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

Regular Meeting – August 2, 2016
5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

The invocation was led by Reverend Ron Mason.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant Vito Graziano.

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
Vito Graziano, Sergeant
Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 4, COMMUNICATIONS

A. Written communication distributed to the Council was a resolution for Agenda Item 5E.

B. Oral

5:32 P.M.   Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

5:32 P.M.   Floor closed to Public Comment.

AGENDA ITEM 5, CONSENT CALENDAR

A. There was no discussion of the Sand City Council Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2016.

B. There was no discussion of the Response Letter regarding the 2015-2016 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report – “The Slowly Expanding Use of Body-Worn Video Cameras by Law Enforcement Agencies in
C. There was no discussion of the City Donation/Contribution to the Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music for $200.

D. There was no discussion of the City Resolution honoring Jacob’s Heart Children’s Cancer Support Services and Declaration of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

E. There was no discussion of the City Resolution recognizing the Monterey County Fair on their 80th Year Anniversary.

F. There was no discussion of the City Resolution authorizing a Sheltering Services Agreement with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for Monterey County (SPCA) and Provide Written Notice to Terminate the Animal Service Agreement with the County of Monterey Health Department.

G. There was no discussion of the City Resolution consenting to an Amendment of Paragraph 7.02 (“Termination”) of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (“MRWPCA”) Joint Exercise Powers of Agreement.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Kruper. AYES: Council Member Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Kruper, Pendergrass. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. 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 by Megan Solano Family Support Specialist of Jacob’s Heart Children’s Cancer Support Services {10 minutes}

Megan Solano of Family Support Specialist expressed her thanks to the City Council for acknowledging the month of September as Cancer Awareness Month. The organization currently serves 50 children within Monterey County and further acknowledged the Council’s support on behalf of Jacob’s Heart.

B. Update on 2016 West End Celebration (WEC) by WEC Coordinator Stephen Vagnini {10 minutes}

West End Event Coordinator Stephen Vagnini provided an update to the City Council and reported that he met earlier today with the West End
Celebration (WEC) Oversight Committee this morning to review several details pertaining to the event. The celebration has received $15,000 in sponsorship with more vendors, exhibitors, and better quality of art. The art will be displayed at the Independent as part of the Juried Art Show with cash prizes being awarded. The Fashion Show will be making a comeback this year and will to be held on Saturday at the Hawthorne building. A Spirit Garden structure will serve as the entryway to the Fashion Show and the host, Community Palette, will be donating the proceeds to victims of the Soberanes Fire. This year, an additional stage will be added on Redwood Avenue and dedicated to Lady Hall (an avid supporter of the WEC). The stage will present comedy improvisation performances, a juggler, and clips from PaperWing Theater productions. The main stage will feature a spectacular backdrop with local band performances. The Carroll Building will hold an MTV room to honor MTV’s 35th year anniversary. MTV’s roots began in Sand City by Michael Nesmith, a former member of the Monkees rock band. The Friday night kick-off party will feature Maria Mulder and will be held at Carmel Stone Imports.

In response to Council Member Blackwelder’s inquiry whether the WEC was being filmed and/or had photographs for archiving, Mr. Vagnini replied that he does have film footage in need of editing and a large amount of photographs.

Council Member Hubler commented on how fortunate he has been to work with Mr. Vagnini and is very proud of what he has accomplished, and appreciates the effort he places into coordinating the WEC throughout the year.

Mayor Pendergrass also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Vagnini for his efforts. The Monterey County Herald has named the West End Celebration as one of the Top Ten (10) events to visit within the Peninsula. It has improved tremendously over the years and continues to get bigger and better.

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 10 acre feet of water for the month of July 2016. The low production numbers were due to maintenance of the reverse osmosis membranes and replacement of o-rings on the pressure vessels. The plant has been operable to date, and Cal-Am expects the repairs to result in the production of 25 acre feet for the month of August. A meeting is tentatively scheduled with Cal-Am for August 11th to discuss the process of modifying
the plants waste discharge permit to increase the permitted discharge salinity to 2,000 mg per liter. The proposed increase would allow Cal-Am operational flexibility to keep the plant running with the principal objective of not having to construct new feed wells.

EMC Planning Group should have a draft response letter regarding the Coastal Commission’s response to the City’s Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the well expansion. This past Monday, Staff met with Gina Schmidt of AMBAG to discuss the process of delineating catchment areas within Sand City that is required by the City’s Stormwater permit. A catchment is the area where water flows into a stream or outfall. The catchment map would determine where concentration of pollutants occur within the City. This would prove beneficial for small City’s with limited staffing and resources on how to best allocate available funds to improve Stormwater quality.

A first draft for the lot merger documents were received from the City Surveyor for the Carroll Building and he is currently working on the plat exhibits and legal easements for the property. Benchmark Community contacted staff regarding the City’s fees for processing of the Bungalows Project (Phase II). They are conducting their feasibility analysis for the Phase II portion of the project. The fees are approximately $4,000 - $6,000.

AGENDA ITEM 9, NEW BUSINESS

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

Council Member Hubler reported that he attended the West End Celebration (WEC) Advisory Committee meeting and a number of details still need to be worked out with the Juried Art and Fashion Shows. He thanked City Administrator Bodem and Ms. Scholink for assisting him in navigating through the details. Along with the Juried Art Show, an artist panel discussion and wine tasting event will be held at the Independent. The Arts Committee is delighted to be able to host these shows as part of the WEC, and thanked Mr. Vagnini for his support.

Council Member Kruper reported that the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau will be hosting their Annual Membership Luncheon on August 25th at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. He commented on the newly installed video surveillance cameras and is pleased that recommendations by the Public Safety Committee are moving forward.

Vice Mayor Carbone reported that the Annual Beach Cleanup is scheduled for September 17, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The first case of the Zika virus was reported in the news by a Monterey County resident. She reported on how this virus is spread and transmitted from
mosquitos to humans. More information can be found at the Northern Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement District's website. She also attended the Community Human Services Luncheon and several awards were presented at the luncheon.

Mayor Pendergrass mentioned his involvement, as well as members of the City Council on several committees and regional boards. The Council actively participates in these Committees and spends lots of time representing Sand City. He further suggested holding another Open House of the desalination plant to occur concurrently with the Annual Beach Cleanup.

B. Upcoming Meetings/Events

There were no RSVP’s from the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 10, ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Kruper to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on August 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. There was consensus of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk