

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND  
SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
5:00 P.M.  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Kellar called to order the special joint meeting of the City Council and the Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency at 5:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers/Agency Members were present with the exception of Mayor/Chair McLean.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Carl Newton, City Attorney, advised of the need to conduct a Closed Session for the purpose of holding a:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)

**Case Name:** People & City of Santa Clarita v. George Boskovich, et. al.  
Los Angeles Superior Case No. PC040023

**Case Name:** People & City of Santa Clarita v. Charles & Laura Von Der Ahe  
Los Angeles Superior Case No. PC036780

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Potential Litigation**

Government Code Section 54956.9 (c) – two matters

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Kellar recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. and Mayor/Chair McLean reconvened the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

**CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that in the Closed Session just concluded by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the initiation of code enforcement proceedings in relation to the property and business known as Totter Auto Repair located at 24522 San Fernando Road, Santa Clarita. This is in pursuit of an effort on the part of the City to bring the property and business into compliance with the City's zoning ordinances.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor/Chair McLean adjourned the joint meeting at 6:15 p.m.

### **CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, announced that anyone wishing to address an item on the agenda should complete a speaker's slip and submit it to the City Clerk before the item is announced by the Mayor.

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Boydston gave the invocation.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McLean called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:23 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember Boydston invited representatives of Boy Scout Troop 2, the "Wolverine Patrol", forward to lead the flag salute.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ferry commended the directors of the Senior Center for their successful Celebrity Waiter Dinner fund raiser held at the Hyatt last Friday night, and indicated the annexation sub-committee had met with members of the West Ranch Town Council and that the dialog would continue.

Councilmember Weste commented on the passing of Ann Michele Irvine and requested that the meeting be adjourned in her memory; advised that another meeting regarding the TCU would be scheduled; and complimented staff and the organizers on their work on the Amgen Bicycle Tour which was shown in a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar commented on the Celebrity Waiter Dinner event held Friday night; complimented staff on the Amgen Bicycle Tour and invited City Manager Ken Pulskamp to make comments on the event; and requested an investigation into the incident referred to in a newspaper article in today's Signal where citizens' safety was at risk as a result of delays when calling 911 on their cell phone.

Councilmember Boydston commented on his attendance at the Sweetheart Ball fund raiser for the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital and read additional questions that he has with regard to the hospital expansion proposal.

Mayor McLean commented on her attendance at the Future Business Leaders of America meeting; a tour of the HR Textron plant; the first meeting of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Stakeholders; Public Officials' Night; the Celebrity Waiter Dinner; the Amgen Bicycle Tour; and the School Trustees meeting. She also commented on the passing of Ann Irvine.

### **AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented the Best Use of Technology Award recognizing the City’s Traffic Operations Center from the American Public Works Association to Traffic Division staff.

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award from Government Finance Officer's Association to Finance Division staff.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the City Council at this time was John Steffen who indicated that his rights had been abridged by the Sheriff’s Department; Tony Natoli regarding Benz Road issues; Scott Young regarding Benz Road (submitted material); Gene Dorio M.D. regarding the hospital expansion plan; James Kayvanfar M.D. regarding the hospital expansion plan; and Karl Stein M.D. regarding the hospital expansion plan.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

There were none.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ferry made comments with regard to services available with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

Councilmember Weste requested that a new count be conducted on Benz Road; Mayor McLean concurred.

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

This time has been set aside for Councilmembers to review the agenda and obtain any further information that may be added.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to approve the agenda.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2007 special City Council meeting and the February 13, 2007 special and regular City Council meetings as submitted.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

**ITEM 1**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**READING OF ORDINANCE TITLES**

Government Code Section 36934 requires that all ordinances be read in full prior to Council taking action on the ordinance. By listing the ordinance title on the Council meeting agenda, Council may determine that the title has been read. Determine that the titles to all ordinances which appear on this public agenda have been read and waive further reading.

**ITEM 2**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ESTABLISH NO OVERNIGHT STOPPING ON SARITA AVENUE NEAR CANYON COUNTRY PARK**

Establish a night time no-stopping zone on the south side of Sarita Avenue along the frontage of Canyon Country Park to improve park safety. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-10** establishing a no-stopping zone between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on the south side of Sarita Avenue along the frontage of Canyon Country Park, approximately 170 feet west of Croco Place to approximately 330 feet east of Croco Place.

**ITEM 3**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**BRIGHTON LANE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. S1008 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE**

This project repaired the area near the intersection of Brighton Lane and Wilmington Court, where the underlying soil had failed, and surface improvements had settled and cracked. Accept the work performed by General Pavement Management for Brighton Lane Improvements, Project No. S1008; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the 10 percent retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices have been filed, as provided by law.

**ITEM 4**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**VIA PRINCESSA METROLINK STATION RESTROOMS AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. F3012 AWARD DESIGN CONTRACT**

This project is the design phase for adding restrooms and sewers to the existing Via Princessa Metrolink Station. Award the design contract to Meyer and Associates for architectural and civil design services for the Via Princessa Metrolink Station Restrooms and Sewer Improvements, Project No. F3012, in the amount of \$86,190.00, and a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$8,619.00; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 5**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EMISSIONS RETROFIT KITS FOR TRANSIT BUSES BID # TR-06-07-29 – REJECTION OF ALL BIDS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

The retrofit of 36 diesel-powered local and commuter transit buses would bring the City of Santa Clarita into compliance with 2009 ARB standards for particulate matter. Reject all bids, and direct staff to re-advertise bids for the purchase and installation of retrofit kits for 36 transit buses, bid No. TR-06-07-29.

**ITEM 6**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PURCHASING**

Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code regarding purchasing to streamline administrative processing and revise wording. Introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA,

CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.12 OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING PURCHASING."

**ITEM 7**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AMENDMENT TO CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially or as needed to determine if it is accurate or if the code should be amended. Staff has determined that the list of designated employees as Exhibit "B" needs to be amended. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-11** amending the Conflict of Interest Code.

**ITEM 8**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CHECK REGISTER NOS. 5, 6, AND 7**

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 5, 6, and 7.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to approve the Consent Calendar.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Kellar, Boydston, McLean**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 9**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ANNEXATION INITIATION POLICY**

Mayor McLean advised that the Annexation Initiation Policy identifies the circumstances in which the City may pursue a request for an annexation. The policy establishes basic criteria for communities who wish to request annexation.

Addressing the Council on this item was Ronald Mechsner representing the West Ranch Town Council; Steve Teeman; and Brian Roney representing the Hasley Hills HOA. One written comment was submitted.

Councilmember Ferry reported on the annexation meeting held today and indicated that the timing on this was not the best and recommended, as a goodwill gesture, to postpone action on this policy for 4 months.

**Motion by Ferry, second by Kellar, to postpone action on the Annexation Initiation Policy for 4 months to the June 26, 2007 City Council meeting.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Weste, Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, McLean**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 10**

**NEW BUSINESS**

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: H.R. 563

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar advised that on January 18, 2007, U.S. Representative Duncan Hunter (R-52-CA) introduced House Resolution 563, the "Congressional Pardon for Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean Act." This measure would vacate the convictions and federal prison sentences of two former United States Border Patrol Agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to direct the City Manager to prepare a letter or resolution in support of House Resolution 563 and, if appropriate, transmit statements of position to U.S. Representative Duncan Hunter, U.S. Representative Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and President George W. Bush.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, Weste, McLean**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 11**

**NEW BUSINESS**

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: CABLE AND SATELLITE SUBSCRIBER CHOICE

Councilmember Boydston advised that for a number of years, there has been extensive debate over whether multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) should be required to provide cable and satellite programming on an "a la carte" basis as opposed to the current theme tiered basis.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor McLean suggested that a special discount for seniors should be requested as an option provided by cable providers.

**Motion by Boydston, second by Ferry, to adopt Resolution No. 07-12 calling for the City of Santa Clarita to meet with Members of Congress, as appropriate, to explore how federal legislation providing for cable and satellite a la carte subscriber choice might be introduced into Congress and enacted into law during the 110th session of Congress, including a special discount for seniors.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Boydston, Ferry, Weste, Kellar, McLean**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 12**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MARTIAL ARTS HISTORY MUSEUM REQUEST FOR LAND LEASE**

Chris Price, Assistant City Engineer, advised that a request has been made of the City Council to grant a 20 year lease at a nominal \$1 per year rate over a portion of the Newhall Metrolink/Community Center property for the placement of a Martial Arts History Museum.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Ken Striplin, Assistant City Manager, advised that a phone call had been received today from Mr. Matsuda who indicated that he has no funding to proceed with the proposal at this time.

**Motion by Boydston, second by Ferry, to deny the request for the land lease due to substantial physical and financial restraints that exist on the site, as well as the compatibility issues that may arise with the implementation of the Downtown Newhall Specific Plan themes.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Kellar, Boydston, McLean**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 13**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER TASK FORCE PRESENTATION**

In report, the Task Force indicated that during the February 13, 2007 City Council Meeting, Councilmember Tim Ben Boydston requested that a presentation by the County-led Emergency Winter Shelter Task Force be agendaized for the February 27, 2007 City Council Meeting. Subsequently, the Task Force has prepared a presentation for the City Council on their efforts to find sites within the Santa Clarita Valley that would be suitable to locate a Temporary Emergency Winter Shelter.

Addressing the Council at this time was Don Fleming, Leon Worden, and Los Angeles Homeless Shelter Authority Commissioner Larry Adamson representing the Emergency Winter Shelter Task Force. Also addressing the Council was Karl Stein M.D. Two written comments were submitted.

Councilmember Boydston distributed material containing information on AmeriCorps.

In response to Councilmember inquiries, Paul Novak, representing Supervisor Antonovich, spoke in support of an equitable rotation among the sites.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that a minor use permit would be necessary for these properties.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, recommended that Council specify that all zoning requirements be completed.

**Motion by Boydston, second by Weste, to remove the Rivendale site from the list; to complete all zoning requirements for the proposed use; to establish a 3-year term per site; to authorize the City Manager to rotate the sites equitably; with the Sheriff's Department to provide security patrols.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Weste, Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, McLean**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. in memory of Ann Michele Irvine.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita CA.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**

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