



MINUTES

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

5:00 P.M. Closed Session

6:30 P.M. Open Session

REGULAR MEETING

**CITY COUNCIL, AIRPORT COMMISSION,
MARINA ABRAMS B NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PRESTON PARK SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER
MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MARINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

Council Chambers
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Marina, California

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cristina Medina Dirksen, David Burnett, Lisa Berkley, Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Kathy Biala, Mayor/Chair Bruce C. Delgado
3. CLOSED SESSION: *As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq., the (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency) may adjourn to a Closed or Executive Session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, property negotiations or to confer with the City's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.*

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of CA Govt. Code sec. 54956.9 – one potential case
- b. Labor Negotiations
 - i. Marina Employee Association
 - ii. Marina Professional Fire Fighters Association
 - iii. Marina Public Safety Managers Association
 - iv. Marina Middle Manager Association
 - v. Directors
 - i. Community Development Director
 - ii. Finance Director
 - iii. Fire Chief
 - iv. Police Chief
 - v. Public Works Director
 - vi. Recreation & Cultural Services Director
 - vii. Assistant City Manager

City Negotiators: Layne P. Long, City Manager and Employee Relations Officer

- c. Property Negotiations
 - i. Property: The Dunes on Monterey Bay, Opportunity Phase 1A Hotel Site
Negotiating Party: Marina Community Partners, LLC
Property Negotiator: City Manager
Terms: Price and Terms

6:33 PM - RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Robert Rathie, Assistant City Attorney reported out Closed Session: Council met in Closed Session at 5:00pm as indicate with regard to the matters listed, Council received information, provided direction and no reportable action was taken.

- 4. **MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Please stand)
- 5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a **SB 1383 Organics Diversion Council Presentation**
 - b **Recreation Announcements**
- 6. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** *Any member of the Public or the City Council may make an announcement of special events or meetings of interest as information to Council and Public. Any member of the public may comment on any matter within the City Council's jurisdiction which is not on the agenda. Please state your name for the record. Action will not be taken on an item that is not on the agenda. If it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or placed on a future agenda. City Council members or City staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.2. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please limit comments to a maximum of four (4) minutes. Any member of the public may comment on any matter listed on this agenda at the time the matter is being considered by the City Council.*

- Mike Owen – Commented on City Commissioner’s emails not being on the City’s website so the public could contact them. Was told that the difficulty in having these people correctly on the website has something to do with the city’s web platform so, I was wondering if that can be explained? Is there any expectation about when that problem could be corrected? Thank you.
- Grace Silva-Santella – Commented that when they moved to Marina 31-years ago they had no trees in our front garden and now have 3 Oaks, an Olive, 2 Eucalyptus and an Arbutus Marina and all of these trees I can see the branches, the upper branches from our second story. Shared this information because I feel a strong need to bring to your attention the majestic Cypress trees that are on the land of the future Second Avenue parks at the Dunes. These trees are such a critical history to Marina and to our past and the history of the former Fort Rod Military Base. Hopes that that this city council when it comes time to do a design that is adopted and implemented for the Second Avenue the Dunes will respect the Cypress trees, will respect the years that it’s taken for those trees to reach their size, thank you.
- Krystal Giacomelli/Kelly Jones – Thanked Terry Siegrist and the entire recreation staff for all they do throughout the community. It keeps me driving to Marina with all the activities that Marina has, and other cities don’t. It’s very beneficial so, thank you.
- Elizabeth Billingsley – Like to see those trees stay out at Fort Ord. That’s part of Fort Ord and we need them. Trees give out oxygen and we need oxygen and it does not pollute the air. I hope that when they build out there, they don’t just don’t out there and chop them back. You can build around a tree, you don’t have to remove it. I just can see that; you know removing the trees because their going to build some houses. They can build them around it. That’s just my opinion, thank you.
- Brian McCarthy – Acknowledged the Mayor who is aggressively, passionately and intelligently trying to educate the public almost constantly about all the things and in particular things coming on the agendas. He’s constantly not only receiving but soliciting that feedback and it’s clear that the residents of Marina crave the ability to talk with our elected. Asked if the City Manager or Assistant City Manager would consider having a monthly town hall meeting like the Mayor hosts where they can maybe have a guest council member and/or a guest staff member to kind of again post the same kind of format of discussion and kind of diversify by some of the input from elected officials that happens outside of these council meetings. Thank you
- Liesbeth Visscher – Agrees with the previous speaker about our Mayor and also how I enjoy the informal townhalls. It’s so good to see new people joining. In regard to the trees at the future Dunes City Park, I also hope that at least some of the trees can be saved. Thank you so much for all that all of you are doing.
- Wesley Haye – Commented on the Cypress Knolls property and the possibility of using it for disabled veterans. The problem here is Veterans rated 100% disabled cannot afford to live in the city surrounding the VA/DoD Outpatient here in Marina. Today’s veterans with 100% mental/physical disabilities facing non-rent control system costing them 48+% of their monthly earnings. This financial burden of course subjects these veterans and their families to have to move further away from the clinic. Now, the solution that we’ve come up with is the veterans will be positioned towards ownership of afforded manufactured homes within the acreage that the city affords us. It would be a gated community that would not exceed 20% of their monthly income. This partnership would be with Clayton Homes and these homes would be anywhere between 1200-1300 square feet respectively and we would also be partnering with the VA to streamline the zero down payment process and Cal-Vet Assistance with specially adapted housing grants. The City of Marina, Seaside and Del Rey Oaks are not the only cities that the VA Clinic serves here. People are coming from miles around. This would not only be single veterans; this would be veterans with their families. Thank you for hearing this seed I want to plant.

- Council Member Medina Dirksen – Thanked volunteers of the Friends of the Marina Library for the book sale that took place over this last weekend, it was a Covid safe event and we'll be having another one coming up on March 13th. Much thanks to Nick Kite and Sean Adams and all of the Stinging Jellies for organizing a Disc Golf at Los Arboles, it was very well attended. Thank you to Juliana Veile and Haley Swann who put together Cars Under the Stars this Saturday and when I opened my packet there was a treasure trove of Marina Businesses; this was a free event if you were lucky enough to get a ticket of watching cars out at the Veterans Transition Center. This was a really good event that promoted Marina and brought families together. Announced the it is Read Across America Week so make sure you get out and read some books.
- Council Member Burnett – Announced that former First Lady Michelle Obama has been engaged in creating food awareness and engaging children with healthy eating habits and on March 16th on Netflix's for those that have the service she will be launching a new show that encouraged children to think about food, know how to cook healthy food and how to grow healthy food and just a teaser there is a former Marina resident who is in the show. The name of the show is Waffles in Motion.
- Mayor Delgado – Thanked everyone especially Hailey and Julianna who was involved in the Drive-In movies at the VTC; Girl Scouts Planting 25 Coast Live Oaks at Los Arboles Sports Complex and thanks to MPUSD for authorizing that activity going on the same day as the Singing Jellies were doing their Disc Golf Family Day. We've had three Litter Pickup for the month of February, we had 27 volunteers came out and picked up 29 bags of garbage and miscellaneous bulk items along Del Monte Blvd. and Lapis Road north of Beach Road. Thanked the 12 volunteers for coming out on 2 different occasions to plant native plants and water and pull weeds outside of the Marina Library at the Oak Woodland Restoration Project. Next litter pick is March 13th at 10:00am and we'll meet at Palm Avenue junction with Marina Drive and a shout-out to Karen Anderson, Chair of Citizens for Sustainable Marina helping to lead all those littler pickups and tree plantings.

7. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY: *Background information has been provided to the Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency on all matters listed under the Consent Agenda, and these items are considered to be routine. All items under the Consent Agenda are normally approved by one motion. Prior to such a motion being made, any member of the public or the City Council may ask a question or make a comment about an agenda item and staff will provide a response. If discussion or a lengthy explanation is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for Successor Agency to the former Marina Redevelopment Agency and placed at the end of Other Action Items Successor Agency to the former Marina Redevelopment Agency.*

8. CONSENT AGENDA: *Background information has been provided to the City Council, Airport Commission, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, and Redevelopment Agency on all matters listed under the Consent Agenda, and these items are considered to be routine. All items under the Consent Agenda are normally approved by one motion. Prior to such a motion being made, any member of the public or the City Council may ask a question or make a comment about an agenda item and staff will provide a response. If discussion or a lengthy explanation is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of Other Action Items.*

a. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

- (1) Accounts Payable Check Numbers 97032-97120, totaling \$335,000.83
Wire transfers from Checking and Payroll for December 2020 totaling \$610,401.49

b. MINUTES:

- (1) February 8, 2021, Special City Council Meeting
- (2) February 9, 2021, Special City Council Meeting

- c. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: None
- d. AWARD OF BID: None
- e. CALL FOR BIDS: None
- f. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:
 - (1) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-12**, ordering the City Engineer to prepare and to file a report related to maintenance of the Cypress Cove II Landscape Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
 - (2) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-13**, ordering the City Engineer to prepare and to file a report related to maintenance of the Seabreeze Landscape Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
 - (3) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-14**, ordering the City Engineer to prepare and to file a report related to maintenance of the Monterey Bay Estates Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
 - (4) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-15**, approving Assignment of Lease, Assumption of Assignment of Lease, and Consent to Assignment of Lease assigning the Disposition, Development and Lease Agreement between the City of Marina and Darryl Choates for the Ord Market Parcels to AJ Petroleum, Inc.; and approving Amendment No. 2 to the Disposition, Development and Lease Agreement; authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreements on behalf of the City subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney; and authorizing the Accounting Services Manager to make any necessary accounting and budgetary entries.
 - (5) City Council consider submitting a letter of support to Monterey County Board of Supervisors to the prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination for Monterey-Salinas Transit Coach Operators and Support Staff.
- g. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS: None
- h. ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: None
 - (1) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-16**, accepting dedication of Public Improvements as shown on the approved improvements plans for portions of the Dunes Phase 1C (formerly University Village); and authorize City Clerk to release bond securities, accepting a warranty bond; and authorize City Clerk to record acceptance with Monterey County Recorder's Office.
- i. MAPS: None
- j. REPORTS: (RECEIVE AND FILE):
- k. FUNDING & BUDGET MATTERS:
 - (1) City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-17**, approving the transfer of \$40,000 from the Gas Tax fund balance to the Cardoza Avenue and Belle Drive Storm Drain Repair Project APR 2104; and authorizing the Finance Director to make necessary accounting and budgetary entries; and authorizing the City Manager to execute an on-call contract work order and all change orders on behalf of City subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney.

l. APPROVE ORDINANCES (WAIVE SECOND READING): None

m. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS:

- (1) City Council consider appointing to Recreation and Cultural Services Commission: Darlena Ridler, 1 Seat Expiring February 2022; and Kyle Soliven, Nicolas Kite, and Justin Stokes, 3 Seats expiring February 2023.

Brian McCarthy – Asked for clarification of agenda item 8f(4)

Council Member Burnett requested to pull agenda item 8f(3) so he can recuse himself from the item.

Council Member Medina Dirksen Commented on agenda item 8m(1)

Mayor Pro-Tem Biala noted a possible correction to Agenda item 8b(1) February 8, 2021 Minutes, the NO vote on the motion for the 94-Unit Apartment Complex is wrong.

Council Member Berkley requested to pull agenda item 8b(2) so she can abstain. And 8f(5) suggested

BERKLEY/DELGADO: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS 8b(2), 8f(3); AND MADE AN AMENDMENT TO 8f(5) SO THAT IT IS ADDRESSED TO CHAIR ASKEW AND FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AND WITH CORRECTIONS TO 8b(1). 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

DELGADO/BERKLEY: TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 8f(3). [1.44.00] 4-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

DELGADO/BIALA: TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 8b(2). 4-0-0-1(Berkley). Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote with Council Member Berkley Abstaining

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

10. OTHER ACTIONS ITEMS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY: *Action listed for each Agenda item is that which is requested by staff. The Successor Agency may, at its discretion, take action on any items. The public is invited to approach the podium to provide up to four (4) minutes of public comment.*

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Note: No additional major projects or programs should be undertaken without review of the impacts on existing priorities (Resolution No. 2006-79 – April 4, 2006).

- a. City Council receiving updates for the Strategic Plan and Fiscal Year 2019/20 and 2020/21 Work Plan and provide direction to city staff.

Council Questions: Cypress Knolls Project, how are we going to meet the March 15th deadline for personnel needs, internal staffing needs, estimates for funding? What is the real timetable to bring budget items to us versus the June 15th date stated on page 3? So, by the end of April we would envision a first iteration of a budget that includes most of the baseline needs that have been identified by directors, correct? Of the directions you've gotten so far and the plan that you have laid out to address that is there any area that causes you sleepless nights or that you that you are most concerned with? So, the Dunes and Sea Haven they are continuing to contribute to the cost of outside consultants whereas, Cypress Knolls these are city general funds if we were to hire consultants? Are the Dunes

and Sea Haven administering the consultants or is it actually directing their activities? Regarding the format of what we did on December 10th, I wanted to find out from the department heads is this a good format? Whatever we decide in the future in term of the projects we settle on was this helpful? Is it to general? Was it too detailed? Was it unrealistic? Exhibit B, page 7, #3 – Homelessness, is there more that we should be considering as an optional way to spend money to help the currently homeless people beyond what's listed on page 3? Page 8, Street Maintenance – Do you think that is one place we will be heading in a month from now? Police Services Study – are we going to be ready for it in the opinion of the police chief in this coming 21-22 budget fiscal year budget or does the police chief need more time for her department to get settled with Covid and everything before we do that Services Study? FORA – Layne is it projected to take a lot of your time in the future? Does it help you if the Council is aware of these kinds of things that are not at the front of our minds usually, so that we understand how hard it is for you to take on new projects? Arts Village Development – Can you tell us and the public what it's going to take to build an arts village as far as the number of years and the amount of money? CDEC Hill Barracks – When do you think would be the timeliest opportunity to take those down? If funding permitted what would be a reasonable timeline to construct and open a sports center?

Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem Presentation Questions - Should there be any consideration for looking at projects from a districtwide perspective since we now have districts?

9:50 PM

Delgado/Medina Dirksen: to continue meeting to complete this item. 4-1(Burnett)-0-0. Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

Public Comments:

- Kenia Acevedo – See's Marina changing dramatically. There's a lot of development. There's a lot of perfect new houses lining the streets and I live in a community that has houses from 1965. So, I think a good proposal would be to prioritize older neighborhoods, particularly areas with high density. Where I live there are apartments and the new 94-Unit apartment project is near my home and there are many more apartments and single-family homes as well but there's a lot more need because there are more people and there are areas in Marina where there's a concentration of apartments and that means there's more constituents here and I think that is an objective way to allocate resources. We are an older community. A community that has residents that have been here a long time and have contributed to this community and we've made it the Marina that it is and now with this new development and all these new residents coming in we don't want to be left behind. Just in my cul-de-sac there's tripping hazards in the walkway and our streets need to be repaved, that's basic necessities so I think that with this allocation of money I would like that to go to fulfilling basic necessities of our community members. It's essential that I walk safely on the street and I don't trip, or a child doesn't fall. Those should be priority one. I understand that there are a lot of incentive to get new development to bring new income to our community but what about us? What about those of us that have been here? We are the community that was here, and I expect that the resources from those developments, from those hotels, from those apartments that they come back to our community. Our community should be walkable and beautiful and sustainable, and we shouldn't have to wait for those giant projects that takes all of staff's time to get our basic necessities. It's very personal to me and I'm very invested in Marina. So, I urge you to please prioritize the areas that are high density, the older communities. We need attention too not just new developments that bring in more money in revenue, thank you.
- Amy Tackett – Here to speak about parks. I have been involved in Friends of Marina Parks since 2017 and I have spoken to Council before regarding the mural project that came through and have worked with several of you as well and I really appreciate your time and energy. I'm here to voice

my support of our city parks as well as the recreational opportunities that are afforded to our residents through our parks. They assist with our wellbeing both mentally and physically and they are so important. The reason we started Friends of Marina Parks, was to assist in the maintenance of the parks and to support the city staff who, again this kind of speaks to that staffing issue, numerous times we heard throughout the meeting today about how our city staff is wonderful and I agree that they are and we need to support them as much as possible. So, any priority we can put make sure our staff has the capacity they need to meet those demands I am in full support. Spoke to the strategic planning. What we're doing here is wonderful and a form of strategic planning and asked if we have the capacity to look at a long-term plan for our city so that we don't just end up with a miss-mash of development? Let's look at how we can get a revenue stream that is going to be something that benefits our whole city and not just these pockets of beautiful mansions. We want to make sure that the areas of need of our city are being met and we want to make sure that it is equitable and I really urge Council to make sure those priorities of our city float to the top of equity and make sure that all of our citizens are being taken care of. I also want to touch on the area over by target and the roller-skating rink. My daughters do go there quite often so I am very familiar with the roller-skating rink and I do see that is considered an area of blight and it's going to be really interesting to see what we do with that, I think that needs to be a big part of the strategic planning. There's some great plans that are possible for our whole city but we need to have a connection between the old and new so that we don't have this problem with "I live homes that were built in 60's and I live the homes the were in the 2020's" and we can all be one whole community.

- Mike Owen – So, the long-term plan mentioned by Amy Tackett is the General Plan which is the Planning Department staff intensive. So, my first point is to really support Fred's request for at least two or more staff members. Right now, if Fred gets sick and Christy's on vacation that's it. Fifteen years ago, there were actually two assistant planners and there's more on the planning department's plate right now than it was 15-years ago. So, even if it cost almost \$500,000 to get two assistant planners whether the funds come from temporary or not as opposed of having the option of not use the temporary funds. I mentioned at the townhall meeting last night that the last assistant planning got hired out. The assistant planner before him got hired out and promoted other where else. So, it doesn't seem like it's a realistically speaking it's a problem using temporary money that's there temporarily even though you hire them permanently. My second main point is that the lady the conducted the 10 December Strategic Planning meeting had done this with like hundreds of other California cities and major corporations across the country. That was strategic planning. Public input was like 30-minutes at the very beginning. Everybody else but us did all of that in one meeting. The concerns that you're hearing from the public just generally are personal, they're not strategic. The strategic decisions are like up to you guys and if you're relying on the public that's concerns about speed bumps, cul-de-sacs, potholes that's not strategic. You are the guys we elected to make the decisions. So, I just hope for a reality check you think, for everybody else she's done these strategic planning meetings for got it done in one-day. They didn't go out for public surveys. You're the guys that are supposed to have your finger on the pulse, that's why we elected you. Thank you
- Margo Hohulin– My background is project management, process improvement that kind of thing and this kind of gets to several points already made but I feel like sending out a list of all these projects to the public for input, it's overwhelming. To me it's almost like we need to go out to the public to say, "what your vision of Marina" and put out some examples of what your vision is. Is it safety? Is it beautiful? Is it making sure all of Marina is taken care of (infrastructure)? Something more high level. I noticed on Exhibit B the projects are kind of categorized and my question is, have we ever asked the public to prioritize those higher levels versus getting into project by project input? I do feel like it's important to kind of have the public, the new and the old kind of give their

view of what they want Marina to be. I'm a new resident of Marina, live in Sea Haven but I want all of Marina to be beautiful. I came from Mountainview and Mountainview used to be a rundown and undesirable place to live but due to Google and maybe Joby Aviation will bring it to us but it's a beautiful place to live now and I want the whole community to be beautiful. So, again it might be too late for this go-round but it seems like we need to as a whole community come together and figure out what do we want Marina to be and somehow tie these projects into that vision. I am hearing a lot of kind of decisiveness in Marina as far as the old and the new and the Districts and maybe not looking at this as so much as like what District are being served but how many people in Marina are being served. I don't even know if we have that kind of information but one of the priorities could be how many people is this going to serve? How many people is this going to benefit? I may be oversimplifying but I've just been listening the last couple of days. I've had to do prioritization like this at work so I sympathize with all of you because it's not easy and somehow you have to put some higher level structure around it to try and make decisions around it and I applaud you all for trying to do it.

- Audra Walton – Could we create a participatory budgeting committee in the city of Marina? I was listening to Council Member Medina Dirksen question regarding that we've gone to districting now and with respect to Council Member Burnett's statement regarding the level of knowledge that's needed for our community members and I would like to reintroduce the idea of establishing a participatory budgeting and for people who don't know what participatory budgeting is it's a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. It give people willpower over real money. It started in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1989 as an anti-poverty measure that helped reduce child mortality by 20%. Since then PB has spread to over 7,000 cities around the world, and has been used to decide budgets from states, counties, cities, housing authorities, schools, and other institutions. It is known for increasing civic engagement and being a gateway or pathway into lifelong civic engagement. Participants see the tangible results of investing in their community often inspiring them to become even more involved. It also increases engagement in elections making people more likely to vote. It can increase relationships between residents, government, and community organizations. It can lead to more collaboration between people and government and lead to broader political participations especially from historically martialized communities, can create new community leaders and can be more equitable and could create a better and effective spending where public funding is more responsive to expressed public needs. Decision making is directly by residents rather than by a small number of officials or squeaky wheels that happen to show up at the Council meetings and make public comment. Residents offer innovated spending ideas and often ideas proposed for participatory budgeting that don't get funded are cues for officials that there is a need there and often some of those projects get funded outside of participatory budgeting. I'm reading from ParticipatoryBudgeting.org.
- Grace Silva-Santella – I found the comments and sharing by our City Manager sobering. I found listening to our Community Development Director say that he's down to two staff people, himself and Christy Hopper sobering. I think if there's anything you all should be placing number one on your list of budget concerns it's to get fully staffed. I agree completely with what my friend and fellow resident Mike Owen said that you five were elected because you campaigned or had a vision for this city and you are now sitting on that dais and you should be making your decisions based on that vision that you had shared in your campaigning and what I fear is that if we go into some; and I apologize here if I might offend Audra in what I'm about to say but I'm afraid that if you go into some big expansive process here you are going to have a repeat of what happened at your last meeting and that was three hours of the squeaky wheel testimony of people talking about how much they love roller skating and it wasn't until 10 to 11:00 at night that the public had an opportunity to speak about blight removal. So, I apologize if what I just right then said is

offending anybody. I also agree with Council Member Burnett who that as you five council members have a depth of information that I as someone who is quite active in listening to your meetings and I involve myself but I don't have that depth and I welcome the opportunity to share with you which I did earlier to day in an email that laid out the things that I feel were most important like code enforcement, getting us back to pre-Covid, staff levels and such. I hope you all received that. I know I heard back from the City Manager and I heard back from the Mayor and Council Member Medina Dirksen that commented on that, but I expect that you five have so much more information that the many of will have and I don't want a repeat of what happened at the last council meeting. I expect you all to take that information and make critical and important decisions and I expect you to listen to the staff and if you don't agree with the staff I expect you to give them intelligent reasons why you don't. but I expect you to be guiding us. I appreciate what you do, and I hope we get moving forward and we get more staff to help Community Development department and out City Manager, thank you.

- Liesbeth Visscher – I agree that the funds that the city receives from the new development should be used for the older parts of Marina but please keep in mind that Marina has had a backlog of maintenance issues that must have originated long before the Dunes or Sea Haven development started. It will cost a lot of money and time to fix that. The new developments with increased number of residents require investments to the infrastructure like widening or roads with speed limit signs, please and traffic lights. Residents in HOA's pay monthly dues for the maintenance of the common areas in our neighborhoods. This includes parks, which are open to everyone. There are no signs posted to exclude fellow Marina residents. I really like that these beautiful parks can be shared with residents outside the new development. I love living here and being part of the community. Let's work together to fix what's broken and to maintain all areas in good shape. As I've mentioned before the city will need a long-term maintenance plan to see the big picture to prevent from not having enough funds left to maintain its current obligations or to have anything left for unforeseen expenses like hopefully being able to save some mature trees at future city parks, thank you.
- Brian McCarthy – Code Enforcement. You heard staff talk about that at the beginning of the discussion on the item, even if a full-time code enforcement officer for a set duration I hope you will really consider this. It will go towards the community development department staff and so I think a code enforcement officer touches on a lot of the other items that are on your list. Things like vacations, complaints, and homeless issues can in some way wrap around code enforcement and also spreads through every district too. So, it affects every district almost equally. The second thing I want to talk about is the homelessness issue item that was discussed. I kind of what to be clear what I personally have advocated for previously, not for any one homeless issue solution it was to develop what I would call an "action plan" and I'm looking one from the City of Woodland, CA right now and it's really just a document that doesn't try to solve the problem per se but comes up with a plan to identify some of the problems and some of the steps you may want to take in the future to address those. I think trying to take the approach that you can just have one solution is really going to make meaningful difference is maybe naïve. So, again when I hear homelessness issues, you know you had extensive conversations about "what does the rally mean" well that's what your action plan I think attempts to answer is what does that mean. Don't dwell on one single solution but try to identify what that means. Again, looking at the one from the City of Woodland I would encourage the city to look at that one in particular because it's short, not too extensive and it addresses a number of broad issues that I think would play out well in Marina. Thank you.
- Karen Andersen – I think one of the things that is critical to getting things done around Marina is having enough staff members to manage and coordinate all of the programs that we're requesting happen around town whether that's new development or taking care of developments we have already. Like others I live in a 50-years old house and I love it and I love living in a cul-de-sac but

it's true same here as in Kenia's area my sidewalk is in bad shape, trip hazard but compared to Andrew Street, which has terrible pothole children on their bicycles are crashing, these are critical issues for people; our day to day lives in this town. So, if that takes more staff to make happen and improve for all of us then I think that's really, really important. And like Audra I think a participatory budgeting is really engaging. That I've gotten to look over the list of 80 items and say these mandatory ones obviously have to go to the top because their mandatory and then all these others get to be the cream that makes this town really tasty that's been really a pleasure to me to be participating, thank you.

- Danielle Burchett – I concur with the many voices that talked about the critical importance of prioritizing staffing needs. Clearly staff are critical to making thing happen. I'll hold off on commenting on any other thoughts of priorities but appreciate the opportunities that are provided to the community about their priorities. As I listen to these different perspective about whether its worth gathering information from the community about their priorities before spending decision are made there's a clear distinction between hearing from your constituents about their interests with an intentional outreach effort and secondarily making informed decisions based on both their input and your more nuance. It seems some folks are conflating the two assuming that hearing from the community would somehow be a bad thing. Without outreach to the community the council must rely on the very proactive squeaky-wheel folks sending in emails about their personal opinion and that's certainly not representative of the community. So, the more you outreach to the community the more diverse perspectives you're going to learn about and then you can couple that with your more nuance knowledge and expertise as elected officials. Thank you.

Council Discussion

DELGADO/MEDINA DIRKSEN: THAT ON APPENDIX A, WHICH IS OUR DECEMBER 10, 2020 OUTCOMES, THAT WE DIRECT STAFF TO:

1. **GIVE US AN APPROPRIATE TIMELINE (date) FOR WHICH STAFF WOULD COME TO THE COUNCIL WITH OUR BASELINE PROGRAM NEEDS (Staff Capacity); AND**
2. **THAT ON MARCH 16TH STAFF COME TO US REGARDING CYPRESS KNOLLS REALISTIC ESTIMATES OF STAFF, CONSULTANTS AND FUNDING NEEDS FOR THAT PROJECT TO MOVE AHEAD; AND**
3. **FOR THE NEXT MONTH EVENT OF THE BUDGET RETREAT THAT THE MAYOR PRO-TEM AND MAYOR WORK WITH STAFF AND WE COME UP WITH A CRITERIA TO PUT THE PROJECT IN PRIORITY GROUPS (SUBJECTS 1,2,3,4); AND**
4. **THAT WE COME UP WITH A CRITERIA FOR THE FUNDING BUCKETS AND OTHER CRITERIA THAT WE COVERED IN THAT SPREADSHEET INCLUDING COSTS SUCH AS INITIAL, ANNUAL, LIFECYCLE AND REPLACEMENT COSTS TO THE EXTENT IT'S POSSIBLE GIVEN THE TIME THAT WE HAVE; AND**
5. **THAT WE COME UP WITH STAFF DESCRIPTIONS OF THESE PROJECTS TO THE EXTENT ITS POSSIBLE; AND**
6. **MORE DETAILS ON DISTRICTS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, SURVEY, DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN, GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATES.**

3-1(Burnett)-0-1(Berkley) Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

Council Member Burnett – No

Council Member Berkley – Abstain

Council Member Medina Dirksen – Yes

Mayor Pro-Tem Biala – Yes

Mayor Delgado – Yes

12. COUNCIL & STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- a. Monterey County Mayor's Association [Mayor Bruce Delgado]
- b. Council and staff opportunity to ask a question for clarification or make a brief report on his or her own activities as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.2.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:30PM

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor