

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
4:30 P.M.
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5:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 4:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Ender.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

CLOSED SESSION

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, advised of the need to conduct a Closed Session for the purpose of holding a:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Case Name: City of Santa Clarita v. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, et al.
US District Court, Central District of California, Western Division
Case No. CV 04-7355 AHM (FMOx)

CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Government Code Section 54956.8

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Location of Property: Placerita Canyon

Assessor's Parcel No.: 140 +/- acres known as APN 2848-012-085 & 2848-011-010

Property Owner: Special Devices, Inc.

Location of Property: Soledad Canyon/Eastern Greenbelt

Assessor's Parcel No.: 20 acres known as APN 3210-016-032

Property Owner: Kutler

Assessor's Parcel No.: 82.29 acres known as APN 3210-002-012

Property Owner: Rodda

Assessor's Parcel No.: 160.47 acres known as APN 3210-003-007, 008 & 009

Property Owner: Rodda Partners/Agua Dulce Canyon Associates

Location of Property: Upper Santa Clara River

Assessor's Parcel No.: 51.44 acres known as APN 3209-008-012, 013 & 016

Property Owner: Robin's Nest

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Kellar recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:15 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 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Ferry led the flag salute.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Sandra Cattell congratulating Mayor Kellar on a good year.

REMARKS BY OUTGOING MAYOR

Mayor Kellar made comments on the City's accomplishments during his year as Mayor.

OUTGOING MAYOR MAKES PRESENTATION TO COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Kellar advised that he stopped by the Food Pantry today and made a \$250 donation on behalf of the City Council.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR BY CITY MANAGER

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, commented on how much the City appreciates the efforts of Mayor Kellar and presented a photo montage of events of the past year.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR ON BEHALF OF NON-CITY OFFICIALS

Making presentations to Mayor Kellar at this time were Judy Umeck, Board President, and Paul de la Cerda, Board Clerk, representing the Saugus Union School District; R.J. Kelly, Board Vice-President, representing the Castaic Lake Water Agency; Bruce Fortine, Board Member, representing College of the Canyons; Gloria Mercado-Fortine, Board President, and Jaime Castellanos, Superintendent, representing the William S. Hart School District; Conor McGee representing Congressman Buck McKeon; Jackie Bick representing Senator George Runner;

Scott Wilk Jr., representing Senator Tony Strickland; Ed Masterson representing Assemblymember Cameron Smyth; Rosalind Wayman and Dave Perry representing Supervisor Mike Antonovich; and Allan Cameron representing Safe Action for the Environment.

OUTGOING MAYOR TURNS GAVEL OVER TO CITY CLERK

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

CITY CLERK OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2009

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

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

Hearing no further nominations, the nomination period was closed.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ender, Weste, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

CITY CLERK SWEARS IN NEW MAYOR

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Mayor Frank Ferry.

CITY CLERK TURNS GAVEL OVER TO NEW MAYOR

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

NEW MAYOR OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Ferry opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by McLean, second by Ender, to nominate Laurene Weste as Mayor Pro Tem.

Hearing no further nominations, the nomination period was closed.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Kellar, McLean, Ender, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

NEW MAYOR GIVES ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Mayor Ferry introduced his extended family and acknowledged the many gifts of his fellow Councilmembers, staff and community members in taking on the goals for 2009. He also announced that his year as Mayor would be known as the "Year of Mayor Dude" with the City focusing on getting teens and youths involved in City government.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmembers made congratulatory comments to former Mayor Kellar and current Mayor Ferry.

ADJOURN

Mayor Ferry adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

RECEPTION

INVOCATION

Mayor Ferry gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ferry called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ferry invited Tina Haddad, Assistant to the City Manager to come forward and lead the flag salute.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ender commented on her attendance at Supervisor Antonovich’s swearing in ceremony and working with him in his next term; acknowledged the 40th anniversary of the Special Olympics and their upcoming events and fundraisers; commented on the Literacy and Arts Festival held in Newhall over the weekend and the upcoming “Principal for a Day” program in the Hart High School District; and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Kellar made no comments.

Councilmember McLean congratulated staff on the Holiday events in Newhall over the weekend and suggested that a letter be sent to Metrolink thanking them for the Holiday train stop in Santa Clarita; commented on the tree lighting ceremony at the hospital on Sunday and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste reminded of the rebate available from the Sanitation Districts until December 31, 2008 for getting rid of those water softeners using salt; thanked staff for the weekend Holiday events in Newhall including the Holiday Train and Literacy Festival,

acknowledged the passing of Sgt. Archibald Henderson and Dr. Patricia Lynn Wells and requested the meeting be adjourned in their memory.

Mayor Ferry acknowledged the passing of two area residents, Mr. Hassell and Mr. Belanger, and requested the meeting be adjourned in their memory.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to approve the agenda, pulling Item 6 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 special meeting and the November 25, 2008 special and regular City Council meetings as amended by the City Clerk (motion on Item 16 was clarified).

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

CONVENE SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ferry called the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to order at 6:41 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weste, second by McLean, to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2008 regular meeting as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 1

JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND AF MAIN STREET, LLC

In report, Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, advised that an agreement is being sought to exclusively negotiate acceptable terms and conditions for redevelopment of a full block in Old Town Newhall for a potential mixed use retail and residential project.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste advised that she would recuse herself from participation and voting on this item due to the proximity of her home to the subject property.

Two written comments were submitted on this item.

Motion by Kellar, second by McLean, to take the following action:

Redevelopment Agency: to approve an Exclusive Right to Negotiation Agreement with AF Main Street, LLC; and authorize the Redevelopment Agency Executive Director to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ender, Kellar, McLean, Ferry

Noes: None

Disqualified: Weste

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 2

JOINT NEW BUSINESS

FY 07-08 MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

In report, Darren Hernández, Deputy City Manager and Director of Administrative Services, advised that as the organization approaches the middle of the fiscal year, City staff evaluates the adopted budget, revenue projections, and the economic conditions for the remainder of the fiscal year.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Motion by McLean, second by Kellar, to take the following 2 actions:

City Council: Authorize adjustments to fiscal year 2008-09 budgeted expenditures, revenues, and capital projects in the amount specified, and adopt Resolution No. 08-106 providing for Compensation of the Employees of the City.

Redevelopment Agency: Authorize adjustments to fiscal year 2008-09 budgeted expenditures and revenues in the amounts specified.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Weste, McLean, Ender, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURN SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair Ferry adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Ferry resumed the City Council meeting at 6:47 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

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

During a previous City Council meeting, Council directed the City Attorney's Office to review the City's current political signage regulations. Specifically, Council directed the City Attorney's Office to review the constitutionality of the City's current regulations regarding the quantity, size, height, lighting, and removal of temporary freestanding political signs on private property. Conduct second reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 08-16** entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.19 OF TITLE 17, SIGN REGULATIONS (PRIVATE PROPERTY), SECTION 17.19.230 "TEMPORARY FREESTANDING SIGNS" OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF TEMPORARY FREESTANDING CAMPAIGN SIGNS."

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

SANTA CLARITA REGIONAL COMMUTER TRAIL SEGMENT I, PROJECT T0017 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

Santa Clarita Regional Commuter Trail Segment I consists of the construction of 1.0 mile of asphalt paved Class I bike path and pedestrian walkway from Interstate 5 near The Old Road/Rye Canyon Road junction to the terminus of Anza Drive in the Industrial Center. A portion of the trail was also constructed over the existing abandoned Southern Pacific Railroad Bridge crossing the Santa Clara River north of Magic Mountain Parkway near Tourney Road. Accept the completion of Santa Clarita Regional Commuter Trail Segment I, Project T0017; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; direct staff to release the 20 percent retention balance 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices have been filed, as provided by law; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

CROSS VALLEY CONNECTOR GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, PROJECT S4013 – AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT CONTRACTS

The Cross Valley Connector (CVC) Golden Valley Road Bridge Over the Santa Clara River project will connect Newhall Ranch Road and Golden Valley Road. This is the last link of the CVC, which will provide a direct connection between Interstate 5 and State Route 14. Approve the plans and specifications, and award the construction contract to C.C. Myers, Inc., in the amount of \$18,422,504, and authorize a contingency in the amount of \$2,800,899, for a total amount of \$21,223,403; award various construction support contracts totaling \$2,165,000; authorize appropriations to various funds; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, Robert Newman, Director of Public Works, provided additional information.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

REDFLEX TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC., CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR THE PHOTO RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., provides services for the Citywide Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. Approving this renewal will extend the contract for an additional five years. Renew the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., for a five-year period not to exceed \$3,200,000 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute up to two 2-year options not to exceed \$1,280,000 each plus CPI increases contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the City Council in the annual budget for each fiscal year; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contracts plus extensions and associated documents, subject to City Attorney review.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

PARCEL MAP 66899 (RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – RAVENHILL ROAD) – APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

Parcel Map 66899 consisting of approximately 6.6 acres is located at the northwesterly corner of the intersection of Ravenhill Road and Pineview Road and is owned by Brooks Daniel, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company. Approve Parcel Map 66899; accept on behalf of the public the offers of dedication; make certain findings; instruct Deputy City Manager and 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 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT

Under Assembly Bill 3229, the COPS bill, funding is allocated to municipalities for public safety programs. Fiscal Year 2008-09 marks the 13th program year the City has been eligible to receive grant funding from this program. Approve the request from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Valley Station, to use the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Funds, under Assembly Bill 3229, to continue funding the COBRA (Career Offenders Burglary Robbery Apprehension) Team; increase estimated revenue of \$281,893 in Account 234-4461.003, Supplemental Law Enforcement Grant; appropriate

\$281,893 to Account 16100-5161.001. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any contracts, agreements, or change orders arising out of this program.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

2009 SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$24,363.48 from the UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Center (TSC), which is administering the 2009 Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-Grant Program funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). Accept UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Center/Office of Traffic Safety's 2009 Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-Grant in the amount of \$24,363.48; increase estimated revenues in Account 259-4461.007 by \$24,363.48, in Fiscal Year 2008-09; increase estimated expenditures in OTS Mini Grant Account 16126-5161.001 by \$24,363.48; and 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 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

2009 NEXT GENERATION - CLICK IT-OR-TICKET MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

This program provides local agencies with opportunities for seat belt enforcement mobilization during the grant period between October 1, 2008, and September 8, 2009. Accept UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Center/Office of Traffic Safety's 2009 Next Generation - Click It-or-Ticket Mini-Grant in the amount of \$31,990; increase estimated revenues in Account 259-4461.007 by \$31,990 in Fiscal Year 2008-09; increase estimated expenditures in OTS Mini-Grant Account 16105-5161.001 by \$31,990; and 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 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Consideration of submittal of a grant application for \$250,000 toward the acquisition of open space. Adopt **Resolution No. 08-107** authorizing submittal of an application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Specified Grant Project.

ITEM 13

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS FAREBOX EQUIPMENT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (AVTA)

The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) has requested to purchase the City's lot of fareboxes, including a vault, for the amount of \$4,999. Authorize the City Manager or designee to sell surplus farebox equipment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) for \$4,999.

ITEM 14

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 46, 47, & 48

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 46, 47, & 48.

Motion by Kellar, second by Ender, to approve the Consent Calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, McLean, Ender, Kellar, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 15

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE APPROVING HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

In report, Lisa Webber, Planning Manager, advised that a 15-year Development Agreement is requested as part of the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital Master Plan Project by the project applicants, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital (HMNMH) and G&L Realty. This ordinance was introduced and had its first reading at the November 19, 2008 City Council meeting.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, advised that clarification was necessary from the members of the Council who voted in favor of the introduction of the ordinance at the November 19, 2008 meeting regarding their understanding of the motion.

Councilmember Ender, Mayor Pro Tem Weste, and Mayor Ferry clarified that their understanding of the motion was that it included language suggested by Councilmembers Weste and McLean in the Conditions of Approval and in the Development Agreement.

Addressing the Council on this item was Sandra Cattell; and Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee.

Motion by Ender, second by Weste, to adopt Ordinance No. 08-17 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 06-001 FOR MASTER CASE 04-325 (MASTER PLAN 04-022), FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 15-YEAR MASTER PLAN OF THE HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN PROJECT IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA."

On roll call vote:
Ayes: Ender, Weste, Ferry
Noes: McLean, Kellar
Absent: None
Motion carried.

ITEM 16
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
LOCAL PUBLIC TELEVISION MANAGEMENT

In report, Darren Hernández, Deputy City Manager and Director of Administrative Services, advised that staff is requesting appropriation of \$180,000 in PEG Capital Grant Funds to support one-time studio equipment needs and costs associated with leasing the existing studio for the remainder of fiscal year 2008/09. Staff also recommends the Council appropriate \$25,000 from the Contingency Fund to fund costs to operate the studio through the conclusion of FY 2008/09.

Addressing the Council on this item was Leon Worden representing SCV TV; Kacey Thorps representing SCV In The Spotlight and Public Access Channel 20; Roger Martin representing Public Access Awareness Association, Inc.; and Allan Cameron.

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, for City Council to: 1) direct the City Manager to initiate efforts with community stakeholders to work towards the creation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) or non-profit organization to partner and economically support Channel 20; 2) appropriate funds in the amount of \$180,000 from Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Capital Grant Fund Balance (330) to Account 12205-5201.002, and appropriate \$25,000 from Contingency Account 19300-5401.001 to the Communication Division's Professional Services Account 11500-5161.002 for the continued operation of Channel 20; 3) direct the City Manager to enter into a six-month Professional Services Agreement with SCVTV in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to operate Channel 20; and 4) reject all proposals as non-responsive to the published Request for Proposals.

On roll call vote:
Ayes: Ender, Kellar, Weste, McLean, Ferry
Noes: None
Absent: None
Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Abby Savell regarding the Canyon Country Villas Apartments on Isabella Parkway in Canyon Country (submitted material); Renee Rogers continued regarding conditions at the Canyon Country Villas Apartments; Xias Wang regarding a presentation of a Chinese New Year Spectacular in Pasadena in January; Sandra Cattell representing the Sierra Club regarding various environmental issues needing attention in the new year; and Ken Dean seeking sponsorship for Kelsey Gonzalez to attend the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D. C. with the U. S. Leadership Group.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ferry adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. in memory of Sgt. Archibald Henderson, Dr. Patricia Lynn Wells, Mr. Hassell and Mr. Belanger.

FUTURE MEETINGS

No City Council meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the calendar year due to the holidays.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 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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