

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
5:00 P.M.  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
AUGUST 22, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem McLean called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:09 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Mayor Weste and 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 – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one matter

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**  
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

**Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. Comcast Corporation, et al.  
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case # BC 356056

**CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**  
Government Code Section 54956.8

Location of Property: Valley Business Center Drive at Golden Valley Road, portion of  
APN 2849-024-030

Property Owner: VBC Investors LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Pro Tem McLean recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. and Mayor Weste reconvened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that in Closed Session by unanimous vote of those present (Councilmember Ferry absent), Council authorized and confirmed the filing of an action in LA Superior Court against Comcast Corporation and Time-Warner Cable regarding the transfer of the cable franchise.

**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 card and submit it to the City Clerk before the item is announced by the Mayor.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem McLean gave the invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Representatives of Boy Scout Troop 48 presented the colors and led the flag salute.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Kellar indicated that it was good to be back after the summer “hiatus”.

Mayor Pro Tem McLean advised that she attended many events during the “hiatus” and offered additional information regarding the Orange Line Development Authority meeting and a proposed resolution that various agencies would be considering for adoption; the Canyon Country Advisory Committee meeting which several City staff members also attended; initiatives to be included on the November ballot; and the Senior Wine Auction to benefit the meals-on-wheels program to be held September 23.

Councilmember Ferry congratulated the Canyon Theatre Guild on their successful run of “Fiddler on the Roof”; invited attendance at the Michael Hoefflin Foundation event on September 9 and Teen Scene Unplugged on September 27; and acknowledged the passing of Richard Dilly, former football, track and field coach at Canyon High School.

Councilmember Smyth noted the City’s free, successful and almost-over Concerts in the Park series this summer and invited attendance at the Hispanic Chamber Gala on September 8.

Mayor Weste acknowledged the time she spent as a juror in San Fernando, various events which occurred during the “hiatus”, and her attendance at meetings regarding the transitional care unit at Henry Mayo Hospital. She advised that she would be forming a Mayor’s Ad Hoc Task Force to work on this issue and invited Councilmember Kellar to participate with her along with various community members.

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

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a plaque and certificates of recognition to Jim Johnson, Jay Larkins and Tom Schmidt representing the Elk's Club in recognition of their work on the 4th of July Parade.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a certificate of recognition to Carl Goldman for his assistance in the Stonecrest Annexation area.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a proclamation recognizing National Drug Addiction Recovery Month to Cary Quashen, President and Founder of ACTION.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

There were none.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was Michael Matsuda regarding a Martial Arts History Museum to possibly be located in the Newhall Redevelopment area (submitted material); the following opposing the closure of the transitional care unit (TCU) at Henry Mayo Hospital: Bernard Glass, Dick Ramirez, Jackie Avery, Stella Weaver, John Watson, Ken Farnsworth, Robin Clough and Dr. Gene Dorio; and Anna Frutos-Santos who introduced herself as the new Southern California Edison Region Manager (submitted material).

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised he would have an opportunity to meet with Mr. Matsuda with regard to his proposal later this month. He also indicated that the Council has no direct control or authority over the hospital or its operations but would work in concert with the hospital and the Mayor's Ad Hoc Task Force to look at the problem and solutions for the community with regard to the TCU. He also welcomed Ms. Frutos-Santos and indicated he would be meeting with her on Friday.

## **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 McLean, second by Kellar, to approve the agenda, pulling Item 11 from the Consent Calendar.**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2006 special and regular City Council meetings as submitted.**

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

**RECESS TO SANTA CLARITA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Weste reconvened the meeting of the City Council at 7:10 p.m.

**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**

**ASSEMBLY BILL 777**

This bill is intended to enact legislation that discourages runaway production in the motion picture industry in California. Support Assembly Bill 777 (AB 777) and transmit statements of support to Speaker Nunez, Assembly Member Richman, Senator McClintock and Senator Runner.

**ITEM 3**

**DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The League's constitution provides that each city is entitled to one vote in matters affecting municipal or League policy. To be eligible to vote, each city must designate a voting delegate and an alternate who will be present at the Annual Business Meeting. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-84** designating Mayor Pro Tem Marsha McLean as the voting delegate and Councilmember Bob Kellar as the alternate for the League of California Cities 2006 Annual Conference.

**ITEM 4**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Consideration of submittal of a grant application for the extension of the Sand Canyon multi-use trail. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-85** authorizing submittal of a grant application for the extension of the Sand Canyon multi-use trail to connect north toward the planned extension of the Santa Clara River Trail, to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2006 Competitive Trails Grant Program.

**ITEM 5**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) DUI AND ENFORCEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM**

The City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station have been awarded,

through a competitive process, a two-year grant from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$393,936. This funding provides local agencies with opportunities to address traffic safety and implement innovative alcohol countermeasure strategies. Accept Office of Traffic Safety's DUI Enforcement and Comprehensive Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$393,936; increase estimated revenues in OTS Grant Account Number 453-5173 by \$231,280 in Fiscal Year 2006-07; increase estimated expenditures in Account Number 7484; authorize City Manager or designee, to execute any contract documents, change orders, or amendments arising out of this program, subject to City Attorney's approval.

**ITEM 6**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ESTABLISH A "NO-STOPPING ANY TIME" ZONE**

Establish a "No-Stopping Any Time" zone around the cul-de-sac at the westerly end of Banyon Place. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-86** establishing an approximate 290-foot "no-stopping any time" zone around the cul-de-sac at the westerly end of Banyon Place.

**ITEM 7**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**GOLDEN WEST K-9 SECURITY CONTRACT RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007**

Contract renewal and amendment for security services for Fiscal Year 2006/2007. Authorize the renewal of the current contract for security services for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 with Golden West K-9 in an amount not to exceed \$336,575.45, and a contingency in the amount of \$33,657.00; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents for this one-year renewal plus the two (2) additional one-year renewable terms that remain per the agreement, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 8**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH J. L. PATTERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PREPARE A FEASIBILITY AND TRACK REALIGNMENT STUDY WITHIN THE WHITTAKER/BERMITE AND CITY PROPERTIES**

Prepare a design concept and feasibility study for track realignment to present to developer for consideration in land use planning. Authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a professional services contract between the City of Santa Clarita and J.L. Patterson & Associates, Inc. for the preparation of a Feasibility and Track Realignment Study in the amount of \$146,912.00, and authorize a contingency in the amount of \$30,000.00, subject to City Attorney approval; transfer funds from City Council Contingency Account No. 2250-7401 to Expenditure Account No. C4006001-8001 in the amount of \$120,000.00. Allocate \$60,000 from Proposition A fund balance to Expenditure Account No. C4006206-8001.

**ITEM 9**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PARCEL MAP NO. 60132 (NORTHEAST CORNER OF COPPER HILL DRIVE AND NEWHALL RANCH ROAD, LOT 1 OF TRACT MAP NO. 52111) - APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION**

Approval of Parcel Map No. 60132 consisting of 8.338 acres, located at the northeast corner of Copper Hill Drive and Newhall Ranch Road, and owned by H.R. Highridge LLC., a California Limited Liability Company. Approve Parcel Map No. 60132; accept on behalf of the public the offers of dedication; 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.

**ITEM 10**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SANTA CLARITA ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION**

The purpose of the Enterprise Zone program is to target areas throughout the state to stimulate business and industrial growth. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-87** authorizing the submittal of the Enterprise Zone application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for designation as the Santa Clarita Enterprise Zone and the Negative Declaration prepared for the project.

**ITEM 11**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

This is a Web-based system used for phone notification of the public and City staff in emergencies. The entire cost is funded by a Homeland Security Grant. Reject all proposals, and award a five-year contract under a Federal General Service Administration (GSA) Schedule 70 purchase agreement to Twenty First Century Communications, in an amount not to exceed \$91,255, to provide the City with an automated emergency notification system; accept and appropriate Office of Homeland Security State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$91,255 to expenditure Account Number 74420-8001; and increase revenue estimates for Fund 109-6714 by \$91,255.

Addressing the Council on this item was Steve Kirchmeier, Charles Pickering, Ann Chamberlin and Cinta Putra representing 3N-National Notification Network.

Kevin Tonoian, Technology Services Manager, provided additional information and clarification.

**ITEM 12**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR BUS CHARTER SERVICES**

Approve contract renewal to include Recreation's day camp program with the bus charter contract for Community Services' Youth and Family Programs. Approve the renewal of the bus charter services contract with Laidlaw Educational Services in the amount of \$71,675.91; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents for this renewal, plus

the two (2) additional one-year renewable terms that remain per the agreement, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 13**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE LIGHT-DUTY TRUCK, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DIRECTLY PURCHASE TWO LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS FROM EXISTING DEALER STOCK**

Two light-duty trucks will be utilized by Public Works staff to supervise the Cross Valley Connector Gap Closure Project. The other truck will be utilized by graffiti abatement staff to improve efficiencies in graffiti eradication. Award contract to Raceway Ford, and authorize City Manager to execute the contract, subject to City Attorney approval, for the purchase of one light-duty truck, for an amount not to exceed \$32,481, and authorize a budget transfer from account number 7481-7315 to account number 7428-8615 in the amount of \$32,481. Authorize staff to directly purchase two light-duty trucks from existing dealer stock, for an amount not to exceed \$44,302.58, plus an additional 15% contingency amount of \$6,645 from account number 2260-8615.

**ITEM 14**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR BID NUMBER PS-05-06-27 FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ZONE T-47, NORTH PARK**

City staff evaluated five bids and is recommending Council award the bid to Oakridge Landscape. Award a landscape maintenance services contract for Landscape Maintenance District Zone T-47 (Northpark) to Oakridge Landscape, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$282,954; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 15**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**VALENCIA SUMMIT PASEO LIGHTING PROJECT**

The FY 05-06 adopted CIP budget included the Summit Paseo Lighting Project. The purpose of the project was to illuminate some of the darker portions of the Summit community's natural area paseo system and provide an enhanced recreational opportunity to the paseo users. Approve and accept the Valencia Summit Paseo Lighting Project; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the 10% retention balance (\$11,357) 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.

**ITEM 16**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY INTO STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 (ANNEXATIONS L-81 AND L-82)**

Consideration of a resolution initiating the formation proceedings and assessments. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-88** to initiate the annexation and formation proceedings for two streetlight maintenance districts; approve the Engineer's Report and set the Public Hearing for September 12, 2006.

**ITEM 17**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT RATE FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NUMBER 1, ANNEXATION 1-G (TRACT 61811 - CENTEX DEVELOPMENT) ON GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD

Council action will allow the City to levy the necessary amount to pay for annual maintenance of landscaping on Golden Valley Road and Robert C. Lee Parkway. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-89** to initiate proceedings to increase the maximum Landscape Maintenance District assessment rate from \$56.45 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) to \$107.28 per EDU annually for Landscape Maintenance District Number 1, Annexation 1-G (Centex Development), approve the preliminary Engineer's Report, and set the Public Hearing for August 22, 2006. This action is recommended in order to correct an error made in the consulting Assessment Engineer's report for this property, which was previously presented to and approved by the City Council on July 11, 2006.

**ITEM 18**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, AND 31

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

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

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 19**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

DECLARATION OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS AS PUBLIC NUISANCES; INTENT TO ABATE; ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE TO HEAR OBJECTIONS; AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TWO (2) CITY-HIRED SIGN CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING BUSINESS SIGNS

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Chandra Spencer representing the City Attorney's Office advised that the City's Sign Compliance Program is intended to improve the aesthetic appearance of the community and reduce competitive streetscape signage clutter along the City's roadway corridors. Through this program, the City may abate the nuisances created on various properties by non-conforming signs. She reviewed the specific eight signs which were the subject of this proceeding.

Addressing the Council on this item was Larry Young, Real Estate Asset Manager for Carl's Jr. Restaurant; and Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

**Motion by Ferry, second by Kellar, to approve Resolution No. 06-90 declaring Council's intention to abate the public nuisances created by non-conforming signs, setting September 26, 2006, as the date for a public hearing on objections to the proposed abatement; and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a professional services contract between the City and two (2) City-hired sign contractors to provide contractor services for removal of non-conforming business signs, for a contract amount not to exceed \$100,000 each, subject to City Attorney approval.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **ITEM 20**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT RATE FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NUMBER 1, ANNEXATION 1-G (TRACT 61811 - CENTEX DEVELOPMENT) ON GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD**

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Dennis Luppens, Special Districts Administrator, advised that this item is for the LMD levy rate modification for Tract 61811, Centex Homes near Golden Valley Road to allow for annual maintenance of landscaping on Golden Valley Road and Robert C. Lee Parkway. Approval is recommended in order to correct an error made in the consulting Assessment Engineer's report for this property, which was previously presented to and approved by the City Council on July 11, 2006.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, advised that the single property owner has submitted a petition and ballot in favor of the rate increase.

**Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar, to adopt Resolution No. 06-91, and approve the Engineer's Report to increase the maximum Landscape Maintenance District assessment rate from \$56.45 per EDU to \$107.28 per EDU annually for Landscape Maintenance District Number 1, Annexation 1-G (Centex Development).**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **ITEM 21**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY INTO STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1  
(ANNEXATIONS L-79 AND L-80)

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Dennis Luppens, Special Districts Administrator, advised that this item is for the consideration of annexation of territory into Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1 for Sulphur Springs School District and St. Clare Church.

Addressing the Council on this item was Monsignor Ed Renehan representing St. Clare Church.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, advised that the single property owner for each annexation (L-79 and L-80) has submitted a ballot in favor of the assessment.

**Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar, to adopt Resolution No. 06-92 approving the Engineer's Report ordering said annexations, and authorize the annual levy and collection of assessments within the District; adding a condition to provide lights as requested for St. Clare's Church.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. in memory of Richard Dilly.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, September 5, 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, September 12, 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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