



## MINUTES SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2020  
Special Time: 1:30 P.M.

### **SPECIAL SESSION: VIA TELECONFERENCE**

All Members of the City Council will be participating in the special meeting remotely via teleconference, as listed below.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, this Special Meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20. Some or all members of the City Council will be participating in the meeting remotely via teleconferencing or other electronic means consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act. Please refer to the end of the agenda for instructions related to public comment and attending the meeting.

### **OPENING:**

- Call to Order - Mayor Wolter called to order the special meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- Roll Call - Present at Roll Call were Councilmember Bagby (via teleconference), Councilmember Brigham (via teleconference), Councilmember Cruz (via teleconference), and Mayor Wolter. Vice Mayor Turner was absent (excused).
- Conflict of Interest Declaration – None.
- Agenda Review – Special Session (Changes and/or Deletions) – None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Wolter opened the public comment period. No comments were forthcoming.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Tesla Agreements for Self-Generation Incentive Program Funding for a Backup Energy Storage System at the City of Cloverdale Wastewater Treatment Plant**

City Manager Kelley reported on the item and the urgency to hear the item at a special meeting prior to the Council's next regular meeting on August 26, 2020, due to the program funding reducing daily as it is based on a first come first serve basis. Mr. Kelley also reported on the estimated annual cost savings to the City this system would offer, in addition to energy savings and explained the application funding process. Mr. Kelley introduced Lee Murakami with Tesla

Mr. Murakami informed the Council on the program and that the system can be fully integrated with the City's current generator system and undertaking of electrical upgrades needed to install this system.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Councilmember Bagby inquired if the cost to provide electrical upgrades is included in the project.

Mr. Murakami responded to the inquiry and confirmed that it will be included as part of the project.

Councilmember Brigham inquired if there could be an oversight in the estimated cost where it would result in a significantly larger cost to the City.

Mr. Murakami responded to the inquiry and stated there is a clause in the agreements which identifies that if estimated costs change then Tesla is required to provide the updated price sheet and the City has 30 days to decide whether or not they wish to continue with the project.

Councilmember Cruz inquired if staff will be required to obtain additional training for this system.

Mr. Murakami responded to the inquiry and stated that Tesla staff will be doing site visits and no additional training by City staff will be required.

Mayor Wolter inquired if other cities in Sonoma County have taken advantage of this program.

Mr. Murakami responded to the inquiry and stated none to date, they are currently working with cities in Humboldt and Lake Counties.

At the request of Mayor Wolter, City Attorney Sanchez provided input on the agreements presented and recognized the funding concerns discussed. Mr. Sanchez informed the Council, staff will continue to work with Tesla to ensure the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) funding is available, and if funding is not available it will be seen as a change in the price sheet and return to the City for further action.

Mr. Murakami confirmed City Attorney Sanchez's comments regarding changes to the price sheet.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Rincón shared he is in support of the project program funding and awaits Tesla's technical proposal.

Mayor opened the public comment period. No comments were forthcoming.

Clerk's note: Comments from Cloverdale Resident Rob Koslowsky was received prior to the meeting and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Cruz moved, and Councilmember Bagby seconded to adopt Resolution No. 078-2020 approving an Energy Products Purchase Agreement and Energy Projects Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Tesla for Participation in the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreement on behalf of the City of Cloverdale in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Ayes-4 (Councilmembers Bagby, Brigham, and Cruz, and Mayor Wolter), Noes-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Vice Mayor Turner).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Wolter adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m. to a regular meeting of the City Council and Cloverdale Community Development Successor Agency, August 26, 2020 for Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. (at the City Hall Conference Room 124 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA 95425) and Public Business Session at 6:00 p.m. (at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center 209 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA 95425).

The foregoing minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale at its regular meeting held on the 26th of August 2020, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: (5) Councilmember Bagby, Brigham and Cruz, Vice Mayor Turner, and Mayor Wolter**  
**NOES: (0) None**  
**ABSTAIN: (0) None**  
**ABSENT: (0) None**



**APPROVED**

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Gus Wolter, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk

