

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
5:00 P.M.  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
OCTOBER 10, 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 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:** William Fessler v. City of Santa Clarita  
L A Superior Court Case No. PC 031788Y

**Case Name:** Cemex v. County of Los Angeles  
US District Court Case No. CV 02-00747-DT  
US Court of Appeals Case No. 04-56050  
US Supreme Court Case No. 05-1462

**Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. County of Los Angeles (CEQA)  
US District Court Case No. CV 04-7355 DT

**Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. US Department of Interior (ESA)  
US District Court Case No. CV 02-00697 DT  
US Court of Appeals Case No. 06-55006

**Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. US Department of Interior (NEPA)  
US District Court Case No. CV 04-1572 DT  
US Court of Appeals Case Nos. 06-55225 and 06-55960

**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**

Councilmember Ferry 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**

Councilmember Ferry invited Mr. and Mrs. Renolds to lead the flag salute.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ferry thanked Adele McPherson, Tess Simgen and Ken Pulskamp for their efforts toward Teen Scene Unplugged.

Councilmember Smyth made no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem McLean reported on her attendance and participation with the North Newhall Specific Plan charrettes, the River Rally, the Canyon Theatre Guild's Night of a Thousand Stars, the redevelopment committee meeting, a visit to the Sheriff's station, the meeting of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Commission where the City was recognized as a business-friendly city, the Parent U conference, and the Street Art Festival.

Councilmember Kellar commented on the Tango Fire show at the COC Performing Arts Center and what an asset the PAC is for the community, the Street Fair, and the Loose Goose Wine Festival.

Mayor Weste commented on the River Rally, the Sheriff's Department Deputy Appreciation Week, the amazing entertainment at the Performing Arts Center; and congratulated Canterbury Village on their 10 years as a senior facility. Mayor Weste also pointed out Proposition 83 on the November ballot with regard to sexual predators and thanked Sharon and George Runner for pushing this through.

**Council consensus to direct staff to look into and determine what the City can do when Proposition 83 passes.**

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

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented certificates of recognition to Deputy Gerri McCorkle, Mountasia Family Fun Center Marketing Director Courtney Bourdas-Henn, Legacy Real Estate Group's Debbie Penny, and Strategies for Success's Stephanie Weiss who made this year's successful "Christmas in July" occasion possible and a dream come true for many children and families.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented the Fire Prevention Month Proclamation to Chief Gil of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a certificate of special recognition to Michael Ewart for his efforts in launching the ME SAFe, Michael Ewart Smoke Alarm Foundation.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

Jennifer Quan, Regional Public Affairs Manager from the League of CA Cities presented two Helen Putnam Awards to the City for the City's Youth Memorial and the City's Mentoring Program.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented the Season of Diversity Proclamation to members of the City's Human Relations Forum.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was Dr. Michael Millar representing the Santa Clarita Symphony who described and invited all to attend their new season at the PAC; David Gauny representing Smart Growth SCV regarding concerns with the expansion of the Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital; Chris Ngoon and Pardis Saleki representing Hart High School regarding their Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization, requesting funding and regarding American Enterprise Day; Bill Arens regarding the filling of a potential Council vacancy and urging support for Proposition 87; Cam Noltemeyer regarding chloride in the Santa Clara River and the CLWA water treatment plant; and Penny Upton regarding Safe Rides' 20th anniversary celebration this December and their search for past members.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Kellar suggested that the City issue a proclamation of appreciation to the Santa Clarita Symphony.

**Council consensus to issue a proclamation of appreciation to the Santa Clarita Symphony.**

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

There was 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 Kellar, second by Smyth, to approve the agenda, pulling Items 3 and 9 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 26, 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**

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF MEGA-MINING AND ITS NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

In 1990, two consecutive ten-year Federal contracts were issued by the Bureau of Land Management to CEMEX for the Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project. This agreement was entered into despite great opposition by the City, its residents and the well-documented negative, irreversible impacts of the project. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-95** supporting the City's opposition of the proposed CEMEX mega-mining project in Soledad Canyon and its negative impacts.

**ITEM 3**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**SUPPORT FOR VALENCIA WATER COMPANY'S GROUNDWATER SOFTENING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

The Santa Clara River was designated impaired by excessive levels of chloride by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). It has been estimated that residential automatic water softeners account for one third of the chloride levels in the Santa Clara River. Approve and adopt **Resolution No. 06-96** in support of Valencia Water Company's Groundwater Softening Demonstration Program and authorize the Mayor to transmit this resolution to the Public Utilities Commission.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, offered additional information to clarify the source of chloride in the River and how this item will help with this issue.

**ITEM 4**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS EFFORTS TO FUND THE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT OF COLLEGE FACILITIES, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH A COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOND OFFERING - MEASURE M

The Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District voted to authorize a measure to be placed on the November 2006 ballot which, if approved by the District's voters, would generate a general obligation bond sale in the amount of \$160 million. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-97** in support of College of the Canyons' Measure M bond, which will appear on the November 2006 ballot, for the acquisition and improvements of College of the Canyons facilities, furnishings and equipment.

**ITEM 5**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX - PHASE IV DESIGN PROJECT NO. P3010-450  
AWARD DESIGN CONTRACT

This project will modify portions of the existing developed park site and create a new park expansion of approximately 14 acres. Award the design contract to RJM Design Group for the Santa Clarita Sports Complex - Phase IV Design Project No. P3010-450 in the amount of \$327,300, and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$32,730. The funds for this project totaling \$360,030, have been budgeted in Fiscal Year 2006-07 in Account Number P3010-450-8001. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 6**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

TODD LONGSHORE PARK - PROJECT NUMBER P3002 - APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, AND AUTHORIZE THE GRANTING OF A WATER UTILITY EASEMENT

This 32-acre park site will include improvements to five acres with the remainder of the site left natural open space. Approve the plans and specifications for Todd Longshore Park, Project Number P3002, and award the construction contract to Pima Corporation, Inc., in the amount of \$4,445,342.45 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$ 444,534.00.; authorize entering into a contract with DMR Team for construction inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$109,500; authorize the expenditure of \$126,000 to Castaic Lake Water Agency for water connection fees and grant a utility easement, consent, and the transfer of appropriate property rights as required for water utility services to Castaic Lake Water Agency; approve an appropriation of \$174,000 from the SC Lighting District fund balance account number 356 to Todd Longshore Park P3002356-8001; appropriate \$1,977,296 from the Park Improvement (Quimby) fund balance account number 450 to Todd Longshore Park Project - P3002450-8001; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

**ITEM 7**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

ESTABLISH "NO-STOPPING" ZONE ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH CURBLINES OF

**SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD EXTENDING EASTERLY FROM SHADOW PINES BOULEVARD TO THE NEW CITY LIMIT**

Establishing a no-stopping zone on this segment of Soledad Canyon Road will allow the extension of the bike lane to the new City limit. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-98** establishing approximately 3,000 feet of no-stopping zone along the north and south curblines of Soledad Canyon Road, extending easterly from Shadow Pines Boulevard to the new City limit.

**ITEM 8**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ORANGELINE MAGLEV STATION AREA DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**

The Orangeline Maglev Station Area Development Policy Report, Milestone 7, recommends that the City undertake a program to review and update the General Plan to reflect the Orangeline project and incorporate the policy recommendations that are appropriate for the City. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-99** in support of the Orangeline Development Authority's (Authority) Maglev Station Area Development Policy Report, Milestone 7, which contains recommendations regarding Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), Station Area TOD concepts, and other Urban Design Concepts.

**ITEM 9**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF APN 2844-001-907, APN 2844-001-908 AND APN 2844-001-913, CITY OWNED PROPERTIES, TO MR. IRA M. ROBB**

The City of Santa Clarita would sell 1.3 acres of City owned property in Canyon Country to Mr. Robb at fair market value. Mr. Robb would be obligated to provide bank revitalization to the property, and enter into negotiations with surrounding property owners for a comprehensive mixed use development. Approve and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with Mr. Ira M. Robb for the sale of APN 2844-001-907, 908, and 909, City owned properties, and to execute any documents related to the sale, subject to City Attorney approval.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, noted that no bid process is required and explained why the arrangement has been made for restoring the City's trail for the community's benefit.

**ITEM 10**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2007/2008 CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

Consideration of resolution to accompany grant application. Adopt **Resolution No. 06-100** for the California Department of Transportation Community Based Transportation Grant application and authorize the City Manager to execute the application.

**ITEM 11**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD OF TREE PRUNING RFP FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS**

Award of LMD Tree Pruning Contract for FY 2006-2007. Award a tree pruning contract to

Staygreen, 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 and contract extensions subject to the City Attorney approval for the pruning of trees in an amount not to exceed \$543,350.

**ITEM 12**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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. Adopt **Ordinance No. 06-7** 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 13**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CHECK REGISTER NOS. 37 AND 38**

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 37 and 38.

**Motion by McLean, 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 14**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A ZONE CHANGE TO PLACE A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) OVERLAY ZONING ON A 210-ACRE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ZONED BP (BUSINESS PARK) AND RE (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE)**

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

In report Fred Follstad, Senior Planner, advised that the site is located in the area north and east of the intersection of Interstate 5 and State Highway 126/Newhall Ranch Road in the City of Santa Clarita. On behalf of the applicant, staff is requesting that the item be continued to the January 23, 2007 City Council meeting.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

**Motion by Smyth, second by McLean, to continue the public hearing to the January 23, 2007 City Council Meeting.**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, October 24, 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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