

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
4:00 P.M.
JULY 17, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Mayor McLean, who joined the meeting from the teleconference location at Orwood Resort Inc., 4451 Orwood Road, Brentwood, CA, 95414; and Councilmember Boydston.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar asked Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioner Ruthann Levison to lead the flag salute.

ITEM 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FORMATION OF OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION DISTRICT

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that this item is for the consideration of the proposed formation of the Open Space Preservation District in the City of Santa Clarita. He acknowledged the work of staff on this project and announced the results of the ballot tabulation as follows: the total number of "YES" ballots received was 9,386 with an assessment amount of \$409,974 representing 69% of the vote; the total number of "NO" ballots received was 5,568 with an assessment amount of \$182,672 representing 31% of the vote. Therefore, a majority protest does not exist and Council may proceed with the formation of the district and taking the action recommended in the agenda report.

Addressing the Council on this item was Ruthann Levison representing herself as a property owner, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioner, and member of the Open Space Committee; John Calvert; Larry King; Cam Noltemeyer; James Farley representing Santa Clarita Citizens Against Open Space Tax; and Sterling King.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to adopt Resolution No. 07-60 forming the City of Santa Clarita Open Space Preservation District; create fund 358 (Open Space Preservation District Fund); increase revenue account 358-4023.001 (Special Assessments) by \$1,556,100; and appropriate \$4,000 to expenditure account 12592-5161.001 for the FY 07-08 levy of assessments.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, McLean, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: Boydston

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Weste acknowledged the passing of Theresa Carmel Belanger and requested the meeting be adjourned in her memory.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. in memory of Theresa Carmel Belanger.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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