

**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 13, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smyth called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 4:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmembers Ferry and McLean.

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: Bankruptcy RFI Realty, Inc., et al., Debtors
U S Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona
Case No. 2:04-10486-CGC

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Smyth recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 4:36 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 Smyth adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smyth called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Smyth led the flag salute.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION BY OUTGOING MAYOR

Mayor Smyth commented on his year as Mayor of the City and presented tokens of his appreciation to each Councilmember and City Manager Ken Pulskamp.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL AND STAFF

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, commented on Mayor Smyth’s term and presented a video highlighting the goals accomplished and many other activities of Mayor Smyth over the past year. Mr. Pulskamp presented Mayor Smyth with a montage taken from the video.

Councilmembers offered comments to Mayor Smyth at this time.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR ON BEHALF OF NON-CITY OFFICIALS

The following members of the community made presentations:

- Representing Congressman “Buck” McKeon, Scott Wilk;
- Representing State Senator George Runner, Jackie Bick;
- Representing State Senator Keith Richman, Jackie Bick;
- Representing State Senator Tom McClintock, Michelle Luse;
- Representing County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, Millie Jones;
- Representing the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Captain Patti Minutello; and
- Representing the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board Ed Masterson.

OUTGOING MAYOR TURNS GAVEL OVER TO CITY CLERK

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

CITY CLERK OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2006

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

Motion by Smyth to nominate Laurene Weste as Mayor.

Hearing no further nominations, the nomination period was closed.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Weste, Kellar, Smyth

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

CITY CLERK SWEARS IN NEW MAYOR

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Mayor Laurene Weste.

CITY CLERK TURNS GAVEL OVER TO NEW MAYOR

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

NEW MAYOR OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Weste opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Ferry, to nominate Marsha McLean as Mayor Pro Tem.

Hearing no further nominations, the nomination period was closed.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Weste, Smyth

Noes: Kellar

Absent: None

Motion carried.

NEW MAYOR GIVES ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Mayor Weste outlined her projects and issues that she hopes to address during the next year.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were none at this time.

ADJOURN

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

RECEPTION

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 Weste gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, led the flag salute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ferry commented on the passing of Val Corbin.

Councilmember McLean offered condolences and best wishes to Erica Betz, Sr.

Councilmember Smyth did not comment at this time.

Councilmember Kellar commented on the passing of Patrick R. Betz, Sr.

Mayor Weste commented on the passing of Ilene Mehterian and Walter Fletcher.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Brian Roney representing the Hasley Hills Homeowners Association regarding annexation to the City; and John Vedder regarding the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital Master Plan.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, commended Mr. Roney and committee for their efforts and coming to the City Council meeting, and suggested that Mr. Vedder deliver his comments regarding the hospital to the Planning Commission as the project is currently before them.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to approve the agenda pulling item 6.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2005 special City Council meeting and the November 22, 2005 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

CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

Under Assembly Bill 3229, the COPS Bill, funding is allocated to municipalities for public safety programs. This marks the 10th 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 Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Funds, under Assembly Bill 3229, to continue funding the COBRA (Career Offenders Burglary Robbery Apprehension) Team. Establish estimated revenue of \$242,338 in Account Number 211-5211, Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund. Appropriate \$242,338 to Account Number 7441-8001 for Contractual Services to implement the COBRA Team's programs. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any contracts, agreements, or change orders arising out of this program.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER, AND ACCESS RAMPS – PROJECT NOS. M0048, M0050, AND T0023 – AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

This capital improvement projects consist of the removal and replacement of damaged sidewalks, driveway approaches, and curb and gutter, and the construction of handicapped access ramps at various locations within the City. Approve the contract documents and specifications; award the construction contract for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Concrete Rehabilitation Program, Project Nos. M0048, M0050, and T0023 to FS Construction in the amount of \$432,770.00; authorize a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$43,277.00; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

TRACT MAP NO. 49621-02 (STETSON RANCH, FORMERLY CALLED WES THOMPSON RANCH) - APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

Approval of Tract Map No. 49621-02 (Stetson Ranch) consisting of approximately 144.66 acres, located east of Sand Canyon Road and 1/4 mile north of Soledad Canyon Road, and owned by Thompson Ranch Joint Development, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company. Approve Tract Map No. 49621-02 (Stetson Ranch); accept on behalf of the public the offers of dedication, rights, and easements; make certain findings; instruct the City Treasurer to endorse the Special Assessment Certificate; instruct the City Clerk to endorse the Certificate; and instruct the City Engineer to endorse the Agreement for Subdivision Improvements.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE CONTAINING MODIFICATIONS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

On November 22, 2005, the City Council received a presentation and conducted a public hearing regarding updates to the Unified Development Code (UDC). Conduct second reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 05-19** entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 16 AND 17 (THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE, CONCERNING THE ANNUAL MODIFICATION OF THE MODIFICATION OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND THE ADDITION OF THE MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE, THE RIDGELINE PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE, AND THE VEHICLE SERVICES OVERLAY ZONE TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE".

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULTS OF OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND PRESERVATION DISTRICT

On September 13, 2005, the Council approved the resolution of intention to form the proposed Open Space and Parkland Preservation District. Declare a "majority protest" exists following the ballot process to form the City of Santa Clarita Open Space and Parkland Preservation District, therefore requiring no further action.

Councilmember Ferry thanked those that voted and asked for feedback on reasons for the "no" vote.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 46, 47 AND 48

Approval of the Check Registers. Adopt **Resolution No. 05-142** to approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Registers 46, 47 and 48.

Motion by Smyth, second by Ferry, to approve the Consent Calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Smyth, McLean, Kellar, Ferry, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m. in memory of Ilene Mehterian; Val Corbin; Patrick R. Betz, Sr.; and Walter Fletcher.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Due to the Christmas holiday, no City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2005.

The City Council Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA has been canceled.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2006 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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