

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

INVOCATION

Councilmember Kellar gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Kellar led the flag salute.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Ferry and Councilmembers recognized Judges Jeff Armendariz, Barry Edzant, Louis Esbin, and John Kunak for their outstanding volunteerism serving as judges for the past three years in the Community Court Diversion Program as part of the September's National Community Court Celebration month.

Mayor Ferry and Councilmembers recognized Bob Siecke for his 14 years of volunteer service to Teen Court.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ender thanked all involved in the Community Court and Teen Court programs, commenting on how successful the programs are at creating ambassadors and role models; commented on the recent League of California Cities (LCC) conference in San Jose and the benefits of the various sessions, especially the session regarding the role of libraries in economic development; and invited families to participate in Teen Scene Unplugged on September 23, 2009, at the Hyatt.

Councilmember Kellar expressed his appreciation for Castaic Lake Water Agency's (CLWA) ability to pool the resources of many agencies to accomplish the September 22, 2009, ribbon cutting of the ion exchange process facility and opening of two wells.

Councilmember McLean discussed her attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council orientation on September 22, 2009, and the goals of the new president; commented on her attendance at a high speed rail workshop as part of the Mobility 21 Summit in downtown Los Angeles; and announced that at the LCC conference, both the board of directors and membership unanimously passed a resolution adding additional constitutional protection of local government revenues.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste provided information on the 16th Annual Native American Pow Wow and Craft Fair to be held at Hart Park over the weekend, September 26-27, 2009, inviting the community to attend this free event and enjoy the new streetscape and shops in Downtown Newhall; encouraged the community to contact City Hall for more information on the Open Space dedication scheduled for September 30, 2009, at East Walker Ranch; and commented on the collaborative efforts of CLWA, Congressman McKeon, Senator Runner, Assemblymember Smyth, and all the agencies who participated in the progress that led to the ribbon cutting of the CLWA treatment facility and the ion exchange technology.

Mayor Ferry took this opportunity to present to the community Assistant Fire Chief Johnny Jee and invited Chief Jee to the podium to introduce himself.

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 10 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 1

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the previous City Council meetings are submitted for City Council approval. Approve minutes of the September 8, 2009 special and regular meetings of the City Council.

ITEM 2

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 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 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE ENTERPRISE ZONE

On July 1, 2007, the City of Santa Clarita was designated as an Enterprise Zone by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to the California Enterprise Zone Act. The purpose of the Enterprise Zone is to stimulate business and industrial growth, help attract business, help retain and expand business and industry, and create increased job opportunities. The Enterprise Zone Act allows for current zones to expand by 15 percent by

written request to the California Department of Housing and Community Development. This translates to a potential expansion of 1,279 acres for the City of Santa Clarita. The proposed expansion will encompass 63 acres or 5 percent of the total allowable expansion and will include the retail centers of Bridgeport Marketplace, Baywood at Bridgeport, and Granary Square. Adopt **Resolution No. 09-80** authorizing the submittal of an Enterprise Zone expansion application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE IV, SKATE PARK AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT P3010 – APPROVE ADDITIONAL INSPECTION SERVICES

Approval is requested for change order costs due to additional testing required for additive alternates and construction days added to the project. Approve change orders to contracts with R. T. Frankian & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$49,000 for additional geological testing services, and \$25,000 to DMR Team for inspection services at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV, Project P3010. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

2008-09 CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT C0033 – PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

This project consisted of striping modifications to address congestion along major roadways in the City. As part of the project, additional lanes were installed on Whites Canyon Road, Via Princessa, Copper Hill Drive, and Valencia Boulevard to increase roadway capacity. The striping modifications at Railroad Avenue added a bus shoulder to improve the flow of traffic. Bicycle lanes were added and a pedestrian crosswalk enhanced on Tournament Road. Accept the completion of the 2008-09 Circulation Improvements, Project C0033; direct the City Clerk to file the 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

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) PROJECT - RATIFY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY MANAGER FOR PROJECTS C0034, M0072, AND M0073

On July 14, 2009, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to act on behalf of the City Council to execute any legislative action required by ARRA related programs during the period of the City Council hiatus July 15, 2009, to August 24, 2009. This item will ratify those actions taken by the City Manager under said authority. Ratify the actions taken by the City Manager for Projects C0034, M0072, and M0073 during the period starting July 15, 2009, and ending August 24, 2009, as follows: approval of plans and specifications and award of construction contract to Kalban, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$259,534, and award of professional services contract to Advantec Consulting Engineers, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000, for construction engineering and survey services for the Traffic Circulation and Safety Improvements at Newhall Avenue and Sierra Highway, Project C0034; approval of plans and

specifications and award of construction contract to Sully-Miller Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$3,320,925, award of professional services contract to Pavement Engineering Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, for construction engineering and material testing services, and award of professional services contract to MNS Engineers, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for construction management services for the Roadway Asphalt Rehabilitation Phase I and II, Projects M0072 and M0073; and approval of all supporting budget transfers as noted.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY EXISTING NO-PARKING ZONE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF AVENIDA RONDEL ADJACENT TO OLD ORCHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Modify and extend existing no-parking zone to serve as the school's new on-street valet program during school's dismissal times. This modification will help improve traffic circulation and relieve the afternoon traffic congestion near the school. Adopt **Resolution No. 09-81** to modify existing no-parking zone along the south side of Avenida Rondel adjacent to Old Orchard Elementary School.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT T0028 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

This project consisted of the construction of physical improvements at crossings near Canyon Springs Elementary School, Meadows Elementary School, and Emblem Elementary School. The goal of this project was to enhance student safety by reducing the speed of vehicles near school grounds and increasing the visibility of school crossings. Accept completion of the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure, Project T0028; direct City Clerk to file the 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 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) AND THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD)

Appropriate funds for replacement CNG buses, and approve two contracts with Metro and AQMD for grant funding. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), for the purchase of seven, 40-foot buses, in an amount not to exceed \$2,245,000 from a Metro grant, subject to City Attorney approval; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for a grant in the amount of \$247,342 from the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program; appropriate the total project cost of \$3,351,000 to expenditure account 12400.5201.003. Increase grant revenue account 700.4621.001 by \$247,342 and grant revenue account 700.4424.009 by \$2,245,000. The remaining local match of \$858,658 to cover the project cost will come from the Transit Fund Balance.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT PROCEEDINGS - ASSESSMENT BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS

A declaration of the results of the assessment ballot tabulation. Pass, approve, and adopt **Resolution No. 09-82** declaring the results of the assessment ballot tabulation, approving a Final Engineer's Report and ordering annexations into, detachments from, creation of new zones, dissolution of existing zones, and assessment rate adjustments in Landscape Maintenance District Numbers 1, A2, and T-1, 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 Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 35 & 36

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 35 & 36.

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

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 Jerry Fischer regarding the number of compact parking spaces throughout the City; Gediminas Jodele regarding community preservation notifications (submitted information); and Brian A. Smith, representing the community of Belcaro, regarding the Edison transmission line towers.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised the City Council that staff would review the ordinance regarding parking spaces in the City; expressed that similar concerns regarding code enforcement efforts have been voiced and that further enforcement efforts have been put on hold in order to review the code in the best interest of the community.

Carl Newton advised the City Council that he has been in contact with the counsel for the Belcaro Community, reviewed the complaint, and has prepared comments. Understanding that this issue is important to Belcaro residents, the City Attorney's office will continue to monitor the litigation regarding the construction of the towers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ferry adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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