

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 28, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem McLean called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Mayor Weste and Councilmember Smyth.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Hunt Braly regarding the Von der Ahe case.

CLOSED SESSION

Carl Newton, City Attorney, advised of the need to conduct a Closed Session for the purpose holding a:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)

- Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. Charles Von der Ahe, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case # PC 036780
- Case Name:** Cemex Inc. v. City of Santa Clarita (East End Annexation)
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case # BS 100710
- Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. Lopez (NTS Condemnation)
Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District Civ. # B 169596
- Case Name:** Dobson v. City of Santa Clarita
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case # PC 037300

RECESS AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem McLean recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. Mayor Weste reconvened the meeting at 6:17 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 Weste adjourned the meeting at 6:18 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

Councilmember Smyth gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Representatives of Girl Scout Troop 597 presented the colors and led the flag salute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ferry, Councilmember Smyth, Mayor Pro Tem McLean, and Councilmember Kellar made no comments.

Mayor Weste commented on her and Councilmember Kellar’s trip to Sacramento where they met with Senator Runner and Assemblymember Richman regarding the issue of chlorides in the Santa Clara River, and indicated this Council meeting would be adjourned in memory of Ann Means and William Ferle.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a proclamation to representatives of the Food Pantry on the occasion of their 20th anniversary.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented certificates to Waste Management employees and relatives of Army Pfc. Jose Flores for setting up the college fund for Pfc. Flores’ son, Angel Gabriel Flores. A recognition plaque was also presented to Chris Fall representing Waste Management.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Steve Bernard, the new Captain Area Commander of the California Highway Patrol, introduced himself and expressed his pleasure of returning to serve the area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Terilynn Fitz representing Torches Across America requesting that a proclamation be prepared to recognize 1st Responders on September 11; Carole Lutness representing SCV Clean Money For Better Government (submitted material), Lynne Plambeck, Trish Lester, and Frank Ford spoke in support of a Clean Money Ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kellar requested the issue of campaign financing be agendized following the current election cycle with the City Attorney prepared to offer options that the Council has and does not have.

Council consensus to agendize the issue of campaign financing in a broad sense.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kellar, second by McLean, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006 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

TAX SHARING RESOLUTION FOR SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NOS. 281, 349 and 1001-1004

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (formerly known as County Sanitation District Nos. 26 and 32) 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. As part of this process, a tax-sharing resolution to provide the required funding to the Sanitation District is adopted by the public agency responsible for providing services to the subject property. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-15** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 281; adopt **Resolution No. 06-16** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 349; adopt **Resolution No. 06-17** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1001; adopt **Resolution No. 06-18** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues

resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1002; adopt **Resolution No. 06-19** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1003 and adopt **Resolution No. 06-20** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 1004.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RBF CONSULTING TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE ROBINSON RANCH RESIDENTIAL PROJECT (MASTER CASE 05-349)

RBF Consulting to prepare an EIR for the 114 single-family dwelling unit proposal of Robinson Ranch Residential Project within the community of Canyon Country. Authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a professional services contract between the City and RBF Consulting to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Robinson Ranch Residential project, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$195,595.00, subject to City Attorney approval. EIR preparation costs will be borne by the applicant.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 6.02 AND 6.04 OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MANUFACTURED HOMES

The proposed amendments would clarify rights for owners of manufactured homes as well as provide an administrative process for issues other than rent control. Adopt **Ordinance No. 06-1** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 6.02 AND 6.04 OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MANUFACTURED HOMES" and adopt **Resolution No. 06-21** to amend the required daily reimbursement amount for manufactured homeowners in the case of a change of use of the mobile home park in which they reside.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

I-5/MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PHASE 2, PROJECT NO. S1003 - AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT CONTRACTS AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR VARIOUS UTILITY AGENCIES

This project consists of reconstruction of all four freeway ramps, the widening of Magic Mountain Parkway from The Old Road to the proposed northbound ramps, and realignment and widening of The Old Road. Authorize construction management support for the amount of \$2,125,000.00; approve the execution of agreements for various utility relocations with Exxon Mobil Oil Company (EMOC), Southern California Gas Company (SCGC), Los Angeles County Sanitation District, and other affected utility agencies; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

SIERRA HIGHWAY BRIDGES OVER THE RAILROAD, PROJECT NO. S3009 - APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT CONTRACTS

Sierra Highway Bridges over the railroad consists of two structures separated by approximately twelve feet. This project consists of the replacement of the northbound structure, rehabilitation of the southbound structure, and the closure of the twelve-foot gap. Approve the plans and specifications; award the construction contract to Griffith Company, Inc. for the Sierra Highway Bridges over the Railroad, Project No. S3009, in the amount of \$6,098,894.50, and authorize a contingency in the amount of \$609,890.00; authorize the construction management support contracts; authorize a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) in the amount of \$440,000.00 for railroad flagging costs; increase Revenue Account No. 453-5212 by \$2,317,682.00 and appropriate this revenue into Expenditure Account S3009453-8001 to allow for construction management support; decrease Revenue Account No. 109-6714 by \$1,999,000.00 and decrease Expenditure Account No. S30009109-8001 by the same amount; increase Revenue Account No. 205-5131 by \$1,999,000.00 and increase Expenditure Account No. S3009205-8001 by the same amount to reflect a change in grant fund source; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

NEWHALL PARK AQUATICS BUILDING REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. M2001 - AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

The rehabilitation work for the Newhall Park Aquatics Building will address the drainage and ventilation issues, prevent future water damage, and include a center hallway to allow patrons to directly access the pool. City Council to award the construction contract for the rehabilitation of the Newhall Park Aquatic Building, Project No. M2001, to Hanes & Associates in the amount of \$807,000, and authorize a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$80,700; appropriate \$565,000 from Revenue Account No. 450-4027 (Park In Lieu Fees) to Account No. M2001450-8001; approve the project plans and specifications; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

PARCEL MAP NO. 62727 (COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUMS - RYE CANYON COMMERCE CENTER) - APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP

Parcel Map No. 62727, consisting of approximately 7.31 acres located on the southwesterly corner of the intersection of Hercules Street and Constellation Road, and owned by OPUS West Corporation, a Minnesota Corporation. Approve Parcel Map No. 62727; make certain findings; instruct the City Treasurer to endorse the Special Assessment Certificate on the face of the Parcel Map; instruct the City Clerk to endorse the Certificate on the face of the Parcel Map; and instruct the City Engineer to endorse the Certificate on the face of the Parcel Map.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

PURCHASE OF CHAPTER 8 TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY APN 2833-011-047

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Los Angeles County Revenue and Taxation Code, governing agencies may enjoy priority to purchase tax-defaulted properties for public use purposes prior to, or while the properties are publicly auctioned by the County. The proposed acquisition will assist in implementing the future alignment of the Dockweiler Drive extension. Approve Chapter 8 Agreement No. 2509 to purchase Los Angeles County

Tax-Defaulted Property, APN 2833-011-047; authorize a total expenditure amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 from Dockweiler Drive Account No. S3023303 for the property purchase (\$1,818.00) and additional fees necessary for the payment of publication and title transfer fees; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

SAN FERNANDO ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENT AND SIGNING/STRIPING, PROJECT NO. C2021, SR-14 TO RAILROAD AVENUE - AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

This project will restripe San Fernando Road from four lanes to six lanes, from Railroad Avenue to SR-14. Award the contract for San Fernando Road Street Improvement and Signing/Striping, Project No. C2021, from SR-14 to Railroad Avenue, to Padilla Paving in the amount of \$131,609.40, and authorize a 10 percent contingency expenditure in the amount of \$13,160.94, for a total of \$144,770.34 from Account Nos. C2021455-8001, C2021001-8001, and C2021303-8001; approve the project plans and specifications; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW DIAL-A-RIDE VEHICLES AND APPROPRIATION OF MATCHING FUNDS

The state has purchased four (4) new Dial-a-Ride vehicles and is providing them to the City through a grant valued at \$224,000. In order to accept the vehicles the City must provide a twenty-percent matching grant in the amount of \$44,800. Appropriate \$44,800 from fund 801 to 2460-8615 to be used as a grant match for new Dial-a-Ride vehicles being purchased by the state for the City through the federal 5310 grant program. Authorize City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 05, 06, AND 07

Approval of the Check Registers. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-22** to approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Registers 05, 06, and 07.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Smyth, McLean, Kellar, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 13

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENZ ROAD TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Andrew Yi, City Traffic Engineer, advised that as a result of the 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.

Addressing the Council on this item was Anthony Michaeldes, Ray Lasick, Cheri Pohl, Kathy Meyer, Roy Meyer, Tony Natoli (submitted material), Sharon Natoli, Scott Young, Todd Syrek, Bruce Castle (submitted material), Jean Erickson, Kathryn Swope, Ralph Edson, and Yvonne Ignacio.

Six written comments were submitted on this item.

Motion by McLean, second by Kellar, to approve 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). The proposed restrictions on Copper Hill Drive at Buckhorn Lane are contingent on the County Board of Supervisor's approval.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Smyth, McLean, Kellar, Ferry, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. in memory of Ann Means and William Ferle.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, March 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, March 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