

CITY OF MONTE VISTA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers – 95 W. 1st Avenue

Monte Vista City Council met in regular session on the above date and time in Council Chambers located at 95 W. 1st Avenue, Monte Vista, Colorado.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Planner DJ Enderle led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Sigala led the prayer

C. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Dale Becker, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Sigala, Councilor Jason Lorenz, Councilor Loren Howard via Zoom and Councilor Martha Lock. A quorum was declared.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

1. Removal of J. 1. Resolution 2023-14 Zoning Parcels located at 60 N. Broadway, 1636 Grande Ave., and 16 Washington that were not originally zoned when City adopted the zoned districts.

Mayor Pro Tem Sigala moved to approve the modification to the agenda, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 15, 2023
2. Review and Approval of Accounts Payable

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the consent agenda and the review and approval of accounts payable, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously.

F. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS - None

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Citizen Comments
 - a. Margo Alexander gave kudos to Public Works for the tree trimming and stated that all the new shops down town are just delightful.
2. Scheduled Appearances
 - a. Proposition HH - Colorado State Representative Matthew Martinez – Mr. Martinez gave an explanation of what Proposition HH will do and why he is opposing it. City Manager Gigi Dennis also explained that Senate Bill 238 is impacting City funding and if Proposition HH is passed how it will affect the City as well. Mrs. Dennis then asked that council approve Resolution 2023-12 Opposing Proposition HH.

Councilor Howard moved to approve Resolution 2023-12 Opposing Proposition HH, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- b. Sanchez Park – Gregory Sanchez – Mr. Sanchez introduced himself and explained that he is the son of Joe Sanchez who was a former Mayor/Councilman who Sanchez Park is named after and would like to put a memorial in reembrace of his father and the expansion of water and sanitation to the Lariat area. Mr. Sanchez then proceeded to explain to Council his ideas of expanding the park by purchasing a lot from Boulos Ayad and then after combining it Mr. Sanchez would then turn over full maintenance of the park to the City of Monte Vista. Mr. Ayad has asked for the city to waive the water and sewer tap fees for 633 Clay Street in return for the reduced sale price of the lot to combine with the park. Planner DJ Enderle explained that Mr. Ayad is planning on building homes on the other two lots. City Manager Gigi Dennis stated that she has also spoken with Public Works Director Rob Vance and taking on the extra space with the park would.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve to allow for the memorial to be placed in Sanchez Park, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve the expansion of Sanchez and allowing the waiver of the tap fees on 633 Clay Street, Councilor Lock seconded, motion carried unanimously

- c. Moving Retirement Plan from Mission Square to Colorado Retirement Association – Judy Phillips/Gigi Dennis – City Manager Gigi Dennis and Human Resource Director Judy Phillips explained to Council reason for wanting to change the retirement plan and ask for Council to approve Resolution 2023-13 Rescinding Retirement Plan with Mission Square and Adopting Retirement Plan with Colorado Retirement Association.

Councilor Howard moved to approve Resolution 2023-13 Rescinding Retirement Plan with Mission Square and Adopting Retirement Plan with Colorado Retirement Association, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS - None

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. ORDINANCES - None

L. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/LEASES

1. Sale of the basketball courts to MHL Sales for \$130,000 – Recreation Director Dervin Taylor explained that they have been successful of selling the basketball courts.
2. Purchase of Basketball/Volleyball Courts with Snapsports Athletic Surfaces in the amount of \$120,713.12 – Recreation Director Dervin Taylor presented Council with the contract and asked Council to approve the purchase of the new floors. Mr. Taylor explained that the new floors are ease to put together and take apart and will give the recreation department a chance to allow for more recreation programs at Ski Hi.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve to purchase Basketball/Volleyball Courts with Snapsports Athletic Surfaces in the amount of \$120,713.12, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously

3. Award contract for City Electrical Improvements to Valley Electric for various electrical jobs within the City. – City Manager Gigi Dennis went over the bids and report from Public Works Director Robert Vance.

Councilor Lorenz moved to approve award the City Electrical Improvements contract to Valley Electric in the amount of \$38,800 and allow for City Manager Gigi Dennis to sign, Councilor Howard seconded, motion carried unanimously

M. RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS - None

N. STAFF PROPOSALS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. Recreation report was given during special presentations
2. Kids Connections – was not present and was excused
3. Ski Hi – Event Coordinator Stephanie Ruybal updated Council on the current numbers for the remaining of the year. There have been 450 events for 2023 and there are currently 120 events booked for 2024. Ms. Ruybal announced that they will start the indoor open walking and it will start November 1st to May 1st Mondays and Wednesdays from 7am to 10am and 5pm to 7pm. Ms. Ruybal stated that she is working with new policies and procedures and some pricing and hopes to have that in front of them soon.
4. Planning – Planner DJ Enderle let Council know that he is still working with Planning and Zoning with the new Land Use Regulations, and the PUD for the Ski Hi Complex. Mr. Enderle stated that the RERC meeting went well and the participation was well. Mr. Enderle also stated that the renovations of the building are still on track for finish in November. Mr. Enderle stated that the property at 117 Adams has been given back to the URA because of budget constraints on the owner and now he is asking that the City take the property back from the URA so that the property can be placed under the part of one of the grants that he is applying for to allow for abatement. Mr. Enderle explained that the property once cleaned up can then be deeded back to the URA.

Councilor Lock moved to approve to allow for the City to accept the deed at 117 Adams, Councilor Lorenz seconded, motion carried unanimously

5. City Attorney Gene Farish went over his work with the Municipal Courts and let Council know that he now has a new staff at his law firm. Mr. Farish stated that they are going to try and get an officer at the school because a lot of the cases are from the school with kids and minors in possession or fighting and by getting an officer in the school might help out with this situation. Mr. Farish stated that he is also working on a couple of open records request for the PD. Mr. Farish has also attended the City Attorney Conference.
6. City Manager Gigi Dennis updated Council that the engineers are still working on waste water treatment plant and it is moving along. Mrs. Dennis also informed Council that the engineers for the Multi Model Project will be having public meeting in January on the sidewalk project. Mrs. Dennis updated Council on the meeting with Stampede over the Ski Hi Complex and the meeting she had with the Department of Health over the Vali 3 Theater. Mrs. Dennis then spoke about the AT&T and their donation of computers to kids at the Delta Center and donations that they made to Kids Connection. Mrs. Dennis stated that she and Anita Kinsey, Finance Director have been working on the budget and working on the cuts if Proposition HH passes.

O. COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR REPORTS

1. Councilor Howard stated that the RERC meeting was a good meeting.

2. Councilor Lock stated that she was encouraged with the RERC meeting and the new faces that have attended. Councilor Lock stated that it would behoove the City to have meeting twice a year of all the committees of the city to discuss what is taking place.
3. Mayor Becker thanked AT&T for the donation to the kids and the \$35,000 donation to Kids Connection, they all seemed very excited. Mayor Becker thanked staff for all they do and as always, "Monte Strong."

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6- 402(4)(e); Discussion concerning applying for a grant to purchase property for housing and infrastructure.

Councilor Lorenz moved to go into executive session at 8:16pm, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously

Council returned from executive session at 9:02pm and Councilor Lorenz moved to approve to allow for City Planner DJ Enderle to apply for Community Block Development Grant and to begin negotiations with property owners to purchase property for affordable housing development, Mayor Pro Tem Sigala seconded, motion carried unanimously

Q. RECESSED & ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Adjourned

Attest:

Dale Becker, Mayor

Unita Vance, City Clerk