

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
JANUARY 24, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Ferry and Mayor Pro Tem 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
US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona
Case No. 2:04-10486-CGC

Case Name: City of Santa Clarita v. US Department of Interior
US District Court Case No. CV 04-1572 DT

The matter of potential litigation was removed from the agenda.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that in Closed Session with regard to the City of Santa Clarita v. US Department of Interior case, by a vote of 4-0 with one abstention, the City Council authorized an appeal of the decision of 1/3/06 by Judge Tevrizian denying the City's Motion for Summary Judgment and granting the Department of Interior's Motion for Summary Judgment. The decision of Judge Tevrizian effectively dismissed the City's action which challenged the BLM approval of the sand and gravel contracts with Cemex Inc.

ADJOURN

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 6:01 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

None was given.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Ferry invited Janelle Spindt to lead the flag salute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Kellar congratulated the outgoing and incoming Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce; commented on his attendance at the ribbon cutting at the City's new Community Center; and urged support of the upcoming Bowl-a-thons for the Single Mothers Outreach and Domestic Violence Center.

Mayor Pro Tem McLean reported on topics discussed at the Orange Line MagLev meeting, the League of CA Cities Community Services Policy Committee meeting, and the Valley Industrial Association meeting; commented on the grand openings of the Mercedes Benz dealership and the City's Community Center; and congratulated the outgoing and incoming Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Ferry encouraged participation at the Fitness Event on Saturday at Valencia Valley School; commented on the Feb 11 opening of the Youth Memorial at Central Park; noted the honoring of dads by the SCV PTA; expressed concern for locating marijuana dispensaries in the City and requested staff look into this (Council concurred) and provided an update on the work being done on a resident discount for parks and recreation fees and expanding teen court and requested that the City Manager be allowed to pursue creating a model program for teens (Council concurred).

Councilmember Smyth commented on the day laborer issue and requested that the City Attorney bring back a report on what the City of Costa Mesa is doing for Council to review and possibly amend our current ordinance.

Mayor Weste provided an update on the Sanitation District's efforts to remove self-regenerating water softeners, the fine proposed for alleged chloride violations at their Valencia Water Reclamation Plant, and requested the City Manager to meet with the Director of the Sanitation District for more information. Mayor Weste also requested that the Council adjourn this meeting in memory of Alma Vavrek, Lorrie Runyon's mother.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented certificates and checks to Detectives Coe Budge and Rich Pippin for apprehending two taggers while they were off-duty.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Mark Hershey in support of having a directly-elected Mayor and in opposition to having marijuana medical clinics anywhere but especially in this City; and Connie Worden-Roberts representing the Transportation Committee of the Chamber and the Valley Industrial Association in support of the Cross Valley Connector.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, commented on the Cross Valley Connector being the Council's top priority, noted the accomplishments made last year toward its completion and advised that the lawsuit filed against the Riverpark project, including a portion of the CVC, has stalled the Federal environmental process placing the whole process on hold pending the outcome of the lawsuit.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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

Carl Newton, City Attorney, advised of changes to Item 9, Tract Map No. 61811-01, regarding Quimby fees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kellar, second by McLean, to approve the agenda, pulling Item 6 from the Consent Calendar and noting the changes to Item 9 as outlined by the City Attorney.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2006 special and regular City Council meetings as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

CONVENE SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weste called the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to order at 6:54 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Agency Members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smyth, second by Ferry, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2006 meeting as submitted.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 1

JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSFER TITLE OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA TO THE SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Transfer title of 24158 San Fernando Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91321 - APN 2831-019-030 from the City of Santa Clarita to the Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency.

City Council: Motion by Smyth, second by Ferry, to direct staff to execute a grant deed to transfer title of property from the City of Santa Clarita to the Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Smyth, McLean, Kellar, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURN SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair Weste adjourned the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 6:55 p.m.

RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Weste resumed the Council meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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 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 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY COUNCIL 2006 MEETING CHANGES

Consideration of canceling meetings in 2006 due to the City's election, summer recess and holiday recess. Declare City Council summer recess for July 25, August 1 (Study Session), and August 8; cancel the regular meeting of April 11 due to the City of Santa Clarita General Municipal Election being held on that date, and declare a holiday recess for December 26, 2006.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE GRANT PROGRAM

The Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program is administered through the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Statewide city projects will compete for approximately \$1,663,000.00 to fund portions of projects in \$50,000.00 maximum increments. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-7** authorizing the City's 2005/2006 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant application as part of the Annual Overlay and Slurry Seal Program; and direct staff to submit the completed grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

MULTI-WAY STOP INSTALLATION AT PLEASANTDALE STREET AND WALNUT SPRINGS AVENUE

Installing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Pleasantdale Street and Walnut Springs Avenue. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-8** authorizing the installation of a multi-way stop control at the intersection of Pleasantdale Street and Walnut Springs Avenue.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

BENZ ROAD TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

As a result of completion of Copper Hill Drive to David Way, traffic volumes have been steadily increasing on Benz Road. This item presents a two-step plan to reduce cut-through traffic. Approve, contingent upon County Board of Supervisors' approval of same, a two-step plan for traffic restrictions on Benz Road to address cut-through traffic; authorize staff to install Step 1 improvements (signs restricting peak period turning movements onto Benz Road, Sue Drive, and Buckhorn Lane); and, if Step 1 improvements do not result in the desired traffic reduction, authorize staff to install Step 2 improvements (signing and striping restricting all but outbound right-turn movements from Benz Road and Buckhorn Lane onto Copper Hill Drive).

Addressing the Council on this item was Sol Levy, Jodi Levy, Cathy Carter, Taleen Varsem; Mark Davis, Jeffrey Evans, and Anthony Michaelides in opposition to the proposed restrictions. Tony Natoli spoke in support of the staff's recommendation.

In response to Council's request, Andrew Yi, Traffic Engineer, provided additional information in support of staff's recommendation and explaining the options considered.

Following considerable discussion, Council expressed desire for staff to look at other options and

to come back with a report. Action to return this item to staff was included in the motion on the entire Consent Calendar.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

PARCEL MAP NO. 26684 (CANYON COUNTRY AREA, ONE LOT SUBDIVISION) - APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

Approval of Parcel Map No. 26684 (Canyon Country area, one-lot subdivision) consisting of approximately 4.53 acres and four parcels, located on the south side of Soledad Canyon Road between Anne Freda Street and Deep Creek Drive and is owned by Mattsons M & L Financial. Approve Parcel Map No. 26684 (Canyon Country area, one-lot subdivision); accept on behalf of the public the offer 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 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSFER OF STORM DRAIN PD NO. 1772-U1 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

This storm drain has been constructed to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and is ready for transfer. County procedures require that each storm drain transfer request be accompanied by a resolution. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-9** for the transfer and conveyance of Private Drain (PD) No.1772-U1 to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

TRACT MAP NO. 61811-01 (CONDOMINIUMS, MILESTONE AT GOLDEN VALLEY) - APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

Approval of Tract Map No. 61811-01 (Condominiums, Milestone at Golden Valley) consisting of approximately 10.37 acres, at the intersection of Golden Valley Road and Robert C. Lee Parkway, owned by Centex Homes. Approve Tract Map No. 61811-01; accept on behalf of the public the offers of dedication for public use; make certain findings; instruct the City Treasurer to endorse the Special Assessment Certificate on the face of the Tract Map; instruct the City Clerk to endorse the Certificate on the face of the Tract Map and instruct the City Engineer to endorse the Agreement for Subdivision Improvements.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM - PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

Community Services Grant Program - Project Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2005-06. Approve Community Services Grant Committee's Project Recommendation List

for Fiscal Year 2005-06 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, and direct staff to execute agreements approved for funding. Authorize City Manager, or designee, to sign all documents pursuant to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 52, 01, AND 02

Approval of the Check Registers. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-10** to approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Registers 52, 01, and 02.

Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the changes to Item 9 and with the exception of Item 6, referring Item 6 to staff with a report back to Council no later than the second meeting in February, 2006.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Smyth, McLean, Kellar, Ferry, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 12

PUBLIC HEARING

MASTER CASE 05-339, MODIFICATION TO TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 52414 AND 52414-02 OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY RANCH DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Council consensus to waive staff presentation.

In report, Jason Mikaelian, Associate Planner, advised that this item is to request for an approval to modify the number of single-family residential lots in Tract 52414 from 54 lots to 67 lots, and to create a private park area in Tract 52414-02. The modifications will not result in an overall increase in the total number of single-family lots for the Golden Valley Ranch development. The modification areas are zoned Residential Suburban (RS).

Addressing the Council on this item was Lynne Plambeck; Jim Bizzelle representing Pardee Homes; and Diane Tennen representing the Sulphur Springs School District.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to adopt Resolution No. 06-11 approving Master Case 05-339 and the subsequent conditions of approval.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Kellar, Ferry, Smyth, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting in memory of Alma Vavrek at 7:58 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita CA.

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