

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF STANTON
JOINT REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 25, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER / CLOSED SESSION

The City Council / Successor Agency / Housing Authority meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor / Chairman Shawver.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council/Agency/Authority Member Taylor, Council/Agency/Authority Member Van, Council/Agency/Authority Member Warren, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ramirez, and Mayor/Chairman Shawver.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS None.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The members of the City Council / Successor Agency / Housing Authority of the City of Stanton proceeded to closed session at 6:01 p.m. for discussion regarding:

**4A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)**

Number of Potential Cases: 1

5. CALL TO ORDER / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / STANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

The meetings were called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor / Chairman Shawver.

6. ROLL CALL

Present: Council/Agency/Authority Member Taylor, Council/Agency/Authority Member Van, Council/Agency/Authority Member Warren, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ramirez, and Mayor/Chairman Shawver.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez.

The City Attorney / Agency Counsel reported that the Stanton City Council / Successor Agency / Housing Authority met in closed session from 6:01 to 6:33 p.m.

The City Attorney / Agency Counsel reported that there was no reportable action.

8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Presentation by Mr. Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs, providing the City Council with an update on State and Federal Legislation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (*Heard out of order*)

REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING #3 (6:45 PM)

10A. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES AS REQUIRED BY ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 21601

Pursuant to Election Code section 21601, cities with by-district election systems are required to redraw their district boundary maps to ensure compliance with the California and federal Voting Rights Acts. The process to complete the redistricting requires a minimum of four public hearings and dedicated public outreach to ensure minority populations and communities of interest are aware of the redistricting effort and are provided with options to participate. The City held its first public hearing on November 23, 2021 and its second public hearing on December 16, 2021. The deadline for Stanton to complete the redistricting process is April 17, 2022.

Introduction by Ms. Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk.

Presentation by Mr. Patrick Donegan, Best, Best & Krieger.

The public hearing was opened.

No one appearing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

At the request of Council Member Van and with the consensus of the City Council, the public hearing was reopened.

- Mr. John Warren, resident spoke regarding Map C, mapping tool limitations, and requested the following modifications to Map C:
 - Include all single-family homes within and around Jane Way / Pine Tree Lane / Pickens Lane within one district.
 - Reshape lines near the Summertree community by including the L shape along Sandalwood Way into District #2 to obtain a clean triangular shape of the Summertree community within District #1.

No one else appearing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

The City Council questioned staff regarding Map A, Map B, and Map C and directed staff to proceed with review and consideration of Map B and Map C including the requested modifications by the author Mr. John Warren.

1. The City Council declared the action not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and will have no result direct or indirect to physical changes in the environment; and
2. Received a report from staff and the City’s redistricting consultant on the redistricting process and reviewed draft maps to redraw district boundaries; and
3. Conducted a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion/Second: Taylor/Van

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council/Agency/Authority Member Taylor	AYE
	Council/Agency/Authority Member Van	AYE
	Council/Agency/Authority Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ramirez	AYE
	Mayor/Chairman Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

CONSENT CALENDAR

9A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE READING BY TITLE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. SAID ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THAT APPEAR ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA SHALL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AND FURTHER READING WAIVED

The City Council/Agency Board/Authority Board waived reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

9B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The City Council approved demand warrants dated December 31, 2021 – January 13, 2022 in the amount of \$2,994,436.12.

9C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority approved Minutes of Joint Regular Meeting – January 11, 2022.

9D. CALRECYCLE GRANTS AND PAYMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION(S) SUBMITTAL AUTHORIZATION

The California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) offers various funding and grant opportunities in furtherance of the State of California’s (State) efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste generated in the State. Two such grants, the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program and the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program (FY 2021-2022), have funds available now for which the City may apply. A Resolution is required to be adopted authorizing application for this funding and any future funding.

1. The City Council declared this item to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as facility improvements are categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15301, Class 1 (c) as minor alterations of existing facilities and pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 on the grounds that it can be seen with certainty that work for which funding is being received will not have a significant effect on the environment and that the funding will strengthen the handling of solid waste and represent actions by a regulatory agency (the City) for the protection of the environment; and
2. Approved and authorized the Director of Public Works or his/her designee to execute any and all necessary agreements and other grant-related documented thereof to the Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle); and
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-04, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF STANTON, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANT AND PAYMENT PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE CITY OF STANTON IS ELIGIBLE.”

9E. AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BANG THE TABLE FOR THE ONLINE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOL – LET’S TALK STANTON

Request authorization to allow the City Manager to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Bang the Table, to continue the online engagement tool for projects, programs, economic development, and policy updates with a term to expire November 30, 2022.

1. The City Council declared this action of the City not to be a project as defined by CEQA and to have no result direct or indirect to physical changes in the environment; and
2. Approved the amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Bang the Table for the maximum contract sum of \$14,890; and
3. Authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Bang the Table.

9F. APPROVE EXTENDING PENALTIES FOR 2022 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022, IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

City business licenses are valid for one calendar year (from January 1 through December 31). Each year all businesses are required to renew their business licenses annually by January 31st of the new calendar year. Businesses who had a business license in 2021, were required to submit their business license renewal form and pay their required fees by January 31, 2022. Section 5.04.350 of the City’s Municipal Code assesses a 10% penalty for each month the business license fee is not paid until such fee and accumulated penalty is paid, provided that the accumulated penalty does not exceed the amount of the license fee that is due. Staff is recommending City Council approve a one-month extension for 2022 business license renewals. This would mean the City would assess penalties if business license renewals are not received or postmarked by February 28, 2022.

1. The City Council finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Approved extending penalty assessments for 2022 business license renewals from January 31, 2022, to February 28, 2022.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS (*Heard out of order*)

Public Hearing item 10A was heard out of order and considered at the beginning of the regular meeting agenda.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11A. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1118

This Ordinance was introduced at the regular City Council meeting of January 11, 2022.

Staff report by Ms. Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk.

Motion/Second: Shawver/Taylor

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Van	AYE
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez	AYE
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

1. The City Clerk read the title of Ordinance No. 1118, entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STANTON AND BONANNI DEVELOPMENT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12200 BEACH BOULEVARD WITHIN THE CITY OF STANTON PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65864 ET SEQ”; and

2. The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1118.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CHARGE READY PROGRAM

The Southern California Edison (SCE) Charge Ready Program has funding available for purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging equipment on a first-available, first-served basis, subject to site and scope of work verification by SCE. Due to the limitations of the Program, participation in the Program is not recommended at this time; however, City staff wishes to confirm City Council agrees with this direction.

Staff report by Mr. Joe Ames, Public Works Director / City Engineer.

Motion/Second: Warren/Ramirez

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Van	AYE
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez	AYE
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

1. The City Council declared this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, Class 1, Section 15301c; and
2. Directed staff not to proceed with an application for the Southern California Edison Charge Ready Program.

12B. "SAY NO TO PANHANDLING" SIGNS

City staff has created some mockups of "Say No to Panhandling" signs which, upon receipt of direction by City Council, could be manufactured and placed within medians at various intersections in Stanton.

Staff report by Mr. Joe Ames, Public Works Director / City Engineer.

1. The City Council declared this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, Class 1, Section 15301c; and
2. Directed City staff to proceed with variations of sign option number two, create a webpage on the City's website listing various charities that align to specified resources, and implementation of "Say No to Panhandling" signs at various intersections within the City.

13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC None.

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None.

15. MAYOR/CHAIRMAN/COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED BUSINESS

15A. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez reported on a significant amount of feedback that he has received from residents concerning Hollenbeck Park. Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez further reported that the residents have expressed their concerns with vandalized park signage, lack of proper lighting, lack of police patrol, illicit activity, litter, and unauthorized parking.
- Mayor Shawver reported that the St. Polycarp Catholic Church, FSC, Friends of Families, United Across Borders Foundation, and the Community Action Partnership-Orange County Food Bank will be hosting a free drive thru COVID testing site and “super” drive thru distribution site providing free food (fresh / canned / non-perishables), diapers, and hand sanitizer on January 29, 2022, at St. Polycarp Catholic Church.
- Mayor Shawver reported that the City will be issuing a commendation in memory and honor of the life of Ms. Gloria Soto.
- Council Member Van reported that the Orange County Public Library has made available for check out over 375 boardgames titles as well as Kindergarten Readiness Backpacks which are themed backpacks with each backpack containing books, toys, and tips to play and learn.
- Mayor Shawver announced the appointment of Mr. James J. Wren, Public Safety Services Director to the Orange County Crime Laboratory Cal-ID Bureau board.

15B. COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING

None.

15C. COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE STUDY SESSION

None.

15D. CITY COUNCIL INITIATED ITEM — DISCUSSION REGARDING PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE CITY

At the January 11, 2022, City Council meeting, Mayor Shawver requested that this item be agendized for discussion. Mayor Shawver is requesting to discuss obtaining private security services for the City.

Presentation by Mayor Shawver:

- Provide and improve public safety services to the community.
- Trial basis to enhance and assist the City’s code enforcement department, public works department, community outreach division, and Orange County Sheriff’s Department (OCSD).
- Important to obtain more boots on the ground and more eyes in the streets.
- Hiring of security officers who have been trained in the same manner and environment as current staff members.
- Responsibilities would consist of parking control, oversized vehicles enforcement, graffiti removal, trash and debris removal, retrieval of shopping carts, assisting outreach coordinators with transients, misdemeanor offenses per the City’s municipal code, care of city parks and properties, address/removal of illegal dumping, and prostitution.
- City hotline for immediate response in the field.
- Public/private partnership sharing in the costs with local businesses.

The City Council questioned the possibility of conducting a time study, defining the need for such services, City/staff gain, return on investment, reported on the positive progress that staff has accomplished to date as well as the increased resources that the City is currently providing, private shopping centers, OCSD cost increases, an option for supplement parking enforcement, business improvement districts, working with business owners in obtaining services on their own or contributing to a joint fund with other local business to obtain security services, and city matched funding.

The City Council directed staff to review the requested information as presented including having the Economic Development Committee research and discuss business improvement districts within the City.

16. ITEMS FROM CITY ATTORNEY/AGENCY COUNSEL/AUTHORITY COUNSEL

None.

17. ITEMS FROM CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Jarad L. Hildenbrand, City Manager provided the City Council with an update on the City’s response to COVID-19 and the recent surge of the Omicron variant.
- Mr. Jarad L. Hildenbrand, City Manager reported that the City is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Women of Distinction Awards.

17A. ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Captain Cruz Alday provided the City Council with an update on their current operations.

- 18. ADJOURNMENT** Motion/Second: Shawver/
Motion carried at 8:50 p.m.

/s/ David J. Shawver

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

/s/ Patricia A. Vazquez

CITY CLERK/SECRETARY