

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
MARCH 10, 2009**

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Kellar gave the invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Mayor Ferry.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember Kellar led the flag salute.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Mayor Pro Tem Weste and Councilmembers presented certificates to members of the College of the Canyons Cougars Hockey Team for finishing first in the State Championships to become the PCHA 2008-09 Season Champions. Ed Masterson representing Assemblymember Cameron Smyth and Jackie Bick representing Senator George Runner also recognized the team for their accomplishment.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

Councilmember McLean and Councilmembers acknowledged the City's Aquatics staff for receiving the 2008 National Parks and Recreation Association Excellence in Aquatics Award, and Douglas Botton for receiving a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman McKeon for his work with the FBI Underwater Search and Evidence Response Team.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ender commented on the great efforts to bring about the opening of the City's Skatepark on March 27 and invited all to attend.

Councilmember Kellar commented on the AT&T Golf Tournament being held this week to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs and the upcoming performance of the Santa Clarita Master Chorale on March 22 at the Performing Arts Center; and invited Stephanie English of the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide information on the upcoming golf tournament at Robinson Ranch on April 1, to benefit Single Mothers Outreach.

Councilmember McLean provided information on Assembly Bill 32 regarding green house gases and Senate Bill 375 regarding density to reduce sprawl; commented on her attendance at the

Science Fair at Newhall Elementary School yesterday and also the Orange Line Mag Lev meeting.

Ken Striplin, Assistant City Manager, advised that staff is aware of the legislative proposals and has been attending workshops.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste commented on AB 32 and SB 375 and indicated that the City needs to be ahead of the curve on this legislation; mentioned that the City's 15th annual Cowboy Festival would take place from April 22 – 26, 2009; advised that the Downtown Newhall Streetscape project is moving ahead and that a meeting would be held at the Senior Center to provide information about the project; commented on the City's efforts on the Cemex bill; inquired if any progress had been made with regard to community gardens; requested staff look at what we can do to consistently honor youth groups; and advised the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Ruth Elaine Cramer, mother of Linda Lambourne.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that staff had been gathering information on community gardens that would be included in the upcoming budget proposal.

Mayor Ferry was absent.

#### **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 McLean, to approve the agenda, pulling Item 4 from the Consent Calendar.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Kellar, second by Ender, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 special and regular City Council meetings 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 that the titles to all ordinances which appear on this public agenda have been read and waive further reading.

**ITEM 2**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**TAX-SHARING RESOLUTIONS FOR SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATIONS 1033 AND 1044**

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's **Resolution No. 09-13** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation 1033 and **Resolution No. 09-14** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation 1044.

**ITEM 3**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**DISCONTINUE COLLECTING THE STORMDRAIN TRANSFER DEPOSIT, REMOVE THE STORMDRAIN TRANSFER DEPOSIT FROM CONDITIONS OF PENDING PROJECTS, AND RETURN STORMDRAIN TRANSFER FUNDS HELD ON DEPOSIT**

City staff received input from developers regarding the stormdrain transfer deposit and the increasing impact it had on their projects in this difficult economic climate. Receive this report outlining the City's response to developers' comments during the Development Process Advisory Committee and direct staff to discontinue collecting the Stormdrain Transfer Deposit; remove the Stormdrain Transfer Deposit condition from pending projects; return Stormdrain Transfer Funds held on deposit by the City; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 4**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING CHAPTER 12.96 OF TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS**

Staff has seen a growing number of inquiries from the community regarding bicycles on sidewalks. California Vehicle Code Section 21100(h) allows local authorities to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding the operation of bicycles on sidewalks. Introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 12.96 TO TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS."

Addressing the Council on this item was John Lukes who also submitted written material.

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, staff provided information and clarification.

**ITEM 5**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS, PROJECT M0066, PHASE III - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE**

This project is the third phase of a five-year program to replace incandescent traffic signal lamps with energy efficient LED modules and install pedestrian countdown modules at 30 intersections out of Santa Clarita's existing 176 signalized intersections. Accept the completion of the Light Emitting Diode (LED) Replacement Program for Traffic Signals, Project M0066, Phase III; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the remaining retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices as provided by law have been filed.

**ITEM 6**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PARCEL MAP 69672 (COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUMS – FREMONT COURT) – APPROVAL OF PARCEL MAP**

Parcel Map 69672 consisting of approximately 2.2 acres is located at the southeast end of Fremont Court, 350 feet southeasterly of Avenue Stanford, and is owned by the Havana Management Group/Fremont I, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company. Approve Parcel Map 69672; make certain findings; instruct the 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 7**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CHECK REGISTER NOS. 7 & 8**

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 7 & 8.

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

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Ender, Kellar, McLean, Weste**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Ferry**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 8**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**UPDATE OF CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FACILITIES IMPACT FEE**

Mayor Pro Tem Weste opened the public hearing.

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

**Council concurred to waive the staff report on this item.**

In report, Elena Galvez, Management Analyst, advised that the Fire District development fees pay for the construction of fire stations and related fire protection improvements. The 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste closed the public hearing.

**Motion by Kellar, second by McLean, to adopt Resolution No. 09-15 to increase Fire District fees from \$.9341 per square foot to \$.9550 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: Kellar, McLean, Ender, Weste**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Ferry**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 9**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION FEE REDUCTION AND METHODOLOGY ADJUSTMENT**

Travis Lange, Environmental Services Manager, advised that the actions recommended herein would commence the updating of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Fee. The update would include a 10.4% reduction in the Fee rate from \$24 to \$21.50 per equivalent dwelling unit, a change in the methodology for calculating surface water runoff by incorporating the recently updated Hydrology Manual prepared by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and including a CPI adjuster to ensure current levels of stormwater pollution prevention service is maintained in the future.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Ender, to adopt Resolution No. 09-16 preliminarily accepting report respecting proposed restructuring of the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Fee, designating a time and place for the public hearing of protests in connection with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Fee, approving procedures in connection therewith, and taking certain other actions; award a contract for the establishment of the proposed Stormwater Pollution Prevention Fee Adjustment process to Harris and Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any documents, subject to**

**City Attorney approval; appropriate \$110,000 from Stormwater Utility fund balance to expenditure account 14600-5161.002.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: McLean, Ender, Kellar, Weste**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Ferry**

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was Robert Mahan and Catherine Zamora regarding the lighting and noise from the Golden Valley Shopping Center and the impacts to their property.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that the light shields have been ordered, provided information on the landscaping plan, and advised the developer/owner is willing to meet with concerned property owners.

**Council concurred to direct staff to come back with information on sound walls, how they work and their impact on areas in Santa Clarita.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Weste adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. in memory of Ruth Elaine Cramer.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**

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