

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
JANUARY 23, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McLean called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

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: Margaret A. Downs v. City of Santa Clarita, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case # PC 039911

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor McLean recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that in the Closed Session just concluded by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the City Attorney and Burke, Williams and Sorenson to defend the interests of the City in recently filed litigation, Margaret Downs v. City of Santa Clarita and Tru Green Landcare. This is a slip and fall case in which a 66-year-old woman slipped and fell on a paseo near Via Pacifica.

ADJOURN

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 6:06 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

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar introduced Shannon Murakami representing the Saugus Girls Cross Country Team who led the flag salute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ferry congratulated Vallarta Market on their recent grand opening and welcomed them to the City; expressed his opinion regarding medical marijuana dispensaries; commented on City policies and services that benefit City residents v. non-residents and advised he is interested in serving on the annexation committee; and recognized and congratulated the coaches of the Saugus Girls Cross Country team for keeping the girls motivated.

Councilmember Weste advised that the TCU committee continues to move ahead and is attracting some private sector interests; commented on the Chamber's installation dinner and her meeting with exchange students from India through the International Exchange program; suggested that on the occasion of the City's 20th anniversary that the City's history be archived and preserved. She also acknowledged the passing of John O'Brien who was on the City's Formation Committee and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Mayor Pro Tem Kellar commented on the death of J. J. O'Brien; shared his experience as a Los Angeles City Police Officer with drug arrests where the arrestees typically started their habit with marijuana; shared his experience today at Sulphur Springs Elementary School where fifth-grade teacher Kim Tredick was awarded the \$25,000 Milken National Educator Award at a school assembly. He also suggested that the Council consider matching funds to the West Ranch Town Council for their incorporation/annexation study.

Carl Newton, City Attorney, advised that this topic would need to be agendaized for the Council to consider taking action.

Councilmember Boydston commented on the Transitional Care Unit; suggested that the Council consider a resolution allowing residents to choose individual cable channels; and described efforts of members of the Canyon Theatre Guild to eradicate graffiti and urged residents to help in the fight against graffiti.

Mayor McLean reported on the recent meeting of the League of CA Cities Community Service Policy Committee and reminded that e-waste can be picked up as a bulky item pickup from the local waste hauler.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented a certificate of appreciation to Penny Upton, Safe Rides Founder, on the occasion of Safe Rides' 20th Anniversary.

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented certificates to members of the 2006 Saugus High School Girls Cross Country team for winning the 2006 California State Championship.

Mayor McLean and Councilmembers presented certificates of recognition to representatives of College of the Canyons Community Partnership for their work in the implementation of the Drive Through Flu Shot Clinic on November 17, 2006, the first time a drive-through model was implemented in LA County.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Laurie Ender, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission presented the Commission's priorities for 2007.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Ed Masterson who introduced himself as the new field deputy representing Assemblymember Cameron Smyth and Jarrod DeGonia, the new district deputy; Bob Haueter representing Supervisor Antonovich clarified the County's funding for information for a study of incorporation/annexation for the West Ranch Council; Emilia Chuquin regarding noise from the Origami Bar on McBean Parkway; Mike Levison representing the Sand Canyon Trails Committee regarding lodge poll fencing; Robert Fleck representing the Sand Canyon Trails Committee regarding improving safety in the area; Debbie Martin regarding extension of the Sand Canyon horse trail; and Jarrod Nicoson regarding a venue for live music in the valley. Two written comments were also submitted on the Sand Canyon Horse Trail extension.

Regarding the Hospital Master Plan and/or the Transitional Care Unit, the following spoke: Gene Dorio, M.D.; Philip Chatham, M.D.; George Charnock, M. D.; Terrazio Joseph, M. D.; John Cocco, M. D.; and Richard Nussbaum, M. D.

Also addressing the Council at this time was David Labat representing the Community Tennis Association of SCV in support of the Parks and Recreation Priorities for tennis courts; David Schwartz representing the Community Tennis Association of SCV urging the addition of more tennis courts; Cam Noltemeyer regarding Councilmember Boydston's request to agendize the appointment of Commissioners; Tony Natoli regarding Benz Road and discussion at the County's recent meeting (submitted material); Stephanie Weier owner of Polka Dot Party Shoppe regarding small businesses in the SCV; Sandra Lazarros owner of Poorboy Sandwiches regarding small businesses in the SCV; Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE regarding negative hit mailings related to elections; and Miles Rouch regarding a local venue for teens.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, indicated that staff would contact the Alcoholic Beverage Control board and would also request the Sheriff to increase their patrols of the area around Origami; agreed that more trails are needed throughout the City which would be considered as part of the

budget process; advised that the City continues to work with the hospital with regard to the TCU and is looking at all possible alternatives; indicated that the hospital expansion would be coming before the City Council in the spring for consideration; reminded that City Commissioners are appointed and serve at the will of the entire Council; indicated that the plan developed to reduce traffic levels in the Benz Road area was successful; and pointed out that the City supports small businesses as much as possible but the City does not control rents.

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 Weste, second by Kellar, to approve the agenda, pulling Items 2, 3 (for separate vote), 5 and 8 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007 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

SECOND READING OF ANNUAL UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) AMENDMENTS (MASTER CASE 06-219, UDC AMENDMENT 06-002)

Second reading and adoption of an Ordinance to adopt the Annual Unified Development Code amendments. Conduct a second reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 07-1** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 16 AND 17 OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE ANNUAL AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE".

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer; David Gauny representing Smart Growth SCV; and Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE.

In response to questions asked, Peter Noonan, Assistant Planner II, provided clarification on the changes being proposed.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

METRO 2007 CALL FOR PROJECTS APPLICATIONS

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) 2007 Call for Projects Applications. The Call is a competitive grant process that co-funds new regionally significant capital transportation projects. Direct staff to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) by the January 26, 2007 deadline, requesting an estimated \$55,702,529 in the 2007 Metro Call for Projects grant cycle.

Councilmember Weste abstained from voting on this item due to the proximity of her residence to some of the proposed projects.

Motion by Ferry, second by Kellar, to approve Item 3 on the Consent Calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Weste

Motion carried.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

NEWHALL PARK AQUATIC BUILDING REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. M2001 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

This project was for the rehabilitation of the Newhall Park Aquatic Building, which included addressing poor drainage and ventilation problems. The new design of the floor plan was a major enhancement to this building renovation project. Accept the completion of the Newhall Park Aquatic Building Rehabilitation, Project No. M2001; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; direct staff to release the 5 percent retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices have been filed, as provided by law; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

AWARD CONTRACT FOR PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The current Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 1995 and is now 12 years old. Since that time, the City has experienced significant growth which has impacted recreation services and facilities, as well as the relationship between open space areas and developed land. The goal of the updated Master Plan is to develop a framework that reflects our community's vision and character ensuring that parks and recreation serves the needs of Santa

Clarita residents, while at the same time ensuring that our open space areas are protected and maintained. Award the contract for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update to RJM Design Group in the amount of \$182,000. The amount of \$157,000 are budgeted in Account No. 7100-8110, and \$25,000 in Account No. 3120-8110; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer; and Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM - PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

City of Santa Clarita provides funds for community organizations through the Community Services Grant Program. Approve Community Services Grant Committee's Project Recommendation List for Fiscal Year 2006-07 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000; direct staff to execute agreements approved for funding; authorize City Manager, or designee, to sign all documents pursuant to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

JUNE 30, 2006 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, MANAGEMENT LETTER, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE LETTER

The City's independent audit firm, Diehl, Evans and Company, has completed the City's annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Diehl, Evans and Company conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, whereby an audit plan was prepared and followed to obtain reasonable assurance that the City's financial statements were free from material misstatements. Receive and approve Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Management Letter, and Audit Committee Letter for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

FREEDOM FOR SENIORS TRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM

Receive report on the findings from the Freedom for Seniors Pilot Program. Authorize staff to continue the FREEdom for Seniors Transit Pilot Program, and expand the program to include the disabled community, effective February 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

One written comment was submitted on this item.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 1 AND 2

Approval of the Check Registers. Approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register Nos. 1 and 2.

Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 3.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Kellar, Boydston, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 10

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mayor McLean opened the public hearing.

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

In report, Paul Brotzman, Director of Community Development, advised that this item is to withdraw a request to amend the City's zoning designation on a 210-acre property and related to the MOU between the City and American Retail Developments approved at the last meeting.

No requests to speak were submitted.

Mayor McLean closed the public hearing.

Motion by Kellar, second by Weste, to accept the withdrawal of the project.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, Weste, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 11

PUBLIC HEARING

MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)

Mayor McLean opened the public hearing.

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

In report, Jeff Hogan, Senior Planner, advised that this item is for an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of the fully enclosed Materials Recovery Facility/Waste Transfer Station (MRF) within the Gate King Industrial Park.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer and Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to continue the public hearing to a date uncertain.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boydston, Ferry, Weste, Kellar, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 12

PUBLIC HEARING

DEVELOPER FEE INCREASE FOR FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST ADOPTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM
Mayor McLean opened the public hearing.

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

In report, Ruben Barrera, City Building Official, advised that the Fire District development fees pay for the construction of fire stations and related fire protection improvements. This resolution would increase fees for fire protection facilities in accordance with the latest adopted Los Angeles County Developer Fee program.

No requests to speak was submitted on this item.

Mayor McLean closed the public hearing.

Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to adopt Resolution No. 07-8 to increase Fire District fees from \$.3877 per square foot to \$.7946 per square foot in accordance with the Developer Fee Agreement between the City of Santa Clarita and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Kellar, Boydston, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 13

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor McLean advised that on an annual basis, the City Council updates the Council Committee Appointments List. Staff distributed a memo to each Councilmember transmitting the 2006 appointments list for discussion at this time.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to make and approve changes as discussed to the City Council Committee Appointments list for 2007; and approve process to recruit a new appointee to the North County Transportation Coalition with Councilmember Weste and Mayor McLean to review applications and make a recommendation for the Council's consideration.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Kellar, Boydston, Ferry, McLean

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m. in memory of John O'Brien.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2007 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, February 13, 2007 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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