

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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6:30 P.M.
JANUARY 12, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darcy 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 ANNOUNCEMENT

Chris Cheleden, Assistant City Attorney, announced that the purpose of this Closed Session is to conduct a:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pending Litigation

Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Joanes vs. City of Santa Clarita

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC174239

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:31 p.m., Mayor Darcy recessed the meeting to closed session in the Century Room.

RECONVENE

Mayor Darcy reconvened the special meeting of the City Council at 6:28 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Chris Cheleden, Assistant City Attorney, announced that no action was taken during Closed Session that was required to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Darcy adjourned the special meeting of the City Council at 6:29 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darcy called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Sharon Dawson announced that anyone wishing to address an item on the agenda should fill out a request to speak and submit it to the City Clerk before the item is discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This time has been set aside for Councilmembers to review the agenda and obtain any further information that may be needed. This session is open to the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time were representatives of the Valencia High School Dance Team regarding grant funding; Eric Heberer representing the SCV Athletic Association regarding roads through Central Park; John Steffen supporting Jan Heidt for the MTA Board of Directors; Cam Noltemeyer thanking members of the community for their contributions; Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE regarding the Upper Santa Clara River Committee; Allan Cameron regarding the Upper Santa Clara River Committee and a joint meeting of the Council and Planning Commission on the General Plan; Bob Lathrop regarding water issues; Dennis Conn representing In and Within America regarding calls to his organization; and Sydell Stokes representing Karen Pearson regarding Placerita Canyon Park.

One written comment was submitted regarding road repairs on Via Princessa.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Klajic, second by Weste, to approve the agenda, removing Item 5 from the Consent Calendar and continuing Item 25 to the next regular meeting.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Klajic, Heidt, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weste, second by Klajic, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 1998 regular meeting and the January 4, 1999 special meeting.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Darcy and Council presented a "Caught You Doing Something Good Award" to Jeff Melodia, President of the Old Orchard II Homeowners Association, for the residents' efforts to clean up the creekbed that runs through their housing tract.

PRESENTATIONS

Leon Warden, Patti Rasmussen and Mike McGrath made a presentation and submitted a proposal for the 4th of July/Country Fair, which will be placed on a future Council agenda for discussion.

Rick Putnam, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, David Plettner, consultant, and Hillary West, SCV Arts Alliance, made a presentation on the Cultural Arts Master Plan.

Motion by Weste, second by Klajic, to accept the Cultural Arts Master Plan report and to refer it to the Parks & Recreation Commission for comment.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Klajic, Heidt, Ferry, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Darcy called a recess at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

RECESS TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mayor Darcy recessed the Council meeting to the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 8:31 p.m. (see Redevelopment Agency minutes)

RECONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Darcy reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m.

ITEM 1

CONSENT CALENDAR

READING OF ORDINANCE TITLES

By listing the ordinance titles on the public agenda and placing an item on the Consent Calendar for Council to waive further reading of all ordinances whose titles appear on the public agenda, this reading requirement is satisfied once Council approves the Consent Calendar item. Determine that the titles to all ordinances which appear on this public agenda have been read and waive further reading.

ITEM 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

ADOPTION OF REPUBLISHED MUNICIPAL CODE – ORDINANCE NO. 99-5 –
Adoption of republished Municipal Code, including the Unified Development Code, provided as a result of a contract with Book Publishing Company. Introduce Ordinance No. 99-5 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE."

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

AMENDMENT TO CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE - RESOLUTION NO. 99-14

The Political Reform Act requires every local agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code as needed to determine if it is accurate or if the Code should be amended. Staff has determined that the list of designated employees needs to be amended to reflect changes in position titles and to add and delete positions. Also, the FPPC has advised of an increase in the gift limit. Adopt Resolution No. 99-14 adopting an amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

SECO CANYON ROAD LANDSCAPING - PROJECT NO. B4001 - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

This agenda report relates to the landscaping of the median between Seco Canyon Road and the Seco Canyon (Service) Road. Adopt the plans and specifications, and authorize that Seco Canyon Road Landscaping - Project No. B4001 be advertised for bids.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH ACCESS SERVICES INC. AND CHANGE IN DIAL-A-RIDE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Renewal of the contract with Access Services Inc. (ASI) to establish a consistent Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant process for determining eligibility and reduce the likelihood of trip denials. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract between Access Services Inc. and the City of Santa Clarita, modifying the method of payment to be based on each passenger trip and changing the eligibility criteria for disabled Dial-a-Ride customers, requiring all disabled customers to be certified by ASI.

In response to questions from Councilmembers, Ron Kilcoyne, Transportation Manager, provided additional information.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

WEST NEWHALL IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE III - PROJECT NO. S2037 - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

This project will install curb, gutter and sidewalk, and reconstruct streets in the West Newhall area. Approve the plans and specifications for the West Newhall Improvements, Phase III, Project No. S2037, and authorize the advertising for bids.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

SANTA CLARITA SPORTS COMPLEX, BUILDING NO. 2 REMODEL (PROJECT NO. F3001) – PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

On November 25, 1997, Council awarded a contract for the remodel of Building No. 2 of the Santa Clarita Sports Complex. This project remodeled an existing 20,000 square foot warehouse to include two adult-sized basketball courts, four racquetball courts, locker rooms, showers, and restroom facilities. Additional square footage was added to include a lobby, public counter, office, janitorial room, and additional restroom facilities. The architect, Meyer and Associates did additional design work, to perform additional construction support, design for extra work, and for time to review substitutions and resubmittals.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP – TRACT MAP NO. 44360-02

Tract No. 44360-02 is the second of five phases of Tract Map No. 44360, which was granted approval by the Planning Commission on February 4, 1997. This tract, located on the south side of Isabella Parkway just westerly of Gilbert Drive, is owned by Isabella Investment Group. Phase One consisted of all the public streets for the entire project, one common recreational lot, and one residential lot for the construction of five single-family residential condominium units. This phase consists of approximately 6.5 acres and is being subdivided into two residential lots for the construction of 28 single-family residential condominium units. The conditions set by the Planning Commission have been met, and fees have been paid as indicated on the Fact Sheet. The map has been checked to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and is ready for Council approval. Approve Tract Map No. 44360-02; make findings; instruct the City Treasurer to endorse the Special Assessment Certificate; and instruct the City Clerk to endorse the Certificate.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION – TRACT MAP NO. 44374-02

Tract 44374-02 is the third of five phases of Tract Map No. 44374, which was granted approval by the Planning Commission on February 4, 1997. This phase, located on the north side of Valencia Boulevard, is owned by Taylor Woodrow. The property consists of approximately 78 acres and is being subdivided into 59 lots. Fifty-one lots will be used for single-family residential units with the remaining lots used for open space and private streets. The conditions set by the Planning Commission have been met, and fees have been paid as indicated on the Fact Sheet. The map has been checked to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. The map is ready for Council approval and acceptance of the dedications. Approve Tract Map No. 44374-02; accept offers of dedication; make findings; instruct the City Treasurer to endorse the Special Assessment Certificate; and instruct the City Clerk to endorse the Certificate.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 99-1 (VERMONT DRIVE, EVERETT DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS) – RESOLUTION NOS. 99-7, 99-8, 99-9, AND 99-10 – Initiation of the formation of Assessment District 99-1, (Vermont Drive, Everett Drive improvements) for road, storm drain, and sewer improvements along Everett Drive from Powell Drive south to Vermont Drive south of Powell Drive. Direct staff to proceed with the formation process of Assessment District 99-1 (Vermont Drive, Everett Drive improvements) and to adopt Resolution Nos. 99-7, 99-8, 99-9, and 99-10 making designations and appointments; showing the proposed boundaries; declaring the City's intention to form the district and providing for the issuance of bonds; and giving preliminary approval to the Combined Report of Engineer and appointing a time and place for a public hearing.

Chris Price, Supervising Engineer, noted that a revised Engineer's Report, including the latest estimates for all costs associated with the project, had been provided for the record.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHANGE ORDER TO HARRIS & ASSOCIATES CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF (1) THE INTERIM TRANSIT STORAGE (PROJECT NO. T0010) AND (2) GALETON STREET IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT NO. M3001)

Approval to issue a change order to Harris & Associates under the existing Annual Infrastructure Projects contract to provide design and construction management services for the Interim Transit Storage Project and the Galeton Street Improvement Projects. Award a contract change order to Harris & Associates for \$33,860 and authorize a 15 percent contingency expenditure of \$5,079 for (1) design and construction management of the Interim Transit Storage (ITS) project, and (2) the design of Galeton Street Improvement Project.

ITEM 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

1998 ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY STUDY – RESOLUTION NO. 99-11 Per State of California Vehicle Code, public agencies are required to conduct engineering and traffic surveys on all roadways in order to establish speed limits. Since the 1995 Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey Study, several additional roadway segments have come under the City's jurisdiction, due to recent annexations. The study for these additional roadway segments has been finalized, and needs to be adopted. Adopt Resolution No. 99-11 which establishes prima facie speed limits on each highway segment; direct the City Clerk to certify the Study as to the effective date of the individual surveys; direct staff to implement the necessary signing changes brought about by adoption of this Study; and request the Sheriff's Department to begin an aggressive radar enforcement program on the City streets and highways covered in the Study as soon as the signing changes are made.

ITEM 13

CONSENT CALENDAR

REALIGNMENT OF LUTHER DRIVE AND SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS – PROJECT NO. S3012 – PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

On July 8, 1997, Council awarded a contract for the subject project to Excel Paving Company. This project was completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer on December 30, 1998. Accept the work performed by Excel Paving Company on the realignment of Luther Drive and Soledad Canyon Road street improvements, Project No. S3012; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the 10 percent retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.

ITEM 14

CONSENT CALENDAR

CENTRAL PARK PROJECT NO. 99-057 – NOTICE TO AWARD BID ALTERNATES

Notice to award the construction for Central Park Bid Alternate items as listed in the Council report. Authorize Valley Crest to proceed with the construction of the six bid alternates the amount of \$921,214.43. The bid alternates include office building, restroom and concession building, maintenance building, sport field lighting, tot-lot, and parking lot paving. Authorize extending the contract with Willdan Associates for an amount not to exceed \$65,000, for construction inspection service. Authorize Valley Crest to proceed with the completion of Phase I construction at an amount not to exceed \$1,213,785.57. This will include an additional two softball diamonds, two sports fields, field lighting, and landscape and irrigation. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$300,000 to CLWA for water connection fees. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 15

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Santa Clarita allocated \$150,000 towards the 1999 Community Services grant program. Thirty-one (31) grant applications were received, and the Grant Committee recommended funding for sixteen (16) of those proposals. Approve the Grant Committee's 1999 program funding recommendations and direct staff to execute agreements with selected organizations for grant funding, with remaining Community Services grant funds to be deposited into the Council Contingency Fund, Account No. 1240-7401 for use at Council's discretion. Approve a one-time allocation of \$5,000 to the Santa Clarita International Film Festival from Council Contingency Fund, Account No. 1240-7401.

ITEM 16

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW LOCAL AREA NETWORK AND WIDE AREA NETWORK FROM PINNACLE COMMUNICATION SERVICES

The City's current Local Area Network (LAN) Token Ring infrastructure will not be sufficient in the near future due to increasing amounts of graphical, video and voice data. In addition, staff has determined that if our current system were not upgraded, the City would experience severe slow downs and system problems. The LAN system is a critical and integral part of the City's functionality. Award a contract to Pinnacle Communication Services for the purchase and installation of Fast Ethernet and Wide Area Network infrastructure in an amount not to exceed \$130,000. The funds have been budgeted in FY 98-99 in Account No. 2312-8610.

ITEM 17

CONSENT CALENDAR

JUNE 30, 1998 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND MANAGEMENT LETTER

The City's independent audit firm, Moreland & Associates, has completed the City's annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 1998. The audit is to ensure that the City's financial statements are free from material misstatements as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. Moreland & Associates has also prepared a management letter to comment on the City's internal control structure and its operations. Receive Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Letter for FYE June 30, 1998.

ITEM 18

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 48, 49 - RESOLUTION NO. 99-6

Adoption of resolution approving and ratifying payment of the demands presented in the check register. Adopt Resolution No. 99-6.

Motion by Weste, second by Klajic, to approve the Consent Calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Klajic, Heidt, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 27

NEW BUSINESS

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

Item 27 was discussed at this time.

ITEM 19

PUBLIC HEARING

10 MONTH AND 15 DAY EXTENSION TO THE 45 DAY INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE CONTAINING REGULATIONS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

Mayor Darcy opened the public hearing.

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

Jeffrey Lambert, Director of Planning and Building Services, reported that the purpose of this item is to adopt a 10 Month and 15 day extension to the 45 day Interim Urgency Ordinance (passed and adopted December 8, 1998) requiring a Conditional Use Permit be obtained for any wireless communication facility constructed in the City of Santa Clarita. This Urgency Ordinance contains basic design and development standards the City will use when reviewing these applications.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor Darcy closed the public hearing.

Motion by Klajic, second by Weste, to adopt Ordinance No. 99-3 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING INTERIM REGULATIONS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA FOR A PERIOD OF TEN MONTHS AND FIFTEEN DAYS, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Klajic, Heidt, Ferry, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 99-3 adopted.

ITEM 20

PUBLIC HEARING

JAN HEIDT NEWHALL METROLINK STATION, PROJECT NO. S2001 RESOLUTION NO. 99-17

Mayor Darcy opened the public hearing.

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, reported that all notices required have been provided. A letter had been received from Gary Anawalt expressing disapproval of the purchase of a portion of their property.

T. Brad Therrien, Assistant City Engineer, reported that this project provides for the construction of the Jan Heidt Newhall Metrolink Station located on Railroad Avenue at Market Street. This item involves partial acquisition of property required for development of the station site.

Addressing the Council on this item was John Steffen.

Mayor Darcy closed the public hearing.

Council concurred to name the facility the "Jan Heidt Metrolink Station in Newhall".

Motion by Ferry, second by Weste, to adopt Resolution No. 99-17; direct the City Attorney to file the actions expeditiously; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary for the acquisition; and authorize the City Manager or designee to make deposits of funds from Account No. S2001206-8001 amounts totaling approximately \$334,900, made payable to the Superior Court Clerk, to obtain Orders of Immediate Possession for the purposes of acquisition of the land required for the Jan Heidt Newhall Metrolink Station. Appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund Council Contingency Fund Account No. 1240-7401 to Account No. 4321-8028 for the preparation of studies to evaluate potential property uses and to determine the whole property value of the Anawalt Lumber Company property located north of Market Street east of the railroad tracks.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Klajic, Heidt, Ferry, Weste, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Resolution No. 99-17 adopted.

ITEM 21

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF SOLEDAD STREET, WEST OF OAK AVENUE - RESOLUTION NO. 99-13

Mayor Darcy opened the public hearing.

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, reported that all notices required have been provided. A letter had been received from Douglas Off requesting Council to reschedule the public hearing.

T. Brad Therrien, Assistant City Engineer, reported that on March 18, 1998, the City received a request to vacate a portion of Soledad Street. On November 24, 1998, Council adopted Resolution No. 98-139 declaring its intention to vacate a portion of Soledad Street and setting January 12, 1999 as the Public Hearing date. Staff had talked with Mr. Off who now wished to withdraw his letter requesting the hearing be rescheduled to allow staff to complete the traffic circulation analysis.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor Darcy closed the public hearing.

Motion by Klajic, second by Weste, to continue this item for staff to complete a traffic circulation analysis.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Heidt, Ferry, Weste, Klajic, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 22

PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED VALENCIA BRIDGE AND MAJOR THOROUGHFARE
CONSTRUCTION FEE DISTRICT - RESOLUTION NO. 99-16**

Mayor Darcy opened the public hearing.

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

Anthony J. Nisich, City Engineer, reported that the purpose of this public hearing to review information provided in the Engineer's Report for the formation of the Valencia Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District and take public testimony regarding the establishment of a development impact fee for the construction of roadway infrastructure within the boundaries of the proposed district.

Addressing the Council on this item was Allan Cameron representing himself and SCOPE, and Bob Lathrop who submitted a letter from SCOPE.

Mayor Darcy closed the public hearing.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to find that the fees and the establishment of the district do not constitute a "project" as defined in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guideline 15378(b)(4). Adopt Resolution No. 99-16 and instruct the City Clerk to record a certified copy of the adopted resolution with the County Recorder.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Klajic, Heidt, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Resolution No. 99-16 adopted.

ITEM 23

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPEAL OF MASTER CASE 97-188

Fred Follstad, Associate Planner, reported that this item is an appeal of Planning Commission approval of Master Case 97-188 (Oak Tree Permit 97-021), allowing for retroactive approval of the unpermitted removal of 64 Oak Trees located on the westerly side of Sierra Highway, 750 feet south of Remsen Street in the Newhall area of the City. The appellant is Gates King Partners; Mr. Mark Gates.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cynthia Neal Harris representing the Santa Clarita Oak Conservancy who submitted a letter; Mike Lyons representing the Santa Clarita Oak Conservancy; and Bob Lathrop who read and submitted a letter from SCOPE.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to direct the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gates King Properties and Henry Arklin, subject to review of the City Attorney, and direct the applicant to submit the completed entitlement application within six months.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Weste, Klajic, Heidt, Ferry, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 24

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CANYON COUNTRY LIBRARY PROPOSAL/MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

George Carvalho, City Manager, reported that at the December 1, 1998 Study Session, staff presented the Council with options regarding the construction of a larger library in the Canyon Country area.

Addressing the Council on this item was Allan Cameron.

Motion by Ferry, second by Klajic, to authorize the Mayor to accompany the City Manager to meet with Supervisor Antonovich regarding collaborative efforts required to build a new library in Canyon Country, with Councilmember Weste to serve as alternate.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Klajic, Heidt, Ferry, Weste, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 25

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Through previous action, this item was continued to the next regular Council meeting.

ITEM 26

NEW BUSINESS

1999 MTA CALL FOR PROJECTS APPLICATION

Rabie Rahmani, Senior Traffic Engineer, reported that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is required to program revenues in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) across all transportation modes based on the planning requirements of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). One method by which this mandate is accomplished is by planning and programming funds on a multi-modal basis through the TIP Call for Projects.

Addressing the Council on this item was Hunt Braly; David Foy representing Congressman Buck McKeon; Cameron Smyth representing Senator Pete Knight; Allan Cameron; Duane Harte representing the Santa Clarita Transportation Alliance; Linda Johnson representing Assemblymember George Runner; and Connie Worden-Roberts representing the Chamber of Commerce and the Valencia Industrial Association.

Motion by Ferry, second by Weste, to approve the 1999 MTA Call for Projects list and direct staff to submit to the appropriate government agency, subject to City Manager approval, based on the priority discussed. Authorize the Mayor to sign letters of support and/or co-sponsor the Caltrans and Los Angeles County projects noted, and request that Caltrans and Los Angeles County send letters of support and/or co-sponsor the City's Magic Mountain Interchange project.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Heidt, Ferry, Weste, Klajic, Darcy

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 27

NEW BUSINESS

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

MTA Director Larry Zarian has announced his resignation from the MTA Board of Directors, effective April 20, 1999. At this point, Council has the opportunity to nominate an elected City Council official as a candidate for the vacancy on the MTA Board of Directors.

This item was-considered after the Consent Calendar. No speakers were called on this item.

Motion by Klajic, second by Heidt, to continue this item to the January 26, 1999 meeting.

**On roll call vote:
Ayes: Klajic, Heidt, Darcy
Noes: Weste, Ferry
Absent: None
Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Council)

Councilmember Ferry indicated he would submit a memo to the Council containing his committee reports.

STAFF COMMENTS

Tony Nisich, Director of Transportation and Engineering Services, discussed a request from the City of Los Angeles for funding for a section of roadway within the City of Los Angeles.

George Carvalho, City Manager, provided an update on the Via Princessa project and the cleanup of the Bermite property.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ferry posed questions related to the Dial-a-ride employee.

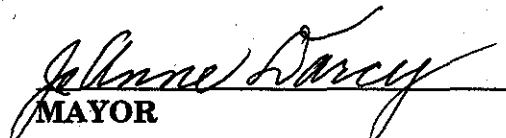
Mayor Darcy mentioned items that would be considered at the next meeting.

Councilmember Klajic requested information on the State school bond issue.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Darcy adjourned the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK