

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
APRIL 24, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McLean called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

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 and City of Santa Clarita v. Thomas J. Toombs
L A Superior Court Case No. PC 040022

Case Name: People and City of Santa Clarita v. Erasmo Dominguez, et al.
L A Superior Court Case No. PC 038271

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor McLean recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that was required to be reported.

ADJOURN

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 6:05 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

Mayor McLean gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McLean called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor McLean led the flag salute.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Debra Reed, representing the Air Quality Management District, presented information on the draft Air Quality Management Plan for the Southern California areas that they have purview over.

Adrian Reynosa, California Parks and Recreation Society Boardmember and Region 4 Representative, presented an Award of Excellence for the City's Youth Grove Project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Charles Schultz, M. D., Bernard Raskin, M. D., and Pauline Harte regarding emergency health care and the proposed hospital expansion; Russ Wells, Paul Jones, Jorge Sanchez and Teresa Sanchez representing SEIU Local 721 regarding retiree health benefits. One written comment was submitted regarding trails connecting Saugus and Central Park.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that any discussion of the hospital expansion should be done when the issue is before the Council in June when all parties have been notified and can be present; and indicated that the City is currently negotiating with SEIU Local 721 with the next session occurring next week; any discussion should take place at the bargaining table.

In response to inquiry from Councilmember Weste, Mr. Pulskamp indicated that he would look into patients being helicoptered out of the City for assistance and report back to the Council.

Anthony Le Berge, City's Police Chief, provided an update on current trends in the City and those officers involved in a recent vehicle accident.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar expressed appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for coordinating the 3rd annual Washington D. C. trip and noted some meetings that took place with legislators.

Councilmember Weste expressed appreciation to staff and those who worked on the recently opened CVC connector section opening Newhall Ranch Road to the freeway and advised that this is Cowboy Week in Santa Clarita and pointed out upcoming activities.

Councilmember Boydston complimented the County Library for their Big Read program and having Ray Bradbury here in Santa Clarita, and requested that certain additional information be provided with regard to the hospital expansion and current agreements between the hospital and G&L Realty.

Councilmember Ferry advised that a Night of Remembrance would be held on May 10 at the Youth Grove; suggested that connecting trails from Saugus to Central Park be revisited; commented on the Holy Cross proposal to acquire property for a hospital near the 5/126; questioned whether the signs related to the car dealerships visible on northbound 5 is actually utilized by the dealerships; complimented the City's Aquatics Center; expressed concern with crime stats being published in the newspaper on a daily basis; and expressed willingness to work with the Police Chief to create a crime watch on the streets and in the schools.

Mayor McLean advised that the next Orange Line MagLev Development Authority meeting would be held at City Hall on May 9; commented on her attendance at the High Speed Rail meeting in Palmdale; advised that residents are looking into the financial feasibility of annexation of West Ranch; urged the City to apply again next year for the Big Read program; noted that a guide will be coming in May for those businesses just starting up; and questioned if there is something the City can do to help older shopping centers spruce up.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, indicated he would look into what options the City may have with regard to older shopping centers.

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 Boydston, to approve the agenda, pulling Items 8 and 9 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 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

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE IV GYMNASIUM, PROJECT NO. P3011 - AWARD DESIGN CONTRACT

This project is the gymnasium design portion of Phase IV which creates a new park expansion of approximately 14 acres. The expansion will include a gymnasium, a skate park, and various outdoor features. Award the design contract to Meyer and Associates for architectural design services for the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV Gymnasium, Project No. P3011, in the amount of \$288,240.00, and a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$28,824.00; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

CORPORATE YARD ROOF REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. F1012 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

This project replaced the old roof of Corporate Yard Facility that had passed its functional lifespan. Accept the work performed by Rey-Crest Roofing & Waterproofing Company for the Corporate Yard Roof Replacement, Project No. F1012; 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

BOUQUET CANYON ROAD BRIDGE WIDENING, PROJECT NO. S1035 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

This project widened the Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge from six lane to an ultimate eight lanes with a raised median and a Class 1 Bike Lane on the east side of the bridge. Accept the work performed by Banshee Construction on the Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge Widening, Project No. S1035; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; direct staff to release the retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices have been filed, as provided by law; increase HBRR revenues to Account No. 453-5212 by \$206,000.00, and appropriate this amount to Account No. S1035453-8001; appropriate \$84,000.00 from Council Contingency Account No. 2250-7401 to Account No. S1035001-8001; approve a project to plant and monitor 54 trees to satisfy the City's mitigation requirement by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG); and award a contract to Aquatic Consulting, Inc. for \$30,000.00 to oversee the planting of the trees for mitigation and to establish a 5-year monitoring plan; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

TAX SHARING RESOLUTION FOR SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO. 1017

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (formerly known as County Sanitation District Nos. 26 and 32) provides wastewater treatment services within the District's service area. To provide wastewater treatment service to property located outside of the District's service area, the boundary must be expanded through the annexation process. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-19**

approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1017.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD USED OIL RECYCLING BLOCK GRANT

In order to secure block grant funding for the City's Used Motor Oil Recycling Program, a resolution must be adopted. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-20** authorizing a funding request for the California Integrated Waste Management Board Used Oil Recycling Block Grant.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2007-2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

An Annual Action Plan needs to be completed and submitted to HUD each year as part of the funding application process as required by the 2004-2008 Consolidated Plan. Approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan and the funding recommendations contained therein, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all required documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MASTER CASE 06-107 AND ZONE CHANGE FOR THE TOURNEY PLACE PROJECT

Consideration of a Zone Change for a 3-story office building located on Tourney Road, 1/4 mile south of Magic Mountain Parkway in the City of Santa Clarita. Adopt **Ordinance No. 07-3** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 06-002 (MASTER CASE 06-107) TO AMEND THE CITY'S ZONING MAP AND CHANGE THE ZONING OF PARCEL 2861-001-105 FROM OPEN SPACE (OS) TO BUSINESS PARK (BP) AND THE ZONING OF PARCEL 2861-061-035 FROM BP AND VISITOR SERVING/RESORT (VSR) TO BP, VSR, AND OS ON THE PROJECT SITE LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF TOURNEY ROAD, ¼ MILE SOUTH OF MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA".

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO STIPULATED AGREEMENTS AS A PART OF CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

An effective way to both shorten the code enforcement compliance process while addressing any needs of the property owner/tenant is to enter into a stipulated agreement. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into these agreements will make the enforcement process shorter and more efficient. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-21** authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into Stipulated Agreements as part of Code Enforcement actions.

At the request of Councilmember Boydston, this item was pulled for discussion.

Motion by Ferry, second by Kellar, to approve Item 9.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Kellar, McLean

Noes: Boydston

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

BASKETBALL RENOVATION PROJECT - PROJECT NO. M2002 - APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AWARD BID

Remove and replace existing basketball courts at three park sites: Old Orchard, Valencia Glen, and Almendra Parks. Approve the plans and specifications for Basketball Court Renovation, Project Number M2002; award a construction contract to Pivot Group, Inc. in the amount of \$179,105.60; authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$17,910.56. Funds for this project have been budgeted in Fiscal Year 2006-07 in account number M2002-001-8001; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DM GEOGRAPHICS LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL GIS CONSULTING SERVICES

The City is currently undertaking several organizational priorities that require a significant amount of professional Geographic Information System consulting services. In consideration of these continuing organizational priorities City staff believes it is appropriate to amend an existing contract with DM Geographics, LLC. Approve a contract amendment for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to DM Geographics, LLC for professional Geographic Information System Services.

ITEM 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE GRANT PROGRAM

The Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program is administered through the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Statewide city projects will compete for approximately \$2,500,000.00 to fund portions of projects in \$250,000.00 maximum increments. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-22** authorizing the City's 2006/2007 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant application as part of the Annual Overlay and Slurry Seal Program; and direct staff to submit the completed grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

ITEM 13

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 14 AND 15

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 14 and 15.

Motion by Ferry, second by Weste, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 9.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 14

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION DISTRICT - RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, advised that on April 10, the City Council adopted a resolution to initiate the formation of the City of Santa Clarita Open Space Preservation District and order the Engineer's Report. Council is being requested to adopt a resolution of intention which approves the Engineer's Report, sets a public hearing for July 10, 2007, and directs a May mailing of ballots to all persons who own property within the City of Santa Clarita. Pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 and Proposition 218, property owners would have until the end of the July 10 public hearing (which is at least 45 days from the postmark of mailing the ballots) to return the ballots to the City Clerk.

Addressing the Council on this item was James Farley; Cam Noltemeyer; Connie Worden-Roberts representing herself and the Citizens Committee; Duane Harte; Paul Strickland representing the Citizens Committee; Henry Schultz; Ruthann Levison; Susan Ostrom; Christine Kudija representing the Citizens Committee; Bill Bailey; Diane Trautman; Valerie Thomas representing the Citizens Committee; Chris Fall; and Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE. Three written comments were submitted.

Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to adopt Resolution No. 07-23 approving the Engineer's Report clarifying the wording regarding Elsmere Canyon, and setting a public hearing for July 10, 2007. Appropriate \$92,500 from Council Contingency Account 2250-7401 to Account 2100-8110 for the establishment process of the District and the design, production, and mailing of notices, ballots, and educational materials to all City property owners.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, Weste, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor McLean called a recess at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

ITEM 15

NEW BUSINESS

CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR CANYON THEATRE GUILD - COWBOY FESTIVAL

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, advised that a part of the 2007 City of Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival, the City of Santa Clarita is partnering with the Canyon Theatre Guild to have the Guild produce the Cowboy Couture event on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Motion by Ferry, second by Weste, with Councilmember Boydston not participating in the vote, to approve contract and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Cowboy Festival Community Partner Agreement with the Canyon Theatre Guild, subject to City Attorney approval.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Kellar, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Not Participating: Boydston

Motion carried.

ITEM 16

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Mayor McLean opened the public hearing.

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, stated that all notices required have been provided.

Council consensus to waive staff report.

In report Gina Schuchard, Finance Manager, advised that per the Internal Revenue Code, CSDA requires the City's approval for the issuance of tax-exempt bonds on behalf of the nonprofit, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital. The City will not be under any obligation to repay the Bond Indebtedness nor does it constitute approval of the proposed Master Plan Development the City is currently reviewing.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer; and David Gauny representing Smart Growth SCV.

Representing the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, Roger Seaver explained the proposal and clarified the helipad issue.

Mayor McLean closed the public hearing.

Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to adopt Resolution No. 07-24 approving the issuance of bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority for Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, May 1, 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, May 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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