

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
JANUARY 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Weste.

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 Nos.: 2833-024-038 and 2833-024-039
59.60 acres vacant land, Placerita & Quigley Canyons

Property Owner: Ida Pryor

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Kellar recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:39 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:02 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 Kellar adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Kellar gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Weste who was involved in an automobile accident in front of City Hall on her way to this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Kellar invited Ted Rafalovich to lead the flag salute.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Kellar and Councilmembers presented a plaque of recognition to Ann Kerman, Executive Director, SCV School and Business Alliance, for her years of leadership.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Representing CalTrans, Doug Failing, District 7 Director, presented Excellence in Transportation Awards to various members of City staff and to the City overall.

Kristelle Padilla and two other students from Alemany High School presented a check in the amount of \$375 that will go to the Santa Clarita Disaster Coalition for victims of the recent fires in the area. Councilmember Ferry indicated he would match the amount honoring the commitment of the students.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Christopher Coronel, the new Region Manager for Southern California Edison; Archie Davenport on behalf of new AQMD Board Member Louie Lujan, also the Mayor of La Puente; Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee regarding forums being held with the candidates for the April 8, 2008 City election; Edith Carranza expressing concern regarding criminal gang activity in the City; Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE suggesting the City request a water supply update; and Cam Noltemeyer representing SCOPE commenting that the hearing on the first phase of Newhall Ranch will be considered by the County.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, noted that Item 13 on this agenda addresses public safety issues within the City and suggested that Tina Haddad, Assistant to the City Manager, contact Ms. Carranza to share information on what the City is doing with regard to graffiti; and advised that the City is working with the water community with regard to cutbacks to the water supply.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Boydston expressed hope that Councilmember Weste would get well soon; commented on the sign sweeps done in the City; thanked Ms. Carranza for her concern with graffiti and commented on the Canyon Theatre Guild's program; provided a copy of an article on a Big League Dreams proposal in West Covina; questioned when the City Manager's review would take place; and expressed concern with cars parked on the ring road around the hospital.

Fire Chief Matt Gil provided information, assured that fire equipment is able to operate around the hospital and that the hospital access is appropriate.

Councilmember Weste was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferry commented on the City's and Sheriff's Department efforts to keep teen crime and gang involvement at a minimum and urged parents not to get complacent; encouraged support for the Michael Hoefflin fund-raiser on January 19; and recognized the 5-year anniversary celebration of the Sheila Veloz Breast Imaging Center on January 31.

Councilmember McLean wished everyone a happy new year; advised of her nomination and election to the LA County Library Commission and her appointment to the League of CA Cities Transportation, Communication, and Public Works Policy Committee; as the North County representative on the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee, reported that February 18 is the closing date for comments on the Regional Transportation Plan; suggested that no resident go out alone to remove graffiti but that it be reported to the City for handling; expressed concern with some utility boxes being used as signs and being covered in graffiti; commented on her conversation with Mayor Lujan regarding the Cemex issue and thanked Mr. Davenport for coming to the meeting on the Mayor's behalf; and expressed concern that the temporary dog park at Central Park will be difficult to close.

Mayor Kellar noted that January is volunteer blood donor month and encouraged support of the American Red Cross.

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 Boydston, second by McLean, to approve the agenda, pulling items 5 and 8 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by McLean, second by Ferry, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 special and regular City Council meetings as amended.

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT

The City contracts with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to provide health insurance for both active and retired employees. Under Government Code Section 22892(b), the contracting agency, the City, can set the employer contribution toward health coverage for employees and annuitants. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-1** setting the employer's contribution under the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act for employees and annuitants at an amount not less than the amount required under Section 22892(b) of the Act, which is \$97.00 per month for 2008.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

2007-2008 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER, AND ACCESS RAMPS, PROJECT NOS. M0057, M0058, AND T0025 - AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

These capital improvement projects consist of the removal and replacement of damaged sidewalks, driveway approaches, and curb and gutter, and the construction of handicapped access ramps at various locations within the City. Approve the contract documents and specifications for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Concrete Rehabilitation Program, Project Nos. M0057, M0058, and T0025; appropriate \$50,000 from the Local Transit fund balance to Expenditure Account No. M0057700-5161.001; award the construction contract to FS Construction for an amount not to exceed \$417,000; award the Professional Services Contract to Labor Compliance Services for an amount not to exceed \$8,000; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

TAX-SHARING RESOLUTION FOR SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NOS. 1018, 1019, AND 1020

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District 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 the Sanitation District **Resolution No. 08-2** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1018; adopt the Sanitation District **Resolution No. 08-3** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1019 and adopt the Sanitation District **Resolution No. 08-4** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1020.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO FORM A DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA (DBAA) FOR RIVER VILLAGE TRACTS 53425-2 AND 53425-3

On May 24, 2005, the City Council approved the final set of development conditions for River Village Tracts 53425-2 and 53425-3. These are single-family residential developments that have

been conditioned to create a DBAA to guarantee ongoing operation and maintenance of the water quality basins. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-5** to initiate proceedings to form Drainage Benefit Assessment Area Number 2008-1 (DBAA 2008-1) to benefit parcels in tracts 53425 and 53425-3; appropriate \$5,000 from DBAA Fund Balance (351) to expenditure account 12582-5161.002 for district formation administrative costs.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, suggested that Dennis Luppens, Special Districts Administrator, talk with Ms. Noltemeyer to respond to her inquiries.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES INTO STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1

Annexation of new development and parcels receiving benefit into the Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-6** to initiate annexation proceedings for 303 parcels into Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1; approve the Engineer's Report, and call for and set the Public Hearing for March 11, 2008.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

PASEO BRIDGE MAINTENANCE - CARRIZO BRIDGE (LMD ZONE T-7)

The City's Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMD) are responsible for the maintenance of 30 paseo bridges. The Carrizo bridge is in need of significant repair. Authorize City Manager or designee to execute contracts and associated documents, or modify the award in the event of an issue of impossibility of performance arises, execute renewals in accordance with the terms of the existing County of Los Angeles Service Agreement subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS INITIATING PROCEEDINGS, APPROVING AN ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND TAKING OTHER RELATED ACTIONS

The City administers 33 Landscape Maintenance District zones within the City of Santa Clarita. The Landscape Maintenance District zones within the City of Santa Clarita have been created under, and are governed by, the laws of the State of California. These laws prescribe specific steps to be followed to create or modify special districts. Council's adoption of the Resolution of Intent will initiate the process to create and/or modify several LMD zones. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-7** initiating proceedings and make certain designations in connection with proposed annexations into, detachments from, creation of new zones, and dissolution of existing zones, and assessment rate adjustments in Landscape Maintenance District Nos. 1, A2, and T1, and adopt **Resolution No. 08-8** approving an engineer's report and declaring its intention to order annexations into, detachments from, creation of new zones, and dissolution of existing zones, and assessment rate adjustments in Landscape Maintenance District Nos. 1, A2, and T1 and to levy an assessment thereon, and taking certain other actions in connection therewith.

Addressing the Council on this item was Alan Ferdman.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

SALES TAX AND PROPERTY TAX AUDITING SERVICES

Pursuant to Section 7056 of the State of California Revenue and Taxation Code, the City Council must request by resolution for the State Board of Equalization to permit any duly authorized officer or employee of the City, or other person designated by that resolution, to examine all of the sales or transactions and use tax records of the Board pertaining to the ascertainment of those sales or transactions and use taxes to be collected by the City. Award a four-year contract to Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) Companies for sales tax and property tax analysis for a total amount of \$31,200 and \$78,000 respectively, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents, or modify the award in the event that issues of impossibility of performance arise, subject to City Attorney approval; approve and adopt **Resolution No. 08-9** authorizing Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) Companies and designated City officers and employees access to Sales and Use Tax records pursuant to Section 7056 of the State of California Revenue and Taxation Code and repeal Resolution 04-44.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 49 & 50

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 49 and 50.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Boydston, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: Weste

Motion carried.

ITEM 11

PUBLIC HEARING

HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN (MASTER CASE 04-325)

Mayor Kellar opened the public hearing and acknowledged that the original public hearing was opened on September 25, 2007.

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

Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, advised that this item is for the Master Plan to allow the 15-year build out of the hospital campus including an inpatient building and three medical office buildings with up to four parking structures and explained the need for additional time.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer.

In response to inquiries from Councilmember Boydston, Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, provided information and clarification.

Motion by McLean, second by Ferry, to continue the item to a date uncertain and direct staff to re-notice the public hearing at such time.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Boydston, Ferry, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: Weste

Motion carried.

ITEM 12

PUBLIC HEARING

DEVELOPER FEE INCREASE FOR FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST ADOPTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM

Mayor Kellar opened the public hearing.

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

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that the Fire District development fees pay for the construction of fire stations and related fire protection improvements. This resolution would increase fees for fire protection facilities in accordance with the latest adopted Los Angeles County Developer Fee program.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that he would be meeting with Chief Freeman soon and would provide a written update to the City Council with regard to new fire facilities and funding available.

Mayor Kellar closed the public hearing.

Motion by Ferry, second by Boydston, to adopt Resolution No. 08-10 to increase Fire District fees from \$.7946 per square foot to \$.9341 per square foot, in accordance with the Developer Fee Agreement between the City of Santa Clarita and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boydston, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: Weste

Motion carried.

ITEM 13

NEW BUSINESS

2008 PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHS

Mayor Bob Kellar advised that in line with the City Council's ongoing commitment to public safety, he proposes the "2008 Public Safety Months" Program. The year long observance will

designate each month with a special message to the community which will include Sheriff, Fire, and other community safety issues.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Councilmember McLean provided information on the “We Tip” program and suggested it be included.

Motion by Ferry, second by Boydston, to approve the implementation of the "2008 Public Safety Months" Program adding the “We Tip” information; approve the transfer of \$40,000 from City Council Contingency Account 19300-5401.001, to Communications Account 11500-5161.001, for expenditures to implement this program.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Boydston, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: Weste

Motion carried.

ITEM 14

NEW BUSINESS

SENATOR FEINSTEIN: SOLEDAD CANYON MINE PROPOSAL

Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, advised that Senator Feinstein recently met with representatives of the City and CEMEX where they reviewed the history of the project proposal, the concerns leading to the dispute, earlier efforts at resolution of the issue, and why the parties believe that a legislative approach is the most effective way to move forward. During the course of the discussion, the Senator requested that the City of Santa Clarita consider two potential approaches toward ending the dispute and provided information on these proposals.

Addressing the Council on this item was Andrew Fried, President of Safe Action for the Environment Inc. and Co-chair of the Cemex Executive Advisory Committee; Connie Worden-Roberts representing herself and the Transportation Committee; Pauline Harte; and Sandra Cattell representing the Sierra Club.

Motion by McLean, second by Ferry, upon recommendation of the City Council CEMEX Ad Hoc Committee, discuss Senator Feinstein's requests relating to CEMEX's Soledad Canyon Mine Proposal and oppose any increase in mining levels beyond historical levels of mining or issuance of a general obligation bond to purchase CEMEX's mining contracts with the Bureau of Land Management. City Council authorizes the Mayor to communicate a position statement to Senator Feinstein.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Boydston, Ferry, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: Weste

Motion carried.

ITEM 15

NEW BUSINESS

JOINT CITY COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that the City and the County of Los Angeles have a unique opportunity to create a new and expanded civic center in the center of town that can accommodate many of the services the County currently provides that need a larger space, as well as bring in other County services and facilities as appropriate and displayed slides.

Addressing the Council on this item was Diane Trautman; Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee; and Cam Noltemeyer.

Motion by Boydston, second by McLean, to allow the City Manager to continue discussions with Los Angeles County Supervisor Antonovich's Office and other stakeholders to develop consensus.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boydston, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: Weste

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. with thoughts and prayers for Councilmember Weste.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK