

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
OCTOBER 24, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:30 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 LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator: City Manager or designee

Unrepresented Employees: All positions not represented by SEIU Local 347

**CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Location of Property: Assessor's Parcel No. 2833-019-014, 10.17 acres of vacant land on Placerita Canyon Road in the Newhall area

Property Owner: Dana and Tracy Kellstrom

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:12 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 6:12 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 Kellar gave the invocation.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:18 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember Kellar led the flag salute.

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

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a plaque to Senator George Runner in recognition of his leadership in protecting the Santa Clara River through his authorship of Senate Bill 475, Chapter 393, Statutes of 2006.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Weste introduced a video regarding California Historic Route 6 with representatives of the US Historic Route 6 Tourist Association who presented signs to be displayed as the Route goes through the City along San Fernando Road and Sierra Highway.

Councilmember Ferry thanked staff and volunteers for their efforts in getting the community court started in Santa Clarita and explained how the program works to benefit Santa Clarita.

Councilmember Smyth reminded everyone that Election Day is November 7 and urged all registered voters to exercise their right to vote.

Councilmember Kellar referred to an LA Times article in today's newspaper regarding the City's concerns about the proposed Cemex mega-mine and requested support for the City's position. Mayor Weste explained the critical issues the City is trying to protect. Councilmember Kellar also reported on his attendance at a ceremony at the LDS church where 3 young men received their Eagle Scout award. After acknowledging the HMN Hospital's proposed expansion currently going through the public hearing process before the Planning Commission, he proposed that the City pursue an independent review of all aspects of the expansion plans.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, explained that the Planning Commission is reviewing land use issues which will come to the Council and advised that an independent review would not conflict with the land use review. In response to a question from Council, Mr. Newton stated that the City could ask but not require the applicant to bear the costs of this review.

**Council consensus to direct staff to proceed with an independent review of the HMNM Hospital's expansion plans with the information to come back to Council at a future meeting.**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, provided additional clarification and, as directed by Council, advised that staff would ask the applicant to bear the cost of the review, would accept a list of issues that any Councilmember might prepare, and would proceed as directed.

Mayor Pro Tem McLean commented on her attendance at a meeting of the Orange Line MagLev Authority, at the Girls High School Golf Tournament at TPC, taking a hike recently in Elsmere, planting an oak tree at City Hall, and urged registered voters to vote on Election Day.

Mayor Weste advised of the upcoming groundbreaking of Longshore Park on November 3, continuing meetings regarding the Transitional Care Unit; congratulated those coordinating the Bow Wows and Meows event at Hart Park; commented on the heavily attended Light the Night Walk; acknowledged Law Day where Deputy Artie Thompson was honored; commented on issues discussed at the Council's recent breakfast meeting with County Supervisor Mike Antonovich; and noted the passing of Jean Cooper and James Engdahl in whose memory this meeting would be adjourned.

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

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a certificate of appreciation to Bob and Lynn Baida in recognition of their services to our community and the City of Santa Clarita, which resulted in the successful annexation of the Stonecrest community to the City.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a proclamation jointly proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and November as End Domestic Violence Month to representatives of the Soroptimist International of Santa Clarita Valley.

The presentation to Senator George Runner took place earlier in the meeting, after the Flag Salute.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY**

There were none.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Addressing the Council at this time was Bill Wittenberg regarding the recent City Gate fire station study; Bill Slocum representing National Mental Health Association of Greater Los Angeles regarding a client-run discovery center (submitted brochure); Eddy Shalom regarding the banners displayed earlier this year referring to Buck McKeon's help with Cemex (submitted letter); Jeanne Wray regarding the proposed expansion of the hospital and medical offices (submitted letter); James Hogan regarding the oversized RV ordinance and violation notices he received; Lynne Plambeck regarding the campaign flyers and pictures being distributed by Buck McKeon's campaign; Cam Noltemeyer regarding action taken earlier during this meeting by the Council for an independent review of the hospital expansion that is not on the agenda and regarding a Daily News article about sexual predators in the City; Sandra Cattell representing the

Sierra Club regarding a new open space initiative who also read a letter from Andy and Judy Fried; Susan Ostrom regarding protecting open space for the future; Laura Hauser regarding preserving land as open space; Mark Weiss representing the Saugus Action Committee requesting reconsideration of an initiative to preserve open space; Maria Gutzeit requesting City assistance in preparing a measure to protect open space; Diane Trautman requesting the Council to reconsider an initiative to preserve open space; Christine Kudija regarding preserving canyons and ridges of this Valley as open space; Ruthann Levison agreeing with many of the previous speakers on an open space initiative; and Craig Doyle urging Council to consider an open space initiative next year.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that the Fire Department has made a commitment to build 6 new stations by 2010; staff will contact Mr. Slocum with the requested information; the hospital expansion issue is still before the Planning Commission with public input being taken; and staff will contact Mr. Hogan and the Sheriff's Department about the RV ordinance and the violation notices issued.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, advised with regard to direction given by Council on the independent review of the hospital expansion plans, that there is no violation of the Brown Act because Council simply directed staff to bring back information which will be considered at a later meeting. He further advised that his office had provided confidential information to the Council with regard to Proposition 83 on the November ballot. If the Council wishes, he can prepare a draft ordinance for consideration at the November 14, 2006 City Council meeting.

**Council consensus to direct the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance should Proposition 83 pass.**

Mayor Weste thanked those in the community for their diligence with regard to the open space issue. She requested that Councilmember Kellar also work on this issue.

### **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, removing Item 4 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 October 10, 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**

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR USED MOTOR OIL AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION PROGRAM**

The City recently put its contract for the door-to-door collection of Used Motor Oil and Household Hazardous Waste up for bid. Through the program, residents are offered one free collection per year of Used Motor Oil and Household Hazardous Waste. The program provides a free and convenient means for residents to safely dispose of or recycle their hazardous materials. Award the contract for the Door-To-Door Household Hazardous Waste and Used Motor Oil Collection Program to Curbside Inc. for an annual amount not to exceed \$60,000 from accounts 1292-8001 and 1297-8069. Authorize City Manager to execute renewal in accordance with the term of the contract and increase the contract amount.

**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 **Resolution No. 06-101** 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.

**ITEM 4**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**TEMPORARY FIRE STATION NO. 132, PROJECT NO. F3013 - AWARD CONTRACT**

This temporary fire station will be constructed at the northeast corner of Sand Canyon Road and Thompson Ranch Drive. This temporary fire station will serve the surrounding community until a permanent facility is constructed. Authorize the construction for Temporary Fire Station 132, Project No. F3013, and approve the purchase of a modular structure for an amount not to exceed \$350,000; waive the purchase procedure and award the contract for Temporary Fire Station 132 to Design Space Modular, Inc.; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract or modify the award in the event that issues of performance arise, subject to City Attorney approval; increase revenue Account No. 455-4511 by \$987,000.00 and appropriate to expenditure Account No. F3013455-8001 for the total anticipated construction costs, including the modular purchase.

Addressing the Council on this item was Bill Wittenberg.

**ITEM 5**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 39 AND 40

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 39 and 40.

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

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 6**

**NEW BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 11.68 (GRAFFITI) AND AMENDING SECTION 23.30.040 (G) OF TITLE 23 (NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION) SECTIONS OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO GRAFFITI AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE

Curtis Williams, Senior Community Preservation Officer, advised that graffiti is designated as a nuisance under both Title 11 and Title 23 of the Santa Clarita Municipal Code. The revisions will amend the graffiti section from Title 23 and use the abatement procedure codes from Title 11 solely for the enforcement of graffiti violations. The proposed amendments to Title 11 will give the City greater powers regarding the abatement of graffiti on private property.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

**Motion by Kellar, second by Smyth, to introduce and pass to second reading an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 11.68 (GRAFFITI) AND AMENDING SECTION 23.30.040(G) (NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION) SECTIONS OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE."**

**On roll call vote:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. in memory of Jean Cooper and James Engdahl.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, November 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, November 14, 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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