

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McLean called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor McLean invited representatives of Girl Scout Troop 592 to lead the flag salute.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Allan Cameron regarding local government and Diane Trautman who presented flowers to Mayor McLean.

REMARKS BY OUTGOING MAYOR

Mayor McLean thanked her family and made remarks on her year as Mayor and the many events that took place.

OUTGOING MAYOR MAKES PRESENTATION TO COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor McLean presented gifts to each of her fellow Councilmembers.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR BY CITY MANAGER

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, presented outgoing Mayor McLean with a gavel plaque and a framed picture collage showing various events that took place during 2007.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR ON BEHALF OF NON-CITY OFFICIALS

The following persons made presentations to Mayor McLean: Chris Perry representing Congressman "Buck" McKeon; Jackie Bick representing Senator Runner who also presented a certificate from Senator McClintock; Ed Masterson representing Assemblymember Smyth who also presented a certificate from Assemblymember Strickland; Rosalind Wayman representing Supervisor Antonovich; Andy Fried representing Safe Action for the Environment, Inc. (SAFE); Nancy Albrecht representing the Zonta Club of SCV; Captain Mike Dunkle representing the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Michele Jenkins and Eric Harnish representing College of the Canyons; and Lorrie Morgan representing the Drama Queens Chapter of the Red Hat Ladies.

OUTGOING MAYOR TURNS GAVEL OVER TO CITY CLERK

Mayor McLean gave the gavel to Sharon Dawson, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2008

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, opened the nominations for the office of Mayor.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to nominate Bob Kellar as Mayor.

Hearing no further nominations, the nomination period was closed.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, McLean, Boydston, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

CITY CLERK SWEARS IN NEW MAYOR

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Mayor Bob Kellar.

CITY CLERK TURNS GAVEL OVER TO NEW MAYOR

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, presented the gavel to Mayor Kellar.

NEW MAYOR OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Kellar opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by McLean, second by Weste, to nominate Frank Ferry as Mayor Pro Tem.

Hearing no further nominations, the nomination period was closed.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, McLean, Boydston, Ferry, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

NEW MAYOR GIVES ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Mayor Kellar commented on his goals and the many projects to be addressed in 2008.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmembers made comments on Councilmember McLean's sacrifices while serving as Mayor and to Mayor Kellar supporting his goals and projects for 2008.

ADJOURN

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

RECEPTION

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 Ferry gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Ferry led the flag salute.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Robbie McCarthy and other representatives of the William S. Hart High School Marching Band discussing their achievements; and Cam Noltemeyer representing SCOPE suggesting that the City request a delay in the County public hearing date for the Newhall Ranch project to after the first of the year.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Boydston commented on the tree lighting at Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital and the art project at the Newhall Community Center; indicated he was sorry to see Senior Planner Kai Luoma leave the City; distributed copies of an article regarding Big League Dreams from El Paso, Texas; commented on the visual blight of “bandit” signs; requested an item be placed on a future agenda to amend the Planning procedure regarding reduction of parking requirements, a percentage for arts program for building projects, and an architectural review committee; and wished all happy holidays.

Councilmember Weste commented on the City’s 20th anniversary celebration and the opening of Todd Longshore Park on Saturday; acknowledged a thank you letter from Senator Feinstein’s office for the efforts of Mike Murphy, the City’s Intergovernmental Relations Officer; and requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Josh Pipho.

Councilmember McLean provided information on the League of CA Cities platform for 2008; commented on her participation at the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital tree lighting ceremony and the Valencia Mall menorah lighting ceremony; commented on the pep rally for the Saugus cross country team, the opening of Todd Longshore Park; and requested staff look into a program where consumers bring own bags to shopping markets and assistance with trash pickup for an elderly resident.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferry thanked staff for their efforts toward the Children's Parade and the Sheriff's Department for the Every 15 Minutes program; commented on the performances at College of the Canyons' Performing Arts Center; congratulated the Canyon Country Pop Warner team and Bethlehem Lutheran Church's "Follow the Star" program; invited participation with the Toy Train coming to the Via Princessa station; commented on a recent West Ranch Town Council meeting; and thanked those involved with the Keystone project for their assistance with Newhall Ranch Road, Golden Valley Road and Cross Valley Connector.

Mayor Kellar made no comments at this time.

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 Weste, second by Boydston, to approve the agenda, removing Item 6 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by McLean, second by Boydston, to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 special and regular City Council meetings as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

CONVENE SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kellar called the meeting of the Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency to order at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 1

JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

FY 07-08 MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Each year at this time, City staff takes the opportunity to review the City's adopted budget to determine if any financial adjustments are necessary. As with every year, expenditure, revenue, and capital project budgets are reviewed for items that will assist City Departments in managing their operations to the end of the fiscal year.

City Council: to authorize adjustments to fiscal year 2007-08 budgeted expenditures, revenues, and capital projects in the amount specified; adopt **Resolution No. 07-87** providing for Compensation of the Employees of the City and Amending the Position Classification Plan; adopt **Resolution No. 07-88** approving a loan, previously authorized by the Council, from the General Fund to the Eastside Bridge & Thoroughfare District, in the amount of \$1,000,000; adopt **Resolution No. 07-89** approving a loan, previously authorized by the Council, from the Self-Insurance Fund to the Eastside Bridge & Thoroughfare District, in the amount of \$3,000,000; adopt **Resolution No. 07-90** amending the Conflict of Interest Code; adopt the City Council Election, Summer, and Holiday Recess Policy; and adopt **Resolution No. 07-91** amending the stipend rates for precinct board members at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

Redevelopment Agency: to authorize adjustments to fiscal year 2007-08 budgeted expenditures and revenues in the amounts specified.

SCRDA 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACQUISITION OF 24533 SAN FERNANDO ROAD, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91321 – APN #2831-006-002, 2831-006-030 and 2831-006-031

Acquisition of property addressed as 24533 San Fernando Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91321. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to sign all required documentation to complete the acquisition of 24533 San Fernando Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91321 (Assessor Parcels #2831-006-002, 2861-006-030, and 2831-006-031), subject to review by the City Attorney; appropriate \$1,730,000 to account 13400-5201.004, funds are available in the Redevelopment Agency fund balance; and adopt **Resolution No. RDA 07-6** as a reimbursement resolution.

Motion by McLean, second by Weste, to approve the Consent Calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Ferry, McLean, Boydston, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURN SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair Kellar adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

CONTINUE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Kellar continued the City Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ITEM 3

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 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

LOBBYIST REGISTRATION

At the regular meeting of November 27, 2007, the City Council introduced and passed to second reading an ordinance for consideration and adoption that would enact lobbyist registration requirements within the City of Santa Clarita. Conduct second reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 07-11** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 7.03 OF TITLE 7 OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING INFLUENCING MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION."

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) LOCAL 721

Review Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Santa Clarita and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721. Approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding that has been negotiated between the City of Santa Clarita (City) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721 and adopt **Resolution No. 07-92** providing for the compensation of represented employees. Authorize the City Manager to finalize, sign and accept the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

PRESERVATION OF 140 +/- ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY, PLACERITA CANYON AREA, ASSESSORS PARCEL NOS. 2848-012-085 AND 2848-011-010

Consideration of purchase of 140 acres of vacant land for open space preservation in Placerita Canyon within the Angeles National Forest. Authorize the City Manager to execute all documentation to authorize the purchase of 140 +/- acres of real property located in Placerita Canyon, Assessor's Parcel Nos. 2848-012-085 and 2848-011-010; approve the expenditure of \$150,000 from Account No. R0002303, which includes \$75,000 for immediate deposit into escrow and the remaining \$75,000 for anticipated costs to be incurred during escrow, including due diligence investigations and consultant and attorney fees.

Addressing the Council on this item was John Calvert (submitted material); Cam Noltemeyer; and Henry Schultz.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 47 & 48

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 47 and 48.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to approve the Consent Calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Boydston, Weste, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting in memory of Josh Pipho at 7:26 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Due to the upcoming holiday season, the second meeting in December 2007, will not be held.

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