

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 14, 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 PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Government Code Section 54956.8

Location of Property: 24509 Spruce Street, Newhall, CA 91321
Assessor's Parcel No.: 2831-006-032

Property Owner: Fitterer

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Kellar recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:00 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 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Kellar asked a young man named Shane to lead the flag salute.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Weste and Councilmembers presented certificates of recognition to the original founders of the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station Haunted Jailhouse.

Mayor Kellar and Councilmembers presented a plaque to Board President Gloria Mercado-Fortine and representatives of the William S. Hart School District for outstanding test scores.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC SAFETY TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Representing the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Stephanie English, Community Services Liaison, discussed the importance of Fire Safety and Smoke Alarm Awareness Month; Deputy Chief John Tripp provided an update on the Marek Fire and urged fire preparedness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ender noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, urged scheduling mammograms and noted a Soroptimist event on Sunday to benefit the Sheila Veloz Center.

Councilmember Weste discussed the problem of proper disposal of medications and urged checking out the website at www.NoDrugsDownTheDrain.org for more information; noted the upcoming SCV Historical Society's Haunted Junction at Hart Park; and discussed Measure "S" on the November ballot which will save money and complies with a State Order to cut salt levels in the Santa Clara River.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferry thanked the Council and Brad Berens for their support in honoring JoAnn Darcy at the Senior Wine Auction; noted the softball clinic to be held Saturday at Canyon Country Park with USA Softball Team Olympian Crystal Bustos; and provided information about 2 Texas Hold'em fund raising events on November 1 and 8.

Councilmember McLean commented on the workshops held during the annual League of California Cities conference in September; thanked staff for their efforts on the recent Street Festival and Pow Wow; commented on the City's new Parkmobile; discussed topics on the recent North County Transportation Coalition meeting agenda; and expressed concern for the public process being utilized in the One Valley One Vision General Plan update.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, outlined the public process for the current update which utilizes outreach to different groups, noted that staff is not replicating what was done before and that many opportunities are still upcoming for public input.

Mayor Kellar commented on his participation at the recognition for 3 Eagle Scouts and Case Management Week at Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital; encouraged participation at the Rubber Ducky Regatta at lower Castaic Lake on Saturday to benefit the Sam Dixon Foundation; and noted the centennial celebration of the Saugus School District on October 26, 2008. He also offered his personal support for returning the school bell currently at the Jan Heidt Metrolink

Station to the School for their celebration; this decision would be made by the SCV Historical Society.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

This time has been set aside for Councilmembers to review the agenda and obtain any further information that may be needed.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, noted a change to the Recommended Action (2) for Item 10 as follows: to transfer \$21,275 from Council Contingency Account 19300-5401.001 and \$21,275 from the Redevelopment Agency Fund Balance to Expenditure Account 13000-5161.001 for this project. Mr. Newton also pointed out that Item 12A was added via an Addendum to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weste, second by McLean, to approve the agenda, noting the change in the Recommended Action for Item 10 and pulling Item 10 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weste, second by Ender, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 special meeting, the September 17, 2008 special meeting, the September 23, 2008 special and regular meeting, and the September 30, 2008 special meeting of the City Council 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 the titles to all ordinances which appear on this public agenda have been read, and waive further reading.

ITEM 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 6

Proposition 6, also known as the "Safe Neighborhoods Act: Stop Gang, Gun, and Street Crime," is a statutory initiative that will appear on the November 2008 ballot. Proposition 6 is a comprehensive criminal penalty and public safety funding initiative that places additional penalties on felons and criminal street gangs with guns, drug dealers with focused penalties; and provides and protects funding for local police, sheriffs, and prosecutors. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-91** supporting the passage of Proposition 6, referred to as the "Safe Neighborhoods Act: Stop Gang, Gun, and Street Crime" as appearing on the November 2008 ballot.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

REWARDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDERS OF BRYAN MIRANDA AND ANTHONY LOMBARDI

Currently, there are no promising leads in either case. The City of Santa Clarita is providing these rewards in the hopes that a person(s) will come forth with any valuable information that may lead to an arrest in either of these cases. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-92** authorizing the City Manager to offer rewards in the amount of \$10,000 each for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murders of Bryan Miranda and Anthony Lombardi. Appropriate \$20,000 from City Council Contingency Account 19300-5401.001 to Public Safety Account 16000-5161.052.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 15, DIVISION 2, SANITARY SEWERS AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to comply with the statewide Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for sanitary sewer systems, staff is proposing amendments to the existing ordinance relating to sanitary sewers and industrial waste. Minor revisions are recommended to make the municipal code consistent with the language contained in the WDR. Conduct first reading and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24.080 AND CHAPTER 36.400 OF TITLE 15, OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING SANITARY SEWERS AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE."

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUMMARY VACATION OF JOSEPH HOOPER DRIVE SHOWN ON TRACT 45409, MAP BOOK 1098/25-27 AND ADJACENT SLOPE EASEMENTS

Greg and Elizabeth Smith, the current owners of Lot 6 of Tract 45409, have requested to vacate Joseph Hooper Drive and the adjacent slope easements as shown on Tract 45409. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-93** summarily vacating Joseph Hooper Drive and the adjacent slope easements as shown on Tract 45409, Map Book 1098/25-27; and direct the City Clerk to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

NUMBER NOT USED

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NO-STOPPING ZONE ON SIERRA HIGHWAY SOUTH OF NEWHALL AVENUE

Requests have been made from residents to improve the operation of the intersection of Sierra Highway and Newhall Avenue. Staff needs to remove 1,050 feet of parking along Sierra

Highway to accommodate an additional northbound left-turn lane that will improve capacity at this intersection. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-94** to establish a no-stopping zone along the east curb line of Sierra Highway, starting from a point 100 feet south of Newhall Avenue to a point approximately 1,150 feet south of Newhall Avenue. A total of 1,050 feet of parking will be removed.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

RECISSION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 96-119 TO REESTABLISH PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF LA GLORITA CIRCLE ADJACENT TO WILEY CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Reestablish parking along La Glorita Circle adjacent to Wiley Canyon Elementary School. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-95** rescinding Resolution No. 96-119 to reestablish parking along the south side of La Glorita Circle extending from 136 feet west of Wiley Canyon Road and to 316 feet west of Wiley Canyon Road adjacent to Wiley Canyon Elementary School for a total of 180 feet.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE IV - SKATE PARK AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NUMBER P3010 - APPROVE CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Staff is recommending design modifications to the adjacent aquatic facility be made at this time. RJM Design Group is the City's lead consultant for the master plan and design of Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV skate park and site improvements. Approve a contract with RJM Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$158,380 for design and construction support services for the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV, Project P3010, and authorize a ten percent contingency in the amount of \$15,836 for a total amount of \$174,218; approve the transfer of \$69,218 from Council Contingency account 19300-5401.001 to account P3010601-5161.001; increase Transfer Out account 10019500-5501.601 by \$69,218, and increase Transfer In account 601-4711.100 by \$69,218; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONSULTING SERVICES

The City of Santa Clarita has released a Request for Proposals for Historic Preservation consulting services. The selected firm will conduct a records search of properties, conduct a historic survey of properties, and draft a historic preservation ordinance. (1) Award a contract for historic preservation consulting services to Historic Resources Group in the amount of \$42,550; (2) appropriate \$42,550 from the Redevelopment Agency Fund Balance to Expenditure Account 13400-5161.002 for this project; (3) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

Through action taken earlier during this meeting, Recommended Action (2) was changed to transfer \$21,275 from Council Contingency Account 19300-5401.001 and \$21,275 from the Redevelopment Agency Fund Balance to Expenditure Account 13000-5161.001 for this project.

Addressing the Council on this item was Leon Worden; Alan Pollack representing the SCV Historical Society; and Pat Saletore representing the SCV Historical Society (submitted material).

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

AWARD CONTRACT TO WALKER PARKING CONSULTANTS FOR A COMMUTER PARKING STUDY

This study will provide the City with a detailed overview of the current availability of commuter parking in the Santa Clarita Valley (City of Santa Clarita and outlying unincorporated Los Angeles County). Recommendations on policies and procedures, current and future needs, and a financial plan will be provided. Award a contract to Walker Parking Consultants for a Commuter Parking Study, Bid No. TR-07-08-61, in the amount of \$53,700, and authorize a contingency of 10% of the award, or \$5,370, for a total of \$59,070; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents, or modify the award in the event issues of impossibility of performance arise, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 37, 38, & 39

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 37, 38, & 39.

ITEM 12A

CONSENT CALENDAR

HOMELESS SHELTER AD HOC COMMITTEE

As a result of Mayor Pro Tem Ferry's involvement with the Emergency Winter Shelter Task Force last year, consideration of creating a Homeless Shelter Ad Hoc Committee and appointing a representative. Amend the City Council Committee Appointments List for 2008 to include the Homeless Shelter Ad Hoc Committee and appoint Councilmember Laurie Ender to serve on this committee.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ender, Weste, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Kellar called a recess at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ITEM 13

PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED REMOVAL OF A NON-CONFORMING SIGN LOCATED AT 24811 RAILROAD AVENUE

Mayor Kellar noted the public hearing was opened at the September 23, 2008 meeting and

continued to this time. Staff is recommending another continuance to the November 25, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Weste, second by Ender, to continue the public hearing to the November 25, 2008 meeting.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Ferry, McLean, Ender, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 14

NEW BUSINESS

EXPLORATION INTO AN ARTS COMMISSION VERSUS THE EXISTING ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services reviewed the City's efforts as a result of the Cultural Arts Master Plan Phase II as approved in December 1999. At a meeting held August 21, 2008, which included Mayor Kellar, Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, Rick Gould, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director, City staff, and members of the Arts Advisory Committee, it was determined that staff should investigate all aspects of the City having an Arts Commission versus the existing Arts Advisory Committee.

Addressing the Council on this item was Bob Spierer; Sandra Fisher representing the SC Artists Assn; Zony Gordon representing the SC Creative Guild/SC Artists Assn; Jaylene Armstrong representing the SC Artists Assn; TimBen Boydston representing the Canyon Theatre Guild; Judy Umeck and Paul De La Cerda representing the Saugus School District Board of Trustees; John Dow representing the SC Symphony; Sherry Klahs representing the Arts Advisory Committee (submitted material); Dr. Mitch Capet representing the Arts Advisory Committee; Dr. Michael Millar representing the Arts Advisory Committee; Paul Strickland representing the SCV Theatre Project; Adam Philipson representing the SC Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons; Diane Trautman representing the Arts Advisory Committee; Ed Redd representing the Arts Advisory Committee; Patti Finley representing the Canyon Theatre Guild; and Evelyn Serrano representing the Cal Arts Community Arts Partnership. One written comment was submitted on this item.

Councilmember McLean submitted information obtained at the League of CA Cities conference from the City of Fullerton with regard to the Arts.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, explained that as a general law City, the Council can establish an Arts Commission, but it would still be advisory in nature to the City Council.

Motion by McLean, second by Weste, to direct staff to further research the advantages and disadvantages of an Arts Commission with a report back by the first meeting in January, 2009.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Ender, Weste, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Alan Ferdman regarding the public process and placing public participation at the end of the meeting; Tim Ben Boydston regarding the creation of an Arts Commission and the opportunity for public input in the One Valley One Vision process; Judy Umeck and Paul De La Cerda representing the Saugus School District Board of Trustees regarding the Saugus school bell and Saugus Centennial Celebration and regarding the Light the Night walk in Bridgeport this weekend; and Nadine Teter submitted CDs for the Council to review showing traffic concerns.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, commented on the placement of public participation on the agenda; and described opportunities for public participation in the One Valley One Vision process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, October 28, 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

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