

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
MARCH 24, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ferry called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:30 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(b) – one matter

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957

Position Title: City Manager

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Ferry recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:31 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 Ferry adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, announced that anyone wishing to address an item on the agenda should complete a speaker's slip and submit it to the City Clerk before the item is announced by the Mayor.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ferry gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ferry called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ferry invited Coach Lisa Rollo of the Saugus High Girls Soccer Team to lead the flag salute.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Ferry and Councilmembers presented certificates of recognition to members of the Saugus High Girls Soccer Team for their accomplishment as 2009 CIF Southern Section Champions.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Councilmember Ender read excerpts of the Arbor Day proclamation proclaiming Saturday, April 18, 2009 as Arbor Day in the City. Abigail Srader of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection presented the Tree City USA Award which the City has received for 19 consecutive years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember McLean expressed appreciation to the City and Staff for the biggest ever Emergency Expo held last Saturday and complimented the City's emergency preparedness program; commented on meetings attended including the Orange Line Mag Lev Development Authority, the LA County Division Legislative Committee meeting, and the LA County Library Commission meeting with a possible grant for seniors.

Councilmember Ender commented on her trip to Washington D.C. for the National League of Cities meeting with Intergovernmental Relations Officer Mike Murphy and meetings with legislators and staff; and requested a report be agendized to advise what the City is doing with regard to receiving Stimulus Package monies.

Councilmember Kellar reported on the Senior Golf Tournament and advised that the City is working on obtaining a new sponsor for the event to keep it in the City; commented on an upcoming City history class conducted by John Boston; complimented the Santa Clarita Master Chorale on their performance last Sunday; and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jill Harper.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste reminded of the Waste Roundup event on April 4 at College of the Canyons to properly dispose of hazardous waste; and advised that applications for membership on the City's Recycling Facility Site Selection Citizen Committee would be available on Monday, March 30 and due on April 13.

Mayor Ferry reported that he and Councilmember Kellar attended the Arts Advisory Committee meeting; on the community service project completed by Peachland Elementary School classes; on the outstanding job done on this year's Emergency Expo; on the opening of the new Target store; on the special joint Study Session to be held at the Youth Grove prior to the Evening of

Remembrance on Monday, April 13; on the grand opening of the Skatepark this Friday; and acknowledged that former Mayor Jill Klajic had been at City Hall earlier in the week and that former Mayor Jan Heidt was in the audience at this meeting.

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.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 special and regular City Council meetings as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

**CONVENE SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chair Ferry called the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to order at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Agencymembers were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 1

JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS TRANSMITTING AND ACCEPTING THE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL AND CONSENTING TO A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE AGENCY'S EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY
The Redevelopment Agency currently has the authority for eminent domain in Newhall Redevelopment Project Area. This Amendment No. Three proposes to extend this authority for an additional twelve (12) years.

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

In response to inquiry from Chair/Mayor Ferry, Carl Newton, City Attorney, provided clarification on the uses of eminent domain.

Redevelopment Agency: adopt Resolution No. RDA 09-6 approving and transmitting a Report to the City Council for the proposed Amendment No. Three to the Redevelopment Plan for the Newhall Redevelopment Project Area and transmit the Report together with the proposed Amendment No. Three to the City Council for their consideration; approve a joint public hearing with the City Council for the purpose of considering the proposed Amendment No. Three to the Redevelopment Plan for the Newhall Redevelopment Project Area; and direct staff to give notice of the joint public hearing in the form and manner required by Redevelopment Law.

City Council: adopt Resolution No. 09-17 receiving the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Clarita's (Agency) proposed Amendment No. Three to the Redevelopment Plan for the Newhall Redevelopment Project Area and the Agency's Report concerning Amendment No. Three; approve a joint public hearing with the Agency for the purpose of considering the proposed Amendment No. Three to the Redevelopment Plan for the Newhall Redevelopment Project Area; and direct staff to give notice of the joint public hearing in the form and manner required by Redevelopment Law.

ITEM 2

JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENT OF NEWHALL REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Redevelopment Agency routinely conducts a recruitment for members to serve on the Newhall Redevelopment Committee. The Committee currently has seven vacancies which can be filled.

Redevelopment Agency: appoint seven members to serve on the Newhall Redevelopment Committee as follows: Larry Bird, Anthony Campbell, Philip C. Ellis, John F. Grannis, Kevin D. Korenthal, Dennis Verner, Vladimir Victorio to serve four-year terms to expire in January 2013.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ender, Kellar, Weste, McLean, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURN SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair Ferry adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Ferry resumed the City Council meeting at 7:14 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

PARCEL MAP NO. 70688 (COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT – AVENUE HALL) – APPROVAL OF PARCEL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

Parcel Map No. 70688, consisting of approximately 5.3 acres, is located on the northwesterly side of Avenue Hall at the intersection with Avenue Crocker, and is owned by Hall and Crocker, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company. Approve Parcel Map No. 70688; accept on behalf of the public the offers of dedication; 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 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

VIA PRINCESSA METROLINK STATION RESTROOMS AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT F3012 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

This project is the constructed restrooms and sewer improvements at the existing Via Princessa Metrolink Station. Accept the completion of the Via Princessa Metrolink Station Restrooms and Sewer Improvements, Project F3012; appropriate a one-time amount of \$7,280 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 from Transit Fund Balance (Fund 700) into Transit Facilities Contractual Services Account 14509-5161.001 and an ongoing amount of \$10,920 from same account. Increase Contract 04-00288-D for Lee's Maintenance from \$256,880 to \$267,800 to provide funding for janitorial services for the new restroom facility; direct the City Clerk to file the attached Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the 10 percent retention balance 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices have been filed, as provided by law.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 9 & 10

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 9 & 10.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Weste, McLean, Ender, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 7

PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) (TITLE 17) TO MEET THE INTENT OF SENATE BILL 2

Mayor Ferry opened the public hearing.

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

Jason Killebrew, Assistant Planner I, advised that the City is requesting approval to amend various sections of the City's Municipal Code (The Unified Development Code) and Zoning Map pertaining to Transitional Housing, Supportive Housing, and Homeless Shelters in order to meet the intent of Senate Bill 2 and mentioned a modification requested by Tim Davis of the Santa Clarita Community Development Corporation to Item 3 under Section 17.17.040 S. on page 10 of the agenda report to state: "The homeless shelter shall provide on-site management with security during hours of operation only."

Addressing the Council on this item was Alan Ferdman, a member of the Homeless Shelter Task Force and representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee; and Leon Worden, a member of the original Task Force formed by Supervisor Antonovich.

Mayor Ferry closed the public hearing.

Motion by Kellar, second by Ender, to introduce and pass to a second reading on April 28, 2009, an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING MASTER CASE 09-002, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 09-001, ZONE CHANGE 09-001 AMENDING TITLE 17 (THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE, CREATING A HOMELESS SHELTER OVERLAY ZONE AND ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION", with the change to Item 3 of Section 17.17.040 S as noted.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, McLean, Ender, Kellar, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 8

PUBLIC HEARING

MASTER CASE 06-276, HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 06-013, RIDGELINE ALTERATION PERMIT 07-002 AND RETROACTIVE OAK TREE PERMIT 06-047

Mayor Ferry opened the public hearing.

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

Darin Seegmiller, Assistant Planner II, advised that this item is to allow for corrective grading on property located between Josel Drive and Warm Springs Drive (APN 2848-003-023) within the Sand Canyon community in the City of Santa Clarita.

Representing the applicant, G. Marshall Hahn, attorney, reviewed the applicant's proposal. The Project Engineer, Ronald Horn, was present to respond to any questions.

Addressing the Council on this item was Norm Furr; Michael Theule; and Jan Heidt.

G. Marshall Hahn offered a rebuttal to public comments made.

Mayor Ferry closed the public hearing.

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, City staff and the project engineer provided clarification and additional information.

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to adopt Resolution No. 09-18 approving Master Case 06-276, subject to the conditions of approval, and adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration, with additional direction that all palm trees planted, in boxes, or dead that are not decorative Sejo palms be removed and with the property owner to submit a landscape plan of protective covering satisfactory to the Fire Department after appropriate grading is completed to re-naturalize the area.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ender, Kellar, Weste, Ferry

Noes: McLean

Absent: None

Motion carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Ferry called a recess at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

ITEM 9

PUBLIC HEARING

MASTER CASE 08-015, UPDATE OF THE CITY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES

Mayor Ferry opened the public hearing.

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

Darin Seegmiller, Assistant Planner II, advised that the updated Guidelines go beyond architectural design to encompass a more comprehensive treatment of sustainable planning and the built environment. As a result of the expanded scope of this document, staff recommends that the document be re-named the "Community Character and Design Guidelines."

Erik Justesen of RRM Design Group reviewed the proposed guidelines.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor Ferry closed the public hearing.

Councilmembers praised the document and thanked those responsible for its compilation.

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to adopt Resolution No. 09-19 approving the Community Character and Design Guidelines (Master Case 08-015) and adopting the associated Negative Declaration, adding wording shown on Pages 3-24 and 4-11 at the beginning of the material advising that the pictures are intended to provide general guidance and are not intended to be exhaustive.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ender, Kellar, Weste, McLean, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 10

NEW BUSINESS

NEW COURTHOUSE

Mayor Ferry advised that the Judicial Council has classified the Santa Clarita Superior Court as an “immediate need,” and will use a portion of the bond monies from SB 1407 to replace the current three-courtroom facility with a four-courtroom facility. Of the \$5 billion budgeted by SB 1407, the Judicial Council has identified \$50.279 million to be spent towards the construction of the new Santa Clarita Superior Courthouse.

Addressing the Council on this item was Rosalind Wayman representing Supervisor Antonovich; and TimBen Boydston.

Motion by Weste, second by Ender, to adopt Resolution No. 09-20 expressing the City's support for the Santa Clarita Superior Court project and commit to a land donation of approximately 3.5 acres located off Golden Valley Road; direct staff to work with the appropriate agencies and legislators to explore the creation of a new Santa Clarita Judicial District; and create an Ad-Hoc Committee and appoint Mayor Frank Ferry and Councilmember Bob Kellar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Weste, McLean, Ender, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Robert Mahan regarding the noise and lights from the new Golden Valley Center.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that staff continues to work with the developer and the Center’s neighbors regarding their concerns and that the City has requested CalTrans to expedite

their review and approval of a traffic signal at the north and southbound on/offramps for the 14 Freeway.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ferry adjourned the meeting in memory of Jill Harper at 9:24 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, April 14, 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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