

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
5:00 P.M.  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ferry called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:03 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 – PENDING LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)

**Case Name:** Las Lomas Land Company, LLC v. City of Santa Clarita, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 097982

**Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. Santa Clarita, LLC, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 259442

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Ferry recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that as a result of the Closed Session just concluded, the City Council, by unanimous vote, authorized an appeal to be filed in the case, City of Santa Clarita v. Santa Clarita LLC, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 259442, upon the entry of a judgment.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Ferry adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

### **CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mary Cusick, Interim Deputy 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**

Councilmember McLean gave the invocation.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ferry called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:05 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember McLean led the flag salute.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Weste and the Councilmembers recognized Morrie Deason and presented him with a certificate commemorating his lifetime of service to the City of Santa Clarita.

Councilmember Ender and the Councilmembers presented proclamations recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and November as End Domestic Violence Month as part of Soroptimist Color Me Pink and Purple Campaign.

### **PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

Steve Cole, Chair of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Committee, provided an update of the committee's activities.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember McLean announced that AB 110 was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger adding Elsmere Canyon into the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor with the assistance of Assemblymember Smyth and Senator George Runner; requested, and the Council concurred, that staff research and comment on the effectiveness of sound walls and the possible noise due to the Newhall substation upgrade; announced the arrival of a paint matching trailer to assist in matching the paint of existing structures to cover graffiti; commented on the successful negotiations that resulted in the East Walker Ranch dedication; and congratulated staff on the success of the Street Art Festival and State of the City events.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste encouraged participation in a free event at Central Park, Saturday, October 17, sponsored by the Auto Club of Southern California aimed to engage teens in safe driving; noted that the Hart Park Pow Wow was well attended as was the Street Art Festival in Downtown Newhall, connecting talent with cultural history of the area; announced Heritage Haunt at Hart Park, starting Friday, October 17, through Halloween; announced the Haunted Jailhouse and Carnival October 25; expressed thank yous to staff and Magic Mountain for sponsoring the United Way Campaign.

Councilmember Kellar expressed kudos to City staff and Sheriff's Department for the Safe and Secure community-wide personal document destruction event at College of the Canyons; thanked the community and *The Signal* for assisting Kathylane Hess in her health and financial challenges; and announced his participation in the Diabetes 5K walk at Bridgeport Park.

Councilmember Ender commented on the success of the Street Art Festival and encouraged the community to experience the new streetscape and businesses attractions in Old Town Newhall; commented on the demolition on the property where the new Downtown Newhall Library will be located; visited the Santa Clarita International Charter School in Castaic; and congratulated City staff on their forward planning, while recognizing the cities of Lancaster and Burbank for their efforts in opening a tourism office and economic development office, respectively.

Mayor Ferry congratulated and thanked Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, and staff for the successful State of the City event held this past Monday and invited all to go to [www.santa-clarita.com](http://www.santa-clarita.com) to view the exciting presentation, and introduced *The Signal's* new City beat reporter, Jonathan Randles.

#### **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 McLean, second by Weste to approve the agenda, pulling Items 4 and 5 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 meeting are submitted for City Council approval. Approve minutes of the September 22, 2009 regular meeting and the October 5, 2009 special meeting 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**

##### **AWARD POOL CHEMICAL CONTRACT FOR CITY POOLS**

Approval of award of one-year contract for pool chemicals for City pools, with an option of two

additional renewals. Find the bid from Waterline non-responsive due to failure to complete the bid response correctly; award a contract to Inter Valley Pool Supply, Inc. for pool chemicals, for an initial term of one year, with the option of two additional renewals in an amount not to exceed \$104,527.15 annually; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to modify the award in the event issues of impossibility of performance arise, subject to City Attorney approval; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval, and execute two renewals at an annual cost not to exceed \$104,527.15 plus the cost of any Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases.

#### **ITEM 4**

##### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Los Angeles County 2009 Competitive Grant Program, administered through the Regional Park and Open Space District, makes grant funds up to \$150,000 available for acquisition, development, and/or improvement of real property for trails and public access projects. Adopt **Resolution No. 09-83** authorizing submittal of a grant application for the development of the East Walker Ranch Open Space internal trail system with connections to the Golden Valley Open Space trail system and the Santa Clara Divide Trail in the Angeles National Forest, to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2009 Competitive Trails Grant Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste commented on the historical significance of East Walker Ranch land and the public benefit of the project.

#### **ITEM 5**

##### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **ACQUISITION OF 10 +/- ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION, PLACERITA/QUIGLEY CANYON AREA, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL 2834-023-014 AND ACCESS EASEMENT, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL 2834-024-005**

Consideration of purchase of ten acres of vacant land and access easement for open space preservation in Placerita/Quigley Canyon area. Approve the purchase of 10 +/- acres of real property for open space preservation, located in Placerita/Quigley Canyon, Assessor's Parcel 2834-023-014 and approve an access easement on Assessor's Parcel 2834-024-005. Appropriate \$480,000 from Open Space Preservation District Fund Balance (Fund 358) to Open Space Preservation Expenditure Account 12592-5201.004. Appropriate \$20,000 from Open Space Preservation District Fund Balance (Fund 358) to Improvements Other Than Buildings Account 12592-5201.008. Authorize the expenditure of \$115,000 from Environmental Mitigation Land Acquisition Account R0002303-5201.004. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

Addressing the Council at this time was Valerie Thomas, representing Placerita Canyon Property Owners Association.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste expressed her gratitude to the community for supporting preservation stated that these ten acres are adjacent to 140 acres currently being preserved by the City.

**ITEM 6**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ADVANCE SYSTEM DETECTION EXPANSION, PROJECT I0008 - AWARD CONTRACT**

This project will expand the City's existing Intelligent Transportation System by installing additional system detection systems at one-mile intervals along Bouquet Canyon Road, Railroad Avenue, Newhall Avenue, and Sierra Highway to collect data for the City's Advance Traveler Information System. Accept the State of California Traffic Light Synchronization Program grant in the amount of \$500,000; approve the plans and specifications for the Advance System Detection Expansion, Project I0008, and award the construction contract to Steiny and Company, Inc., in the amount of \$393,890, plus a 15 percent contingency in the amount of \$59,084, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$452,974; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 7**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PARK MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FROM TURF STAR (TORO)**

City Council authorized the replacement of three Parks Division large turf mowers during the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget process. The current large riding mowers used to maintain City parks are ten years old and have reached the end of their useful life. Due to a combination of age, wear, and tear, the mowers are breaking down more frequently. The cost to repair them has increased beyond the current value of the mowers. Approve the purchase of park maintenance equipment from Turf Star (Toro) using National Interdepartmental Purchasing Alliance Contract 083004 in an amount not to exceed \$125,800; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 8**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROGRAM, PROJECT M0074, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT ESPL-5450 (051), AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) PROJECT - AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

This project will provide for preventative repairs to various bridges citywide. Approve the plans and specifications and award the construction contract to Peterson/Chase General Engineering Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$475,000, including contingency; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 9**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE IV GRADING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT P3012 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE**

This project provided grading and drainage improvements for the proposed expansion to the existing Santa Clarita Sports Complex facilities. Accept the work performed by Sukut Construction, Inc., on the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Phase IV Grading and Drainage Improvements, Project P3012; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices have been filed, as provided by law.

**ITEM 10**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**TAX-SHARING RESOLUTION FOR SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATIONS 1032 AND 1048**

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. 09-84** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation 1032 and adopt the Sanitation District's **Resolution No. 09-85** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation 1048.

**ITEM 11**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD GENERAL CLEANING SERVICES CONTRACT**

Award of contract for maintenance services associated with the recently installed Main Street improvements. Services will include maintenance for street furniture and boardwalks, as well as litter pick-up, emptying trash cans, and a deep cleaning of pavers and the Walk of Western Stars tiles on a regular basis. Award a two-year cleaning service contract to Oak Springs Nursery, Inc. for the ongoing maintenance and repairs of street furniture and other amenities in the Newhall Main Street area, Bid No. SD-09-10-03, in the amount of \$55,200, plus a 20 percent contingency of \$11,040, for a total two-year contract amount of \$66,240; appropriate \$30,000 from Landscape Maintenance District fund balance (Fund 357) to account 12543.5141.001; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contracts and associated documents, or modify the awards in the event issues of impossibility of performance arise, and execute up to three (3) annual renewal options not to exceed the annual bid amounts plus Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments, contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the City Council in the annual budget for such Fiscal Year, and execute all documents subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 12**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING THE RESTRUCTURING AND LEVY OF ITS ANNUAL STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION FEE AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15.50 OF TITLE 15**

On September 8, 2009, the City Council declared that the ballot measure to authorize the restructuring and levy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Fee (Fee) passed. The first ordinance provides for the adoption of the restructuring, levy and collection of the Fee, beginning with the fiscal year 2010-11. The second ordinance amends certain sections in Chapter 15.50 Storm Drainage Utility Enterprise Fund of the Municipal Code. 1) Introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING THE RESTRUCTURING AND LEVY OF ITS ANNUAL STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION FEE." 2) Introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA,

CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15.50 OF TITLE 15, ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC STORM DRAINAGE SERVICES AS A UTILITY ENTERPRISE OF THE CITY."

### **ITEM 13**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 37 & 38

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

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

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Motion carries.**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was Jerry Fischer regarding Stevenson Ranch annexing into the City; Nadine Teter, representing CCAC, regarding a CCAC "meet the candidate" forum; Bill Kennedy, representing himself and the SCV Economic Development Corporation, regarding economic development opportunities; Gediminas Jodele, Emmy Bonja, Ron Bonja, Aurora Figueroa, Leroy M. Lutes representing himself and son Donald Lutes, Joe Groenenstein, Hal Hanie, Dr. RW Mackey, Renate Dinoia, B. Levine, Louis Cohn, Tracie Linn-Tyrrell, Philip M. Letzo, Mike St. Amand, and Alan Ferdman regarding community preservation activities.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised the Council that Community Preservation is not enforcing driveway codes at this time, confirmed that the City's goal is to work in partnership with residents and communities, and requested that Paul Brotzman, Community Development Director, and Tina Haddad, Assistant to the City Manager, work with the Bonelli tract neighborhood to balance code enforcement activities with the unique nature of their neighborhood; confirmed that as part of the November 3, 2009, election there will be an opportunity for Stevenson Ranch residents to cast an advisory vote to gauge the interest in annexation into the City of Santa Clarita; and welcomed a meeting with Bill Kennedy and the Economic Development Corporation on how best to proceed.

Councilmember Kellar commented that economic development is important, requesting the issue be placed on the agenda for discussion; and reiterated the City Manager's comments regarding code enforcement and assured the residents it was not the City's intent to create any hardships.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste agreed that the Bonelli tract is unique property, and she would like the City to provide options specific to their neighborhood.

Councilmember McLean thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting to address the community preservation matter.

Mayor Ferry and Councilmember Ender concurred with the rest of the City Councilmembers' comments; and Mayor Ferry reminded everyone who would like to be contacted by the City regarding the code enforcement issues expressed at the meeting to provide their contact information before leaving the Council Chamber.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ferry adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 6 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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