

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmember Smyth.

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: City of Santa Clarita v. Santa Clarita LLC, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 259442

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that in the Closed Session just concluded, by unanimous vote of those present (Councilmember Smyth absent), the City Council authorized the City Attorney and Burke Williams and Sorenson to initiate a civil proceeding to abate a substandard condition on property owned by Mr. Toombs.

ADJOURN

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Was not given.

INVOCATION

Mayor Weste gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Smyth.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Kellar led the flag salute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Kellar noted the Senior Wine Auction held over the weekend at Le Chene Restaurant to raise money for the senior home-delivered meals program and thanked Duane Harte for his work and dedication to this event.

Mayor Pro Tem McLean reported on her attendance at a recent meeting of the MagLev Orange Line Authority and noted that the recent accident was due to something being left on the track not due to the technology; National Anthem Day at Rio Norte School; the reception for Tom Veloz; a Zonta fundraiser; the Downtown Main Street Association meeting with the upcoming Street Art Festival in Newhall; an event with Mission Valley Bank on behalf of the Food Pantry; the AQMD Institute; and the North Newhall Discovery workshop. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Frank Hovore, a noted biologist and the original supervisor at the Placerita Canyon Park and Natural Area and Nature Center.

Councilmember Ferry acknowledged Councilmember Smyth's bid for the California State Assembly with the election 6 weeks away; Lisa Hardy's work on the Whitaker-Bermite project; a film he saw recently, Little Miss Sunshine, with much of the film being shot here in Santa Clarita; and the efforts of Adele Mcpherson and her staff toward Teen Scene Unplugged being held tomorrow night at the Hyatt.

Mayor Weste congratulated the SCV Committee on Aging on their successful fund-raiser and Canterbury Village on their anniversary as senior housing; and reminded of several upcoming events including a meeting regarding the transitional care unit (TCU) on Friday, the Filipino Dance performance, the River Rally, and the Canyon Theatre Guild gala. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Tom Veloz, a great humanitarian and generous benefactor to the Santa Clarita community.

In response to request by Mayor Weste, Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised of the receipt of annual correspondence from the County Librarian regarding tax revenue collected for the libraries and the difference between the amount determined by the County and the amount determined by the City. As requested by the Council, this topic will be included on the agenda for discussion with Supervisor Antonovich at a special meeting to be held in October.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Mayor Weste and members of the City Council proclaimed the month of October as National Community Planning Month and presented the proclamation to Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager.

Mayor Weste and members of the City Council recognized Darren Hernández, Director of Administrative Services, and Finance Division staff on their receipt of the Investment Policy Certificate of Excellence from the Association of Public Treasurers of the US and Canada.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Lupe Franco-Butler representing Waste Management, who introduced herself as the new public relations manager; Terri Cadiente representing the Rag Doll Restoration Foundation, requesting waiver of a temporary use fee for their fund raiser at the Paseo Club; and Kevin Leahy and Julie Schaefer representing Gateway Village Center regarding access to the Center requesting the speedy construction of the opening onto Newhall Ranch Road.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, welcomed Lupe Franco-Butler in her new position; commented that the City does not waive fees since they cover costs incurred and indicated that staff would talk with Ms. Cadiente to see if there is some way to help; and advised he would ask the Traffic Engineer to look into ways to improve access to the Gateway Village Center and to expedite the process within the constraints the City has to work with.

With the concurrence of Council, Councilmember Kellar requested that the City Manager bring a report back to the City Council on the Gateway Village Center.

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 Kellar, second by Ferry, to approve the agenda, removing Item 3 from the agenda and pulling Item 10 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 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

CEMEX OPPOSITION EFFORT

In an effort to continue the CEMEX mega-mine opposition effort and to generate support for legislation that would limit mining in Soledad Canyon, an additional \$800,000 is needed to cover costs for legal services, a public outreach campaign, legislative advocacy, and environmental consultation through December 2006. Appropriate \$550,000 from Council Contingency (Account #2250-7401) and \$250,000 from the CEMEX Reserve (Account #2250-7402) to the CEMEX operating expenditure account (3110-8110 Project# 06.00) to continue the extensive CEMEX mega-mine opposition effort to cover costs for legal services, a public outreach campaign, legislative advocacy, and environmental consultation through December 2006.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

As a result of the passage of Senate Bill No. 1677 on August 23, 2004, counties and cities can delegate the authority for the transfer and conveyance of storm drain improvements or drainage system to the District. Adopt a resolution to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works for the transfer and conveyance of storm drain improvements to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Through action taken earlier, this item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD/SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD INTERCHANGE, PROJECT NO. S3005 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

As part of the City's Cross Valley Connector, this project constructed a bridge over Soledad Canyon Road and connected to Soledad Canyon Road via Valley Center Drive. Accept the work performed by Security Paving Company, Inc. for the Golden Valley Road/Soledad Canyon Road Interchange, Project No. S3005; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the retention balance 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices have been filed, as provided by law.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

LEE'S MAINTENANCE SERVICE INC. JANITORIAL CONTRACT RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007

Contract renewal and amendment for janitorial services for Fiscal Year 2006/2007. Authorize a one-year renewal of the current contract for janitorial services with Lee's Maintenance Service, Inc., and amend the contract to include janitorial services for the new Transit Maintenance Facility, for a total amount not to exceed \$240,000.00 per year; authorize a one-time appropriation in the amount of \$41,000.00 from Transit Funds into Account No. 4860-8005 to cover additional costs of providing janitorial services at the Transit Maintenance Facility; and

authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents for this one-year renewal and the two (2) additional one-year renewal terms that remain available for this agreement, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE

Due to organizational changes in the City's structure and the need for clarification of responsibilities, amendments to various sections of the Municipal Code are necessary for the Code to be up to date. Introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE DUE TO ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES."

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS

Council approved funding in the FY 06/07 budget for the purchase of eight light duty trucks. Award contract to Raceway Ford, subject to the right of the City Manager to modify the award in the event issues of impossibility of performance arise, and authorize City Manager to execute the contract, subject to City Attorney approval, for the purchase of eight light-duty trucks, for an amount not to exceed \$183,290, from account numbers 2260-8615, 4811-8615, 4814-8615, and 7330-8615.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

THREE-MONTH TRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM - FREEDOM FOR SENIORS

Free local route ridership for seniors ages 60 and above. Approve FREEdom for Seniors, a three-month pilot program, which will provide fixed-route fares at no cost during all hours of local transit operation for seniors ages 60 and above.

One written comment was received on this item.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

MCBEAN BUFFER STRIPS PROJECT, PROJECT B-1005, PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

This project was the final phase for median improvements on McBean Parkway. The buffer strips aesthetically enhance the medians as well as provide a safe area for landscapers. Approve and accept the McBean Buffer Strip Project, direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion, and direct staff to release the 10% retention balance (\$10,373.30) 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 TO FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 CONTINUED APPROPRIATIONS

Each year after the budget is adopted, City staff reviews prior year expenditures and revenues to determine if monies are required to continue or complete Council approved programs or projects

in the current FY 06-07 year. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-94** authorizing 2006-2007 continued appropriations as specified in the report.

Through action taken earlier, this item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Addressing the Council on this item was Ruthann Levison, speaking as an individual and not representing the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 32, 35, AND 36

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 32, 35, and 36.

Motion by Ferry, second by Kellar, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3 which was removed from the agenda.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, McLean, Kellar, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: Smyth

Motion carried.

ITEM 12

PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

In report Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, advised that this public hearing is to provide property owners of eight non-conforming signs the opportunity to state objections to the proposed removal of the signs.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the current status of the signs in question.

Addressing the Council on this item was Larry Young representing CKE Restaurants (Carl's Jr.) and Alan Ferdman representing the Canyon Country Advisory Committee.

In response to comments made by Mr. Young, Chandra Spencer representing the City Attorney's Office offered further information and clarification.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to close the record to any new objections, and continue the item to November 14, 2006.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Kellar, Ferry, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: Smyth

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m. in memory of Tom Veloz and Frank Hovore.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A City Council Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. has been cancelled.

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