

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
MARCH 25, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:31 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 – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – one matter

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Kellar recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:01 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 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Kellar gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Kellar led the flag salute.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Kellar requested that the Council consider taking action with regard to making the City Attorney’s memo on the filing of Statements of Economic Interest, Form 700, public.

Motion by Boydston, second by McLean, to place an item on the next Council agenda to consider releasing the memo from the City Attorney regarding the filing of Statements of Economic Interest, Form 700, to the public.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boydston, Weste, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Weste and Councilmembers presented the Key to the City to Connie Worden-Roberts as a Lifetime Achievement Award serving the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Clarita Valley.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Mayor Kellar presented the annual Arbor Day Proclamation and accepted the 18th consecutive Tree City USA Award from Abigail Schraeder representing Cal Fire.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferry introduced representatives of the Hart High School Sound Vibrations who presented a show song then accepted certificates recognizing their winning First Place in the Sullivan, Illinois Show Choir competition earlier this month.

PUBLIC SAFETY TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Representing the Fire Department, Captain Curt Schaefer discussed emergency preparedness including earthquake safety.

STAFF COMMENTS

In anticipation of the Materials Recovery Facility topic under Public Participation, Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that Burrtec has requested that work on this proposal be suspended and noted that the City is anticipating their request for withdrawal of the proposal.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, advised with regard to limits on public participation, that the Council can determine to reduce the time allowed to speak if it furthers the conduct of City business.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Motion by Boydston to agendaize for the next meeting an item to consider whether the Canyon Country property is an appropriate location for a MRF; motion died for lack of a second.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time regarding the proposed Burrtec Materials Recovery Facility was Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee; Louis Adler; Pat Salter; Al Porcellino; Samuel Chandler; Lois Jeanne Danis representing the Friendly Valley Homeowners Assoc. #5; Robert Armacher; Bobbi Yost; Marcia McAdams; Ellie Lacy; Ruth Gauthier; Lloyd Woodson; Dennis Moore; Arthur Haller; Cindy Gise; Elaine Martin; Tom Valdez; Kathy Thompson; Traci Reilly; Joan Oxman; George Figueroa; and Roger Horning. Five written comments were submitted on this topic.

STAFF COMMENTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, provided information on various issues related to the Burrtec proposal.

Carl Newton, City Attorney outlined the nature of a moratorium for a MRF and indicated that the City would be challenged in court if that option were pursued.

Mayor Kellar requested that staff contact Burrtec management and request verification in writing that they will be completely abandoning their project at the proposed site.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Kellar called a recess at 8:46 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Bruce McFarland regarding law breakers; David Gauny regarding campaign expenditures and ethics; Pauline Harte regarding a campaign flyer from Congressman McKeon; Cam Noltemeyer regarding City elections and assessment districts; Sterling King regarding Las Lomas and preserving the quality of life; Phil Rawlins regarding SCV history and the need to clean up brush and dead wood in Quigley Canyon.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, indicated that staff would contact Mr. Rawlins about the clearing of the property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Boydston commented on the MRF proposal and requested a report on the increasing size of billboards.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that staff is working on obtaining information and copies of permits and will pursue enforcement or acquisition of billboards.

Councilmember Weste commented on billboards in the City.

Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, provided additional information with regard to billboards.

Councilmember McLean reported on the Golden Valley Ranch dedication, the education fund with the Newhall School District to benefit teachers with terminal illnesses, recent meetings of the SCAG Transportation Committee, the meeting to discuss needs in the new Newhall Library, and her trip to Sacramento regarding SB 1180 and the Orange Line MagLev investors conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferry invited attendance at the upcoming Night of Remembrance for students in the Youth Grove at Central Park; commented on the Hart School Board meeting where their drug testing policy was discussed; thanked John O'Connell at the YMCA for the golf classic fund raiser; urged assistance for the Hart High School Robotics competition; acknowledged the efforts of Mike Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, with the Las Lomas issue and would like to acknowledge the 10 votes on the Los Angeles City Council who voted in support of the City's position against the project.

Mayor Kellar urged attendance of the upcoming performance of the Santa Clarita Master Chorale at the Performing Arts Center.

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 McLean, to approve the agenda, removing Items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boydston, second by McLean, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 and the March 11, 2008 special and regular City Council meetings as amended.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

CONVENE SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Kellar called the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to order at 8:36 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ferry, second by Weste, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2008 regular meeting as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 1

CONSENT CALENDAR

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Clarita is eligible for funding through the State Infill Infrastructure Grant Program. The Agency is submitting an application to fund capital improvements that will facilitate affordable housing development. Adopt **Resolution No. RDA 08-2** authorizing the submittal of an application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Ferry, McLean, Boydston, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 2

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

ACQUISITION OF 24515 SPRUCE STREET, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91321 - APN 2831-006-013

Mayor/Chair Kellar opened the public hearing.

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

Council concurred to waive the staff report on this item.

In report, Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, advised that this item is for the acquisition of property addressed as 24515 Spruce Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor/Chair Kellar closed the public hearing.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry to take the following actions:

City Council: to adopt Resolution No. 08-27 consenting to payment being made by its Agency for the purchase of land for public improvement and making the findings required by Section 33455 of the California Redevelopment Law to permit the use of Agency funds to purchase 24515 Spruce Street for the construction of a public library.

Redevelopment Agency: to authorize the appropriation of \$740,000 from available funds in the Redevelopment Agency fund balance to Account 13400-5201.004; authorize Executive Director or designee to approve payments up to a maximum amount of \$740,000 for the acquisition and for all required costs related thereto and execute all required documentation to complete the acquisition of 24515 Spruce Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321 (Assessor Parcel 2831-006-013), subject to review by the Agency Attorney; and adopt Resolution No. RDA 08-3 of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Clarita, California, requesting consent from the City Council to use Agency funds for the purchase of land for public improvements and making the findings required by Section 33455 of the California Redevelopment Law and to permit the use of those funds to acquire 24515 Spruce Street for the construction of a public library.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Boydston, Weste, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURN SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair Kellar adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Kellar resumed the regular City Council meeting at 8:39 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

PROJECT ACCEPTANCE - TODD LONGSHORE PARK - PROJECT P3002

All construction work was completed on December 14, 2007. The contractor has completed all punch list items. The grand opening of the park occurred on December 15, 2007. Accept the work performed by Pima Corporation, Inc. on the Todd Longshore Park, Project P3002; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the 5% retention 35

days after Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER - FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 GRANT AMENDMENT

A subcontract with the Antelope Valley Workforce Development Consortium to receive the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grant for Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs from the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services. Accept Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant Amendment in the amount of \$25,168; increase estimated revenue in Account 259-4441.002 by \$25,168, and increase estimated expenditures in Account 15303 by \$23,521, based on the Antelope Valley Workforce Development Consortium's revised allocation from the County of Los Angeles for Fiscal Year 2007-08; appropriate the allocation in expenditure Account 15303; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any contract agreements, extensions, or change orders arising out of this program, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

CLICK-IT OR TICKET MINI-GRANT 2008

Grant money awarded to the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station to administer the Click-It or Ticket Program for seat belt enforcement. Accept UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Center/Office of Traffic Safety's Click-It or Ticket Grant in the amount of \$22,000 - Increase estimated revenues in Account Number 259-4461.007 by \$22,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-08; increase estimated expenditures in OTS Mini Grant Account Number 16105-5161.001 by \$22,000; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any contract documents, change orders, or amendments arising out of this program, subject to City Attorney's approval.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

INFORMATIONAL ITEM REGARDING POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS TO THE PARKING SECTION OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) IN THE 2008 UDC AMENDMENTS

Review of Community Development Director's ability to approve administrative parking variances. Receive an informational item regarding modifications to the Unified Development Code.

In response to inquiries from Councilmember Boydston, Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, and Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, provided additional information.

Motion by Boydston, second by McLean, to direct staff to initiate an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to remove the option for the Community Director to use discretion to reduce certain parking requirements by 20%.

On roll call vote:
Ayes: McLean, Boydston
Noes: Ferry, Weste, Kellar
Absent: None
Motion did not carry.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

INFORMATIONAL ITEM TO ADDRESS "CALL CENTERS" IN THE 2008 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS

At the February 12, 2008, City Council meeting, Councilmember Boydston asked staff to consider the creation of a definition and parking standards for "call centers" in the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). Receive an informational item regarding modifications to the Unified Development Code.

Councilmember Boydston commented on this item.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FINE SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE §23.20.060 AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PENALTIES FOR INTERFERENCE WITH CITY PROPERTY OR NOTICES

Consideration of an ordinance that will provide a deterrent to individuals who wish to use the public right of way as a location for advertising their goods or services. Approve **Resolution No. 08-28** amending the fine schedule pursuant to Chapter 23.20 of the Santa Clarita Municipal Code and, introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 11.12.070 OF TITLE 11, CHAPTER 11.12 OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PENALTIES FOR INTERFERENCE WITH CITY PROPERTY OR NOTICES."

Addressing the Council on this item was Bruce McFarland.

In response to inquiries from Council, Carl Newton, City Attorney, and Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, provided clarification.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET OF NO-STOPPING ANYTIME ZONE ALONG THE EASTSIDE OF SIERRA HIGHWAY, NORTH OF NEWHALL AVENUE (SAN FERNANDO ROAD)

To accommodate the peak-hour traffic volumes and help alleviate traffic congestion at the intersection of Sierra Highway and Newhall Avenue, staff is proposing to install a second northbound left-turn lane. To make room for the additional left-turn lane, existing northbound through lanes will shift easterly. Shifting the lanes easterly will require the establishment of a no-

stopping zone along the eastside of Sierra Highway, extending approximately 500 feet north of Newhall Avenue. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-29** establishing approximately 500 feet of no-stopping anytime zone along the eastside of Sierra Highway, north of Newhall Avenue (San Fernando Road).

Addressing the Council on this item was Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

PARCEL MAP 60821 (RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, SAND CANYON) - APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

Approval of Parcel Map 60821 (Residential subdivision, Sand Canyon) consisting of approximately 9.9 acres, at the southeasterly corner of Triumph Avenue and Canyon Oak Road, owned by Leo and Sharon Kenneally. Approve Parcel Map 60821; accept on behalf of the public, the offers of dedication for public use; make certain findings; instruct the Director of Administrative Services to endorse the Special Assessment Certificate on the face of the Parcel Map; instruct the City Clerk to endorse the Certificate on the face of the Parcel Map; and instruct the City Engineer to endorse the Agreement for Subdivision Improvements and to endorse the Statement on the face of the Parcel Map.

ITEM 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT PROCEEDINGS – ASSESSMENT BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS

Approval of the Final Assessment Engineer's Report and resolutions for the detachments from, creation of new zones, and assessment rate adjustments for Landscape Maintenance Districts Numbers 1, A2, T-1 (Various Zones) and ordering assessments. Pass, approve, and adopt **Resolution No. 08-30** declaring the results of the assessment ballot tabulation, approving a Final Engineer's Report, and ordering annexations into detachments from, creation of new zones, and dissolution of existing zones, and assessment rate adjustments in Landscape Maintenance District Numbers 1, A2, and T-1 and providing for the levy and collection of the annual assessments therein, and taking certain other actions in connection therewith.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer.

ITEM 13

CONSENT CALENDAR

EMINENT DOMAIN: PROPOSITION 98 AND 99

At the March 11, 2008, City Council meeting, Councilmember McLean asked that the City take an official position on Propositions 98 and 99. On January 23, 2008, the Homeowners Protection Act (Proposition 99) qualified for the California statewide June 2008 ballot. In addition to Proposition 99, the California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act (Proposition 98) will be voted on at the June election. The purpose of both ballot measures is to amend current

eminent domain laws to restrict government's use of eminent domain authority. Oppose Proposition 98 and support Proposition 99, and transmit statement of position to the League of California Cities.

ITEM 14

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 10 & 11

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 10 & 11.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Boydston, Weste, Ferry, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Kellar called a recess at 9:14 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

ITEM 15

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE AND ADVERTISE PROJECT P3012 SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE IV GRADING AND DRAINAGE, AND PROJECT P3010 PHASE IV SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND SKATE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR SKATE PARK OPERATION

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, advised that per City Council's approval, staff will advertise for bids for grading and drainage work, site improvements, and skate park construction as part of Phase IV of the Santa Clarita Sports Complex. Per City Council's direction at the February 26, 2008, City Council meeting, staff reported on the impact of the skate park project and the community meeting held last week.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer; Mike Riederer; and Dan Bernardino.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to approve the plans and specifications and authorize that Project P3012 Phase IV Grading and Drainage Improvements, and Project P3010 Phase IV Site Improvements and Skate Park, be advertised for bids; direct staff to meet with representatives from the skate park community to develop a temporary skate park using above-ground equipment for an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and approve a transfer of \$150,000 from Council Contingency Account: 19300-5401.001 to Account P3015601-5161.001.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boydston, Weste, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 16

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINE UPDATE

Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, outlined the proposed update of the Architectural Design Guidelines and the proposed timeline.

Addressing the Council on this item was Charles Gill representing the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Council concurred to hold a study session on this topic prior to it being scheduled before the Planning Commission.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to direct staff to continue preparation of the Community Character and Design Guidelines and not pursue the formation of an Architectural Design Review Board.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

Noes: Boydston

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 17

NEW BUSINESS

STATE LEGISLATION: SENATE BILL 1180

Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, advised that Senator George Runner has introduced SB 1180, which removes the prohibition for inclusion of Elsmere Canyon within the Rim of the Valley Corridor as required under his 1999 legislation, as the reasons for the prohibition no longer exist. SB 1180 allows property located in Elsmere Canyon to be included within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor upon the written request of the property owner to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Motion by Weste, second by McLean, to approve staff recommended position of support for Senate Bill 1180 (Runner) and transmit statements of support to Senator Runner, members of Santa Clarita's state legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, Governor Schwarzenegger, the League of California Cities and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Boydston, Weste, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 18

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION BY VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION INC. ON ITS NATIONAL AND LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAMS

In report, Darren Hernández, Deputy City Manager and Director of Administrative Services, advised that this item is for a presentation from Veolia Transportation Inc., the City's transit contractor, on their safety practices.

Drew Jones, Vice President of Health, Safety and Security for Veolia Transportation North America, provided information to the Council. In response to inquiries from Council, Jeff O'Keefe, Transit Manager, provided additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Study Session scheduled for April 1, 2008, will not be held.

Due to the Santa Clarita Municipal Election on April 8, 2008, the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008, will not be held.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for April 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