MINUTES
JOINT SAND CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OF THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Regular Meeting – June 21, 2016
5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Pendergrass opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

The invocation was led by Reverend Robert Hellam.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant Vito Graziano

Present:  Council Member Blackwelder
Council Member Carbone {excused absence}
Council Member Hubler
Council Member Kruper
Mayor Pendergrass

Staff:  Todd Bodem, City Administrator
Jim Heisinger, City Attorney
Leon Gomez, City Engineer
Brian Ferrante, Police Chief
Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 4, COMMUNICATIONS

A. Written Communication distributed to the Council was a Powerpoint handout from Mr. Joseph Button (Agenda Item7A).

B. Oral

5:33 P.M.  Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

5:33 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 June 7, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
B. There was no discussion of the Public Works Monthly Report, May 2016.

C. There was no discussion of the Police Department Monthly Report, May 2016.

D. There was no discussion of the City Resolution authorizing an increase of the Fire Protection Services between the Cities of Monterey and Sand City.

E. There was no discussion of the City Resolution to approve Maximum Rates to be charged by Greenwaste Recovery effective July 1, 2016 for Collection of Franchised Solid Waste, Recycling, and Organics.

F. There was no discussion of the City/Successor Agency Monthly Financial Report, April 2016.

G. There was no discussion of the City Resolution authorizing the Monterey County Health Department to Apply for State Block Grant Funding on Behalf of Sand City towards the Countywide Used Oil Recycling Program.

H. There was no discussion of the City Resolution approving a Contract with EMC Planning Group for Biological Services for the Well Expansion and Bay Avenue Inlet Repair Project in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 at a cost not to exceed $12,000.

I. There was no discussion of the Sand City Arts Committee Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2016.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Kruper. AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: Council Member Carbone. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Pendergrass commended and thanked the City Administrator for his July 17, 2016 City Administrator’s report.

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 by Joseph Button from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) Energy Watch Program (10 minutes)
   1) Consideration and Approval of a Municipal Resource Conservation Management Plan 2016-2020
   2) Consideration and Approval of the AMBAG Energy Watch
Lighting Proposal for LED Lighting Projects at City Hall, Public Works, and the Coastal Trail

Joseph Buttons representing AMBAG Energy Watch presented a Municipal Conservation Resource Management Plan for 2016-2020 involving the 2016 Implementation Strategy for Energy and Facility LED Lighting Upgrade. He reported that the vision of the plan would be to manage municipal local government resources to maximum effectiveness and efficiency. Implementation strategies would be developed by City Staff in conjunction with subject matter experts from other local government agencies. Each chapter will contain a conservation goal and concrete strategies to achieve identified goals and implemented over the next three years to allow sufficient focus for each conservation area (ie. Energy (2016), Water (2017), Material Waste (2018), and Community Leadership (throughout)). He summarized the energy conservation goals that would reduce grid energy consumption through efficiency, conservation, and Sand City’s overall 2015 electric energy use. Mr. Button provided examples of how the City may implement energy efficient upgrades through installation of interior and exterior lighting to LED lighting, conversion of street and coastal path lights to LED, and upgrading the HVAC system at City Hall to high efficiency units. Another alternative would be to explore solar renewable energy sources by contacting a local contractor to provide no-cost solar assessment at City Hall or Public Works facility. AMBAG Energy Watch will continue to provide staff support in identifying, implementing, and acquiring funding for viable projects. P.G. & E’s 0% on Bill Financing Program can assist Sand City on the majority of LED lighting projects. A California Energy Commission 1% loan is available to finance potential solar projects. In conclusion, Mr. Button commented on the LED lighting project’s scope of work for City Hall, public works, and the coastal trail, as well as the financial cost to the City including the AMBAG rebate and expected annual energy savings.

5:50 P.M. The Mayor opened and closed the floor for public comment. There was no comment from the Public.

Motion to approve the Municipal Resource Conservation Management Plan 2016-2020 with modifications and the AMBAG Energy Watch Lighting Proposal for LED Lighting Projects at City Hall, Public Works, and the Coastal Trail was made by Council Member Kruper, seconded by Council Member Hubler. AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: Council Member Carbone. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 8, OLD BUSINESS

A. Progress report on Public Works projects, Successor Agency Oversight Board, South of Tioga 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 83 acre feet of water as of June 20, 2016. This time last year the plant produced 177 acre feet. The low production report was due to high salinity at the intake wells and the months when it was inoperable. EMC has performed the first round of biological surveys within the area of the proposed feed wells and will be preparing a report with mitigation measures to protect any species found. The Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program (MRSWMP) is sponsoring an Integrated Pest Management workshop on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the City of Monterey and will be geared to parks and landscape maintenance procedures to protect water quality. The MRSWMP is also considering entering into an agreement with the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency to perform regional inspection services for member entities in order to meet permit requirements.

City Staff is drafting a follow up letter to the property owner at 601 Redwood Avenue regarding the wall relocation in relation to the Hickory Street Improvement Project. The owner has not responded to date. The City Engineer plans to meet with City Staff this week to review project plans for the 700 Dias Street improvements. A letter was received from the California Coastal Commission regarding the need for a conditional use permit for replacement of the Bike Trail street light pole. A response is being reviewed as well as a planned course of action. Staff is currently working to develop conditions of approval for the mixed use commercial projects at 414 Orange and 756 California Avenues.

The Bungalows project will be moving forward, and the developer plans to pull permits for lots 2 and 3. There was Council discussion regarding the progress of the development, concerns regarding undergrounding of power for the homes that will be built along Oceanview Avenue, and whether the City would be able to complete the remainder of the street. In response to Council Member Kruper’s inquiry whether the City would be able to complete the street should undergrounding occur, the City Engineer clarified that the cost for undergrounding was a condition of the development permit for Phase II of the project, and street completion would be determined when the project has reached that phase.

AGENDA ITEM 9, NEW BUSINESS

A. Comments by Council Members on Meeting and Items of Interest to Sand City

Council Member Blackwelder addressed several issues contained in the City Administrator’s report relating to a drive-by to be performed by Robert Cushing, the issue regarding the City of San Gabriel’s cash payout
of benefits, discussion of the TAMC right-of-way parking (TAMC is supportive of public parking, but not necessarily for private use), update on the City’s website, a progress report on its development, and how it can reflect Sand City’s diverse population of artists and businesses. Council Member Hubler added that the Arts Committee website should also be visible on Sand City’s page.

Council Member Kruper reported on the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau (MCCVB) May tourism report that included a 54% increase of rooms booked this time last year, a 3% increase in leads, and website visits of 1,567,809 resulting in a 6% increase from the same time last year. He will also be attending the Executive Forum beginning on Wednesday and plans to attend the New Trends for Cities, the Power of Leadership, and Strengthening the Council and Manager Team sessions.

Council Member Hubler will be meeting with the West End Celebration coordinator Steve Vagnini on Friday at the Carroll Building. There are plans to have an ‘improv’ stage within the building to allow artists to conduct performances. The Arts Committee is continuing to work on the Juried Art Show as well.

B. Upcoming Meetings/Events

There were no RSVP’s from the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 10, CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney deemed that there was no need for closed session.

AGENDA ITEM 11, ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Hubler to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. There was consensus of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk