings, but we don't have a primary person assigned. We had one but that person left."

Council members asked questions about what the various agencies were all about, how often meetings were held, locations of such meetings, etc. City Attorney Sinco said that a motion needed to be made for Mayor Julian to appoint council members to these various agencies.

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Lizalde to allow the mayor to make appointments to the various boards and commissions. 5-0 Motion passed.

CITY OF GUADALUPE BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2023-2024

Effective: April 11, 2023 - December 10, 2024

BOARD/COMMISSION	2023-2024	
	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)	Mayor Ariston Julian	Council Member Christina Hernandez
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD)	Mayor Ariston Julian	Council Member Christina Hernandez
Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA)	Council Member Megan Lizalde	Public Works Director Shannon Sweeney
Twitchell Management Authority	Council Member Christina Hernandez	Council Member Megan Lizalde
California Joint Powers Insurance Authority	Council Member Eugene Costa Jr.	Council Member Gilbert Robles
Central Coast Community Energy (3C Energy)	Mayor Ariston Julian	Council Member Eugene Costa Jr.
Guadalupe Senior Center Advisory Committee	Mayor Ariston Julian	Council Member Megan Lizalde
Microenterprise Advisory Committee	Council Member Megan Lizalde	Council Member Christina Hernandez

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS – COUNCIL ACTIVITY/COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lizalde: I attended McKenzie’s first wrestling tournament. Very successful. Six medals were won...positive program for the young people. I also attended the Recreation & Parks Commission meeting.

CM Robles: There were 21 wrestlers at the tournament. There were six-1st place winners; one-2nd place winner and three-4th place winners. The kids there didn’t know what to expect. It was a good development exercise for them, and all did really well. For the bus ride to Paso Robles, the kids met

at McKenzie at 6:00 a.m. and got back at 5:00 p.m. There were quite a few parents there. We're all looking forward to next month.

CM Hernandez: On 4/12 and 4/13, there will be two workshops for Recreation Economy for rural Communities Program (RERC). Tomorrow, 4/12, I'll be doing a walking tour at Oso Flaco. Smooth will provide transportation. Saturday, 4/15, there will be a free concert to be held in the City auditorium. Saturday, 4/22, is Earth Day. There will be a clean-up day with Essence of Earth partnering with us.

Ms. Tiffany Gonzales, Community Development Director for Los Amigos de Guadalupe, and Ms. Alejandra Mahoney, Executive Director, Los Amigos de Guadalupe, spoke briefly about the two (2) RERC workshops tomorrow, 4/12, and Thursday, 4/13. These workshops are to have participants share their perspectives about what makes Guadalupe special and to create an action plan for strengthening our recreation opportunities and downtown area.

Mayor Julian: The Economic Development Association (EDA) is negotiating a time to meet – zoom meeting Friday, 4/14, at 1:00 p.m. For the Food Bank, there were 212 families served. The Mormon Church brought packaged food to Grover Beach and had tons of food for Guadalupe. Last Wednesday, there were 100 boxes of food.

15. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Two (2) items to be discussed in closed session: 1) Conference with Labor Negotiators and 2) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Director of Public Safety.

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr and seconded by Council Member Hernandez to adjourn to closed session. 5-0 Motion passed. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

16. Conference with Labor Negotiators

(Subdivision (a) of Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: City Administrator and Human Resources Manager

Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 620 and Guadalupe Police Officers Association (POA)

17. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b))

Title: Director of Public Safety

18. ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION MEETING

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Lizalde to adjourn to open session. 5-0 Motion passed. Meeting adjourned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

19. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

"No reportable action".

20. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Lizalde to adjourn the meeting. 5-0 Motion passed.

Prepared by:



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Approved by:



Ariston Julian, Mayor