Mayor Carbone opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was led by Reverend Jason Yarbrough.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Brian Ferrante.

Present: Mayor Carbone
Vice Mayor Blackwelder
Council Member Hubler
Council Member McDaniel
Council Member Hawthorne

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. Oral

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

There were no comments from the Public.

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

B. Written communication distributed to the Council was a memo regarding Agenda item 8B, information on the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency Board meeting held on July 31, 2017, and Cemex Pipes.

AGENDA ITEM 5, CONSENT CALENDAR

A. There was no discussion of the Sand City Council Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2017.

B. There was no discussion of the City Resolution authorizing the Mayor to
Execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Monterey and the City of Sand City as part of Monterey County Cities regarding a Credit Guaranty for Monterey Bay Community Power.

C. There was no discussion of the City/Successor Agency Treasury Report, June 30, 2017.

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.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items was made by Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Hubler. AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Hawthorne, McDaniel.

AGENDA ITEM 6, CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

AGENDA ITEM 7, PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation by Mayor Carbone of City Resolution to Marinela Medina of Jacob’s Heart Children’s Cancer Support Services

Marinela Medina, representative from Jacob’s Heart Children’s Support services thanked the Mayor for recognizing September as childhood cancer awareness month. Jacob’s Heart has been serving four counties and local cities for 19 years and acknowledged Sand City’s continued support. Board member Gail DeLorie mentioned that Jacob’s Heart services continues to reach out to the San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties and is appreciative to Sand City for declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

The Mayor read and presented the resolution honoring Jacob’s Heart Children’s Cancer Support Services and declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Sand City.

Council Member Hawthorne commented that Jacob’s Heart is a worthy organization in which he supports as well the Davi’s. Monies that go towards the organization is well spent.

B. Presentation and Update by Stephen Vagnini on the 2017 West End Celebration {10 minutes}

West End Celebration Coordinator Stephen Vagnini reported that this will be the 16th Anniversary of the West End Celebration, themed “MoCo Art, Celebrating the Summer of Love”. A book signing by Michael Nesmith of
the pop group, ‘the Monkies’ at the Independent will begin the West End Celebration in which he will be reading and signing his book titled “Infinite Tuesday”. He will also talk about how MTV was started in Sand City at a warehouse on Orange Avenue. The kick-off party will be on Friday, August 25th at Carmel Stone Imports featuring David LaFlamme “It’s a Beautiful Day”. There are over 120 exhibitors, 20 food vendors, with 8 wineries participating, and a bronze pour at the Monterey Sculpture Center. Over 20 bands will be performing throughout the two stages. The Paperwings' stage will be performing spoken word, plays, and music. Saturday’s headline will be Roy Rodgers and the Delta River Kings, and Sunday’s finale will be Big Brother and the Holding Company. Mr. Vagnini has been busy this week working on minor details and is hopeful that the Hickory Street Project will be completed.

Council Member Hawthorne mentioned the possibility of opening up Contra Costa since people have to pass that main street to get to Ortiz Avenue. Mr. Vagnini commented that it is a good idea and will be discussing the possibility with City Staff.

Mayor Carbone thanked Mr. Vagnini for the update.

C. Presentation by Dr. Jack Wang, Director of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance of California American Water regarding Water Quality {10 minutes}

The Deputy City Clerk distributed a handout to the Council on Water Quality Programs, Cal-Am Monterey Water System.

California American Water's (Cal-Am) Director of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance, Dr. Jack Wang reported that Cal-Am has established a comprehensive water quality monitoring and management approach that covers water source to customer delivery to ensure that water quality meets U.S. EPA and drinking water standards. Cal-Am currently operates 25 active wells in the main Monterey system and monitors source water for inorganic and non-volatile synthetic chemicals, bacterial quality, radioactivity, pH levels and total hardness. Copper and lead levels are continually monitored as well.

The attached list of contaminants and monitoring frequency is set by regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The Monterey systems have three (3) major treatment plants, the Begonia Iron Removal Plant, Sand City Reverse Osmosis Plant, and the Luzern Granulated Activated Charcoal Filtration Plant. The Division of Drinking Water specifies the process monitoring of treatment plants as part of approving the use of the water.

There was Council discussion regarding Council Member Hawthorne's concern of the level of sulfates that appear in the water. Dr. Wang
commented that these sulfates occur in well water that have a high mineral content. Due to concerns involving lead in the water, 66 samples were taken at various school districts and only 7 detected some level of lead in the water.

In response to Mayor Carbone’s concern regarding pipes installed in the 1950’s and levels of asbestos and corrosives within the pipes, Dr. Wang commented that specific procedures are followed in the cutting and reinstallation of pipes. The levels of corrosives are carefully monitored and are usually airborne in the dry state. Cal-Am retains qualified professionals and has a large research group to ensure water quality.

The Mayor thanked Dr. Wang for his informative presentation.

D. Presentation by Theresa Brown, Executive Director of Pacific Grove Art Center on the Vision and Possible Participation in Sand City {10 minutes}

Executive Director of the Pacific Grove Art Center Theresa Brown introduced Board Member and Past President Arthur Rodgers who will present the vision of the Pacific Grove Art Center to the City Council.

Mr. Rodgers shared the vision for a flagship arts center for Sand City. The center would provide a collaborative place where artist can meet, teach, display, and sell their art work. It would also serve the next generation of artist and students by offering homeschooling, art education, afterschool workshops and programs to get kids engaged in the arts and design. It would serve passionate do-it-yourselfers who dream of making their projects and designs but do not have the equipment and support to fulfill that experience. Through the course of discussions stakeholders were gathered to support the vision, Staff generated a clear and defined vision of the facilities and programs to be offered, and have identified revenue sources, most notably the SURDNA (backwards spelling of the founders family name: Andrus) Foundation who will help to mitigate the cost of the centers operations.

The vision was born out of a re-evaluation and mission of the center in Pacific Grove. The center desires to reach more people with the outcome of exploring the creation of another facility that would share the same mission, seek out a different type of artist, and diverse population. The proposed new location (the Independent Building) in Sand City was considered as the City has a vibrant artist community. The Board reached out to City Staff and in the meetings held, considered what the facility would house as well as what programs would be offered to the community. Mr. Rodgers concluded that the Pacific Arts Center needs the City’s support and would like the latitude to implement and operate their business model. The Pacific Arts Center has over 50 years of experience in successfully offering a viable arts program. This project would change
Sand City for those who live and work here, and would invite those with a passion for the arts to come to the City.

In response to Council Member Hawthorne’s inquiry whether the classes were taught by teachers and/or professional artists, Mr. Rodgers replied that the teaching at this time is done by professional artist’s who have been in their particular craft for a number or years with some that have college credentials and others who do not.

Council Member Hubler commented that as the Art Committee Chair and working with the Art Committee since its inception, that there was only so much the committee could do, and further expressed his desire to take the arts to another level. The Pacific Arts Center idea and its success would be attributed to the commitment of its supporters. This would be a partnership involving the City and should be considered into the near future. He thanked Mr. Rodgers for coming to Sand City with their vision.

At the suggestion of Mayor Carbone, Mr. Rodgers introduced members of the Pacific Arts Center to the Council and audience.

AGENDA ITEM 8, PUBLIC HEARING

A. SECOND READING: ORDINANCE of the City of Sand City Amending Certain Provisions of the Sand City Municipal Code To Make Non-Substantive Grammatical and Spelling Changes; To Remove Redundant Provisions; To Grant the City Clerk Authority to Maintain and to Re-Publish the Code; To Update Municipal Code Penalty Sections in Order to Remove Redundant Provisions and to Raise Penalty Amounts to Those Allowed Under State Law

City Attorney Jim Heisinger commented that this item was thoroughly reviewed at the previous Council meeting and if no questions are expressed may be approved by title.

6:16 P.M. Floor opened for Public Comment.

There was no comment from the Public.

6:16 P.M. Floor closed to Public Comment.

Motion to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance of the City of Sand City Amending Certain Provisions of the Sand City Municipal Code To Make Non-Substantive Grammatical and Spelling Changes; To Remove Redundant Provisions; To Grant the City Clerk Authority to Maintain and to Re-Publish the Code; To Update Municipal Code Penalty Sections in Order to Remove Redundant Provisions and to Raise Penalty Amounts to Those Allowed Under State Law was made by
Council Member Blackwelder, seconded by Council Member Hawthorne. Roll Call Vote AYES: Council Members Blackwelder, Carbone, Hubler, Hawthorne, McDaniel. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of City RESOLUTION Approving Conditional Use Permit 615 for Randall Swanson Authorizing an Art Gallery with Accessory Office and Storage at 495-B Elder Avenue

This item was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

AGENDA ITEM 9, 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 25 acre feet of water for the month of July 2017. Over a week ago, Staff was able to submit the application for the immaterial amendment to the City’s Coastal Development Permit. Should the item be approved on the August 9th Coastal Commission Agenda the consultant would be able to begin work in late August. The storm drain system issue has been resolved for the Hickory Street project. The contractor is reorganizing their schedule so that project completion would be accomplished prior to the West End Celebration, and will be working on Saturday’s to meet this deadline.

Staff has received a report from the site inspection from FEMA regarding the need for assistance to repair the observation platform at West Bay Avenue. They have requested additional information and Staff should hear from them within the next few weeks. The City Administrator and Engineer attended a California Financing Funding Fair. Staff will be following up with several leads for grant funds for the desalination plant and for street improvement projects. Public Works Staff Fred Menezes has recently completed a Stormwater training course that involved how to identify and respond to spills in the city.

There was Council discussion regarding the filtration at the inlets and the possibility of installing larger interceptors in the City.

AGENDA ITEM 10, NEW BUSINESS

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

Mayor Carbone mentioned the handouts that included the meeting she
has attended, and expressed concerns regarding the homeless encampment that burned. She announced the annual beach cleanup that will be held on September 16, 2017.

City Administrator Todd Bodem reported that a newsletter will be coming out prior to the West End Celebration. The Ream property will be available for parking during the event. He announced that he will be out of the office from Tuesday, August 8 – 11 for surgery. The bond refinancing is progressing and has been locked into a lower rate, saving the Successor Agency Taxing Entities $75,000 annually.

B. Upcoming Meetings/Events

There were no RSVP’s for future meetings/events

AGENDA ITEM 11, ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the City Council meeting was made by Council Member Hawthorne, seconded by Council Member McDaniel to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. There was consensus of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Connie Horca, Deputy City Clerk