

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Avila Beach Community Services District
Tuesday, May 10th, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

ZOOM MEETING: 411 178 7571

Meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4111787571>

BY PHONE: 1-669-900-9128

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kelley called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Avila Beach Community Services District, to order at 1:04 P.M. on the above date, in the Avila Beach Community Services District Building, 100 San Luis Street, Avila Beach, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present via Zoom: Ara Najarian

Board Members Present in Person: Pete Kelley
Howie Kennett
Kristin Berry

Board Members Absent: Lynn Helenius

Staff Present: Brad Hagemann, General Manager and District Engineer
Kristi Dibbern, Office Manager

FRM Operations: Jeff Cedillos, FRM

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. County Reports

Sheriff's Report: The Sheriff's office reported 38 calls for service this month. There were 3 disturbances, 6 burglaries, 10 enforcement stops, 14 preventive stops, 6 thefts, 2 batteries and 10 traffic stops.

Cal Fire: Battalion Chief Paul Lee reported 38 calls for service this month, 29 were medically related. Burn season is officially over for the year. A controlled burn will take place in late fall near the Lighthouse area and The Pismo Preserve. Please abate the weeds and brush to better protect your home from fire. A five-foot radius around your house is the new suggested recommendations to keep fires away from your property. This includes furniture and firewood.

B. Conferences, Meetings and General Communications.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Director Najarian made a motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion was seconded by Director Berry and passed with a roll call vote 4-0.

AYES: Ara Najarian
 Kristin Berry
 Howie Kennett
 Pete Kelley

NOES: None
ABSENT: Lynn Helenius

6. DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS: None

7. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. FY 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget Resolution 2022-06

During the April Board Meeting the Board directed Staff to finalizes the FY 2022/23 Budget and bring it back for consideration in May. The Board directed staff to include the 3% revenue increase as presented in the Preliminary Budget. GM Hagemann gave a slide presentation to the Board and Public regarding the fiscal state of the District.

President Kelley OPENED the PUBLIC HEARING:

Ms. Sara Loaiza joined the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Loaiza is a business owner in the community of Avila Beach and she did not support a rate increase. She requested the Board to please consider how the rate increase would impact other business owners who rely on a busy summer season to create revenue. She also noted that the District designated reserve funds are there to use and that she believes that there are sufficient funds available without having to raise the water and sewer rates during fiscal year 2022/23.

President Kelley CLOSED the PUBLIC HEARING:

Director Najarian also spoke out against the rate increase. He strongly urged the Board to consider not raising the rates this year. Director Najarian stated that the reserves, which the District has accumulated over the past 7 years due to increased tax revenue, are a sufficient cushion in the case of an emergency.

After considerable Board discussion regarding the whether or not to increase the water and sewer rates, Director Berry moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-06, increasing the Appropriations Limitations and approve Resolution No. 2022-07 adopting the FY 2022/23 Budget including a 3% rate increase. The motion was seconded by Director Kennett and passed with the following roll call vote 3-1.

AYES: Kristin Berry
Howie Kennett
Pete Kelley

NOES: Ara Najarian
ABSENT: Lynn Helenius

B. Avila Beach Fish & Farmers Market.

Director Berry made a motion to approve the request for the use of electricity on the Front Street light pole for the Fish and Farmers Market and directed the General Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Avila Beach Farmers Market Association. The motion was seconded by Director Kennett and passed with a roll call vote 4-0.

AYES: Kristin Berry
Howie Kennett
Ara Najarian
Pete Kelley
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lynn Helenius

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE.

None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Avila Beach Community Services District is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 1:00 PM at 100 San Luis Street, Avila Beach.

These minutes are not official nor a permanent part of the records until approved by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Brad Hageman, PE
General Manager