

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Ferry.

**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 Dept of Interior (NEPA Litigation)  
US District Court Case No. CV 04-1572 DT (on appeal)

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:05 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 6:05 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 given.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:08 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

In response to request from Councilmember Ferry, Doug Grogan, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County YMCA, led the flag salute.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ferry introduced a video on the recently opened Youth Grove Memorial.

Councilmember Smyth commented on his absence from the last meeting to be with his wife and newly born son.

Councilmember Kellar made no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem McLean commented on yesterday's events that culminated in high school students meeting in the City Council Chamber.

Mayor Weste commented on the emergency preparedness meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29; and announced that this Council meeting would be adjourned in memory of Marilyn Sword.

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

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented National Library Week Proclamations to the Library Managers from the three Santa Clarita Valley libraries, in Newhall, Canyon Country and Valencia.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

Sue Trock, Public Relations Chair of the SCV Assistance League, made a presentation thanking Council for Support of their 5K Run/Walk being held on April 30 and presented T-shirts and race applications.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was Cam Noltemeyer regarding the upcoming Council election, the bond that has been waived for the Whitaker-Bermite site grading and a proposal for a natural gas line through the City; Bruce McFarland regarding the selection of a replacement for Councilmember Smyth should he be successful in his bid for the 38th Assembly seat; and Lynne Plambeck responding to the hit mailer sent out by a political action committee against her with regard to the upcoming Council election.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, commented on the waiver of the grading bond at the Whitaker-Bermite site and the agreement reached with the State Department of Toxic Substance Control which provides the City with greater protection.

## **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, pulling Item 4 from the Consent Calendar.**

**Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2006 regular City Council meeting 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**

#### **ACQUISITION OF 11.19 ACRES OF VACANT LAND LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MARKET AND ARCH STREETS - ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 2833-014-014 AND 2831-011-037**

This acquisition will assist in implementing the future alignment of Dockweiler Drive. The extension of Dockweiler Drive will create a secondary east-west link through Newhall, with eventual connections that coordinate with the public enhancement of downtown Newhall. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all required documents to complete the acquisition of 11.19 acres of unimproved real property located at the northwest corner of Market and Arch Streets, Assessor's Parcel Nos. 2833-014-014 and 2831-011-037, subject to City Attorney approval; adopt **Resolution No. 06-27** authorizing a loan and appropriation of funds from the General Fund into the Via Princessa Bridge and Thoroughfare District (Dockweiler Drive Account No. S3032303) in the amount of \$430,000; and authorize a total expenditure of \$630,000 from Dockweiler Drive Account No. S3032303 for purchase of the property and for all other costs associated with the transaction.

**ITEM 3**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2004-2005 ANNUAL OVERLAY AND SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM, PROJECT NOS. M0039 AND M0044 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

The Annual Overlay and Slurry Seal project is an integral part of the City's pavement management program and adds pavement and slurry seal asphalt maintenance treatments to selected City streets. Approve and accept the completion of the 2004-2005 Annual Overlay and Slurry Seal Program, Project Nos. M0039 and M0044; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; direct staff to release the remaining 5 percent retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 4**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION REGARDING SANITATION DISTRICTS

Consideration of co-sponsorship of legislation. Approve City of Santa Clarita co-sponsorship of legislative proposal sponsored by Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and authorize staff to work with Senator George Runner for introduction of legislation.

In response to questions from Councilmember Smyth and Mayor Pro Tem McLean, Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, provided additional information.

**ITEM 5**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 10 AND 11

Approval of the Check Registers. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-28** to approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Registers 10 and 11.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to approve the Consent Calendar, with Mayor Weste disqualified from voting on Item 2, acquisition of property, due to a possible conflict of interest as a result of the proximity of her home to the subject property.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 6**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

MASTER CASE 03-358 - KEYSTONE PROJECT

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Heather Waldstein, Associate Planner, advised that this item is for the consideration of Master Case 03-358, request for a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Vesting Tentative Tract Map, Conditional Use Permit, Hillside Review Permit and Oak Tree Permit to allow subdivision and construction of 499 residential units, a General Plan Arterial Roadway, a 6-acre turnkey public park and graded and prepared lots for a future YMCA and Junior High School on a 246 acre project site in the City of Santa Clarita.

Adrian Foley, representing the applicant, Brookfield Homes, made a presentation on the proposed project.

Addressing the Council on this item was Robert C. Lee representing the William S. Hart School District; Leo Wolf; Connie Worden Roberts representing the Transportation Committee; Victoria Thompson; Robert Denise; John Powell; Rick Steinbruecker; John O'Connell representing the SCV YMCA; Jane Kim representing the SCV YMCA; J. Michael McGrath representing the SCV YMCA; Scott Shannon representing the SCV YMCA; Marty Duran; Steven Sturgeon; John Morrisette representing Highland I Homeowners/American Beauty; Cam Noltemeyer; Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE; Shawn Adams; Curt Howard (submitted petition signed by 375 residents); Chris Austin; Marc Deagon; Ben Adelstein; Bill Arens; Diane Raines-Gass; Laurene Kendall; Charles Joseph; and Ron Rudzinski.

Seventeen written comments were submitted in favor of the project.

On behalf of the applicant, Adrian Foley provided a rebuttal to comments made by the public.

Mayor Weste called a recess at 8:38 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

In response to questions from Councilmembers, staff provided additional information.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to close the public hearing and to direct staff to prepare a resolution for consideration at the April 25, 2006 meeting approving the project including the opening of Ermine and Dorothy Streets, traffic calming measures, and that Quimby fees be handled as recommended by staff.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Weste called a recess at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

## **ITEM 7**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **RESIDENT SUBSIDY**

Councilmember Frank Ferry advised that this item is for the consideration of a resident subsidy for City programs at City developed parks and facilities.

Addressing the Council on this item was David Bossert representing the West Ranch Town Council; and Laurie Ender and Edward Redd representing the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

One written comment was submitted in support of the proposal.

In response to questions from Councilmember Smyth, Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, provided additional information.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to approve implementation of a resident subsidy for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services programs at City-developed parks and facilities.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: Smyth**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **ITEM 8**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR**

Councilmember Ferry advised that the City Council requested staff to provide information regarding changing from a non-elected mayor to an elected mayor. Changing to an elected mayor would need to be decided by the voters pursuant to Government Code sections 34900 through 34901.

Addressing the Council on this item was Joe Messina; Cam Noltemeyer; Tanii Carr; Sandra Cattell; Bruce McFarland; Lynne Plambeck; Diane Trautman; Glo Donnelly; Maria Gutzeit; Michael Cruz; Connie Worden Roberts; and Larry Mankin.

**Motion by Ferry, second by Smyth, to allow the citizens of the City of Santa Clarita, on the April 2008 municipal election ballot, to decide whether they want a directly elected mayor and if so, whether it be for a two-year or four-year term.**

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Ferry, Smyth**

**Noes: Kellar, McLean, Weste**

**Absent: None**

**Motion did not carry.**

## **ITEM 9**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

In report, Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, advised that this item is for an interim urgency

ordinance to place a 45-day moratorium on the establishment and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Santa Clarita.

**Council consensus to waive staff presentation.**

Addressing the Council on this item was Stephanie Weiss.

**Motion by Smyth, second by Ferry, to adopt an interim urgency Ordinance No. 06-2 to place a 45-day moratorium on the establishment and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Santa Clarita with a minimum 4/5 vote; and instruct staff to analyze whether and/or how the City should proceed in its regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 10**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SUPPORT FOR NOMINEE TO SERVE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS THE NORTH COUNTY/SAN FERNANDO VALLEY REPRESENTATIVE**

Mayor Laurene Weste advised that as a result of Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts not seeking City Council re-election, the seat he occupies on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors will become vacant.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

**Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to select Glendale Councilmember Ara Najarian to support as the North County/San Fernando Valley Sector representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 11:06 p.m. in memory of Marilyn Sword.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The regularly scheduled City Council Study Session to be held Tuesday, April 4, 2006 has been cancelled.

Due to the City's General Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, no City Council meeting will be held.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 6:00 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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