

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 with the exception of Councilmember Ferry who was absent due to a family emergency.

**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 PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Government Code Section 54956.8

**Location of Property:** Assessor's Parcel Number: 3209-007-013, 3209-010-025,  
White Rock RV Park – vacant land parcels

Property Owner: Welch

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**Location of Property:** Assessor's Parcel Number: 2848-012-085, 2848-011-010,  
SDI Placerita Canyon Property

Property Owner: Placerita Canyon Land Co.

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – one matter

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor McLean recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:12 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 6:12 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 Weste gave the invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McLean called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:16 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Ferry who was absent due to a family emergency.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor McLean requested representatives of Boy Scout Troop 2222 to present the colors and lead the flag salute.

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

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented a certificate of recognition to First Responder Timothy Brink for assisting and transporting Christopher Bolewski, after he was bitten by a Southern Pacific rattlesnake, to Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented a "Kids Day" Proclamation in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club to Jim Ventress of the SCV Boys and Girls Club and seven kids served by the Club.

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented a certificate of recognition and Amgen street banner to Dave and Christine House, owners of H3 Publications for their contributions to the 2007 Amgen Tour of California efforts.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

There were none.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was John Lukes requesting the removal of the “Walk Your Bike” signs from intersections along the City’s trail system (submitted material); Cam Noltemeyer regarding the request for an ethics code, lobbyist registration and the vote on the Open Space District; James Farley clarifying his comments on the Open Space District vote made at a previous meeting (submitted material); Arthur Sohikian representing Westfield Town Center requesting their appeal of the Planning Commission’s decision be agendized on one of the Council’s October agendas for consideration of the Town Center East expansion; Lorelle Miller

representing the Arts Advisory Committee encouraging the City to use the Committee to the best of their ability; and Gene Dorio M.D. providing a hospital operating room comparison (submitted material). One written comment was submitted expressing concern regarding sign spinners.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, suggested that the City Attorney respond with regard to liability and the “Walk Your Bike” signs; advised that the ethics code item would be on a Council agenda in April and that the lobbyist registration item would be on the September 25, 2007 agenda; outlined the assessment district balloting and valuation process; discussed scheduling the appeal received on the Town Center East expansion; advised that the hospital expansion proposal would be back on the September 25, 2007 agenda; and indicated that Code Enforcement is pursuing the illegal sign spinners.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, discussed existing law which prohibits riding of bikes on sidewalks and crosswalks and advised that the City’s signs are provided as an assistance to remind riders of the law.

Councilmembers discussed the scheduling the appeal of the Town Center East expansion. Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, provided additional information.

**Council directed staff to schedule the public hearing on the Town Center East Expansion appeal for the second meeting in October (October 23, 2007).**

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

Councilmember Boydston congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on their Hispanic Business Awards event and the Prayer Angels for the Military for honoring 9/11 victims and responders; and requested additional information regarding to the parking problem at the hospital as well as a floor plan of the hospital.

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar complimented Hart High on the dedication of their peace pole today recognizing diversity and requested staff to provide details on the River Rally to be held on Saturday. Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, provided information.

Councilmember Weste congratulated the Old Town Newhall Association on their successful fundraiser at Disney Ranch; noted the new gift shop that was recently opened by the Friends of Hart Park; reported that the TCU committee had another productive meeting and is on track with negotiations for a possible site.

Councilmember Ferry was absent.

Mayor McLean commented on her attendance at a SCAG orientation meeting, the Elsmere Canyon dedication, the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Sacramento where the City was awarded 2 Helen Putnam awards, an event honoring Hometown Heroes, and a training event for young people who offered observations about the City; indicated that additional interested parties would be invited to the Senior Housing ad hoc committee meeting; and

reminded everyone to attend the State of the City luncheon on September 19, to participate in the River Rally and Kids Day on September 15.

**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 Weste, to approve the agenda, pulling Items 10, 11 and 12 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 August 28, 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**

**2007 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM**  
Grant funds will be used for Sheriff's overtime to conduct curfew sweeps, graffiti enforcement, bike patrols, undercover and sting operations, gang prevention and enforcement, and other operations. Accept 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance; increase estimated revenues in Account Number 229-4461.008 by \$35,545; increase estimated expenditures in Account Number 16104-5161.001 (Contractual Services) by \$33,586, and in Account Number 16104-5111.001 (Special Supplies) by \$1,959; authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any contract documents, change orders, or amendments arising out of this program, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 3**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STREET NAME CHANGE OF SAN FERNANDO ROAD TO MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN NEWHALL**

On December 22, 2005, the City Council and Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency adopted the Downtown Newhall Specific Plan which calls for a number of catalytic projects to be

implemented. One project in particular requires changing the name of San Fernando Road to Main Street for the segment between 5th Street and Lyons Avenue. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-68** changing the street name of San Fernando Road to Main Street for the segment of the road between 5th Street and Lyons Avenue.

**ITEM 4**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD CONTRACT TO PURCHASE AUXILIARY MAST ARMS FOR OVERHEAD STREET NAME SIGN, PROJECT NO. B0003**

The purchase of the auxiliary sign arms will allow the mounting of the new City signs on 42 gateway intersections throughout the City, as well as 27 intersections identified for Phase II of this project. Award the contract for 222 street name sign arms to Lingo Industrial Electronics in the amount of \$99,719.00, plus a 10 percent contingency of \$9,972.00, for a total of \$109,691.00; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 5**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PARCEL MAP NO. 60953 (RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION – MARKET STREET) - APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION**

Parcel Map No. 60953 consisting of approximately 1.2 acres is located on the northwesterly side of Market Street, 1,200 feet southwest of Newhall Avenue, and is owned by The Phyllis Carver Testamentary Trust. Approve Parcel Map No. 60953; make certain findings; instruct the Director of Administrative Services to endorse the Special Assessment Statement on the face of the parcel map; instruct the City Clerk to endorse the Statement on the face of the parcel map; and instruct the City Engineer to endorse the Statement on the face of the parcel map.

**ITEM 6**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NO-PARKING ZONES ON SIERRA HIGHWAY BETWEEN FRIENDLY VALLEY PARKWAY AND RAINBOW GLEN DRIVE**

Staff has received several complaints concerning the increase of large semi trucks parked along Sierra Highway between Friendly Valley Parkway and Rainbow Glen Drive. This resolution establishes no-parking zones for this portion of Sierra Highway. Adopt **Resolution No. 07-69** establishing no-stopping zones along the east curb of Sierra Highway, extending 1,100 feet northerly from Rainbow Glen Drive to the existing no-stopping zone located 940 feet south of Friendly Valley Parkway, and along the west curb of Sierra Highway, extending 1,500 feet southerly from Friendly Valley Parkway to a point 550 feet north of Rainbow Glen Drive.

**ITEM 7**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**UNITED PACIFIC SERVICES INC. - CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR TREE TRIMMING SERVICES**

In January 2007, the City entered into a one-year contract with United Pacific Services Inc. for the maintenance and care of City trees. This amendment will extend the original contract term by 6 months to coincide with the City's fiscal year. Authorize the renewal of the current contract

for tree trimming services to United Pacific Services Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, plus annual consumer price index increases and a 15 percent contingency; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contracts and associated documents or modify the awards in the event that issues of impossibility of performance arise, and execute renewals in accordance with the terms of the contract, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 8**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE CODIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 87-5 REGARDING "TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX" BY ADDING CHAPTER 3.34 OF TITLE 3 TO THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE**

On December 15, 1987, when the City of Santa Clarita was incorporated, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 87-5 regarding Transient Occupancy Tax. Although the ordinance was adopted by City Council and has been implemented for hotels within the City's jurisdiction, it has not been codified. Introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE CODIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 87-5 REGARDING TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX BY ADDING CHAPTER 3.34 OF TITLE 3 TO THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE."

**ITEM 9**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**STREETLIGHT INSTALLATION PROJECTS (SECO CANYON ROAD AND SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD)**

Funding required to enter into agreements with Southern California Edison to install streetlights on Seco Canyon Road south of Copper Hill Drive and Soledad Canyon Road in front of Canyon Country Park. Appropriate \$157,423 from Fund 354 (Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1) fund balance to Account No. 12590-5161.001. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents, or modify the award in the event that issues of impossibility arise, subject to City Attorney's approval, for Southern California Edison to install eight streetlights on Seco Canyon Road and six streetlights on Soledad Canyon Road.

**ITEM 10**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC ART AT BUS STOPS - BUS STOP AMENITY ART PROJECT #TR-06-07-51**

Commissioned artists will fabricate creative works of art that also function as bus stop shading, seating, and trash receptacles for selected bus stop locations. Approve to award agreements for public art for bus stop amenities, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreements and any subsequent renewals, or modify the agreement in the event that issues of impossibility of performance arise, subject to City Attorney approval. Appropriate \$108,000 to account #12400.5201.003, and increase the grant revenue account # 700.4424.009 by \$86,400 (which is the 80% federal grant amount). The remaining local match (20%) will be appropriated from the 700 Transit Fund balance.

Addressing the Council on this item was Diane Trautman (submitted material).

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, Jeff O'Keefe, Transit Manager, provided information on the Arts Advisory Commission's involvement in the process.

**Motion by Boydston, second by Kellar, to move forward with Designs A, D, E and H and to direct staff to work with the Arts Advisory Committee on developing criteria for public art.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Ferry**

**Motion carried.**

## **ITEM 11**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION DISTRICT - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT PANEL VACANCIES**

On July 17, 2007, the Open Space Preservation District (OSPD) was officially formed by the City Council. Pursuant to Resolution 07-31, a Citizen's Financial Accountability and Audit Panel is to be formed.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer; James Farley; Sterling King; Sandra Cattell representing the Sierra Club; and Diane Trautman.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to approve a process and timeline to recruit and select City residents to fill the vacancies on the Open Space Preservation District Financial Accountability and Audit Panel.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Kellar, Boydston, Weste**

**Noes: McLean**

**Absent: Ferry**

**Motion carried.**

## **ITEM 12**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MOBILE HOME PARK CHANGE OF USE ORDINANCE:**

Second reading for adoption of Ordinance regarding amendments to the mobile home park change of use ordinance. Conduct second reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 07-6** entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 6.04.070(B)(5) OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RELOCATION COSTS FOR MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS - CHANGE IN USE."

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer and Diane Trautman.

Mayor McLean left the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Kellar took charge of the meeting.

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, Amelia Rietzel, Special Projects, and Carl Newton, City Attorney, offered information and clarification.

### **ITEM 13**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CHECK REGISTER NOS. 34 AND 35**

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 34 and 35.

**Motion by Boydston, second by Weste, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Items 10 and 11.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Boydston, Weste, Kellar**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Ferry, McLean**

**Motion carried.**

### **ITEM 14**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that during the May 22, 2007 City Council Meeting, Council Member Tim Ben Boydston requested that the City Manager agendize a discussion regarding the possible creation of a public safety subcommittee. Subsequent to Council Member Boydston's request, this item was agendized for discussion during the June 12, 2007 City Council Meeting.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Councilmember Boydston provided information on why he believes this subcommittee would be beneficial. Councilmembers discussed why the current process works well.

**Motion by Boydston to form a standing City Council subcommittee for the purpose of considering issues related to public safety and provide direction; motion died for lack of a second.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, September 25, 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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