Mayor Pendergrass opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The invocation was led by Reverend Carl Kelleher.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Michael Klein.

Present: Council Member Blackwelder
Council Member Carbone
Council Member Hubler
Council Member Kruper
Mayor Pendergrass

Staff: Todd Bodem, City Administrator
Jim Heisinger, City Attorney
Leon Gomez, City Engineer
Michael Klein, Police Chief
Linda Scholink, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 4, COMMUNICATIONS

A. There was no written communication distributed to the Council.

B. Oral

Mayor Pendergrass reported that there will be no Closed Session.

7:03 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

7:03 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

AGENDA ITEM 5, CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Agenda consists of routine items for which City Council approval can be taken with a single motion and vote. A Council member may request that any item be placed on the Regular Agenda for separate consideration.

A. There was no discussion of the January 20, 2015 Sand City Council Meeting Minutes.
B. There was no discussion of the City/Successor Agency Treasury Report, December 31, 2014.

C. There was no discussion of the City/Successor Agency Monthly Financial Report, December 2014.

D. There was no discussion of the City Donation/Contribution to the Monterey County Fair for $500.

The City Clerk commented on several changes that were needed on the January 20, 2015 minutes. Page 9 referred to Cal-Am and should read Cal-Trans. The second paragraph on Page 10 should read Mr. Groves, rather than Mr. Pooler, and the word extensive be changed to read intensive.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items, with amendments to the minutes as stated by the City Clerk was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Carbone. AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 6, CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

AGENDA ITEM 7, PRESENTATION

A. Presentation and Update by Mary Ann Leffel on Sand City’s participation as part of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) (10 minutes)

Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) Executive Director Mary Ann Leffel expressed her thanks to the Council for the opportunity to provide an update on the status of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership. Two years ago, the Central Coast had not been considered a place to conduct this type of business. In order to provide a request for proposal, the region needed to look at the economic opportunities as a whole. Several cities were willing to participate in the partnership, and MCBC worked with a consultant firm based in Denver. She reported on the involvement and history of the Partnership and how it was able to obtain sufficient funding to move forward with the program, its development, and ability to remain in California. Training is currently being provided through the Procurement Technical Assistant Center. Within 2½ years, the Partnership obtained $2.5 million in government contracts. The County and City of Santa Cruz has recently joined the Partnership. Last week’s Economic Forum showcased the various Partnerships with more businesses expressing their desire to join. The founding Board Members include, Rene Mendez from the City of Gonzales, Ray Corpuz from Salinas, Claude Hoover from Veritas Real Estate, Mary Ann Leffel, and Mr. Culligan. Two members will be replaced with CEO’s from the private sector. The Economic Forum was attended by 260 people and proved very successful.
As requested by Council Member Kruper, Ms. Leffel reported on the Central Coast Broadband Consortium and the regions desperate need for broadband in order for schools and businesses to remain competitive. Several years ago, the Monterey Bay competed for a planning grant and was awarded funds that were paid to Mr. Peter Coates, who wrote a program, known as Dig Once which provides a policy for underground installation of broadband conduits during street repair work. Each jurisdiction is requested that they consider adopting the program. Many of the Peninsula cities have talked about it, but have not adopted the program. Further information will be provided to the City Administrator regarding the cost of the conduits. Ms. Leffel also reported on the need for housing from the Look Corporation. The County of Santa Cruz was a panelist at the Economic Forum and reported the need for affordable housing and office space. Due to the cost of living in the area, affordable housing will continue to be an issue, making it difficult to attract college graduates with exceptional talent and skills to consider employment within the Peninsula and surrounding communities.

Mayor Pendergrass added that due to base closures, there is pressure at the Federal level to consider backing away from the sequester. The last base closure negatively impacted California. Ms. Leffel commented that many individuals lost their homes, businesses, and lifestyle which forced them to move away from the area. She also reported on the presentation to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) to consider joining in the Partnership. The Mayor acknowledged Ms. Leffel for her efforts and hard work in support of the Monterey Bay region, and thanked her for the update and status report presented to the Council.

As requested by City Administrator Todd Bodem, Ms. Leffel further reported on the update of the Geographic Information System (GIS). She explained that a robust economic development website requires an International Economic Development Council (IEDC) data set. The IEDC has established a series of data points that allows for a site selector or business looking to relocate and/or expand to research total population, ethnic breakdown, educational level, and annual household income. A business would know from this information whether their type of business would prove viable according to the demographic information provided by the data set.

There was discussion regarding the need to update Sand City’s website, the Economic Partnerships website consultant ‘Atlas’, and data services they provide.

7:43 P.M.  Floor opened for Public Comment.

Public Member Kathy Bodem commented that she is in favor of the City’s website being updated.

7:43 P.M.  Floor closed to Public Comment.
AGENDA 8, PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. SECOND READING: Ordinance of the City Council of Sand City Amending Section 2.04.010 (Regular Meeting) to Change the Council Meeting Start Time from Seven P.M. to Five-Thirty P.M.

Mayor Pendergrass reported that the Ordinance was approved for First Reading at the January 20, 2015 Council meeting. The Ordinance would become effective 30 days following its adoption. This would deem that the March 3, 2015 Council meeting commence at 5:30 P.M.

7:45 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

7:45 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance of the City Council of Sand City Amending Section 2.04.010 (Regular Meeting) to Change the Council Meeting Start Time from Seven P.M. to Five-Thirty P.M was made by Council Member Carbone, seconded by Council Member Blackwelder. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

B. SECOND READING: Ordinance of the City Council of Sand City Deleting Section 2.50.040 of the Sand City Municipal Code Requiring a Corporate Surety Bond for the City Administrator

Mayor Pendergrass commented that this is the Second Reading of the Ordinance of the City Council of Sand City deleting Section 2.50.040 of the Sand City Municipal Code Requiring a Corporate Surety Bond for the City Administrator. There were no questions or comments from the Council.

7:47 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

7:47 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance of the City of Sand City deleting Section 2.50.040 of the Sand City Municipal Code Requiring a Corporate Surety Bond for the City Administrator was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Kruper. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 9, OLD BUSINESS
A. Status Report and Update on GreenWaste Recovery Inc., Franchise Agreement

Mayor Pendergrass commented that an update is provided via a staff report from Associate Planner Pooler. The new waste franchise agreement will begin in April 2015. The transition has already taken place at the main facility as they currently undergo renovations.

In response to the City Attorney’s inquiry regarding new waste bins, Mayor Pendergrass commented that GreenWaste will be providing new color coded bins for its customers.

B. Progress report on Public Works projects, South of Tioga Redevelopment project, Coastal projects, and other Sand City community programs by City Engineer/Community Development Director/City Administrator.

City Engineer Leon Gomez reported that the desalination plant produced 25.56 AF of water for the month of January. The plant was inoperable for 2 days due to high effluent turbidity. The December rains proved helpful with high plant productivity.

Staff met with Cal-Am on Monday, January 26 to discuss the status of Cal-Am’s request to increase the desalination plant’s discharge limit and response to the Coastal Commission’s letter. A Stormwater financing and cost-savings strategies workshop is scheduled for February 12, 2015. Staff is continuing work on Phase II permit requirements.

The Bungalows at East Dunes Phase I projects is underway. Staff has been in contact with the developer and contractor (Don Chapin Co.) regarding schedule and material submittals. Seaside County Sanitation District and Cal-Am have been notified of the construction, and will perform the inspection of any installed sewer and water system facilities. CalTrans and MPE will be performing repair work of the Highway 1 washout this week. There will be intermittent closures of the northbound Highway 1 lane and Sand Dunes Drive. Recent work on Ortiz Avenue by Comcast to install a 2-inch service line resulted in less than satisfactory pavement replacement. Comcast is scheduled to return the week of February 9th to do a more complete and thorough street pavement replacement.

There was Council discussion regarding the Bungalows project and the impact of the vibrations to the surrounding buildings and neighborhood.

Chief Klein reported that staff should have additional information regarding the cables located on Contra Costa and California Avenues. The City Engineer will research the purpose of the cables.

City Administrator Todd Bodem reported that he will email an update of the status of the Garza Project to Mayor Pendergrass. The street
sweeping RFP is almost in final form. Staff will meet to discuss any final details of the RFP. A final draft will be forwarded to the City Attorney for his review. The first half of the Police Chief interviews were conducted this morning. Another candidate will be interviewed on Thursday, February 5, 2015. Staff is in the process of compiling a newsletter and brainstorming ideas for the City’s 55th Anniversary. The Mayor welcomed any ideas the Council may have.

AGENDA ITEM 10, NEW BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Meetings/Events

The City Clerk received RSVP’s for the MPCC Annual Awards Dinner scheduled for March 7, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa from Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Kruper, City Administrator Bodem and Chief Klein.

AGENDA ITEM 11, CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney confirmed that there was no need for Closed Session.

AGENDA ITEM 12, ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the City Council meeting was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Kruper, to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. There was consensus of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Linda K. Scholink, City Clerk