

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kellar called to order the special meeting at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Boydston.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests to speak were received.

CLOSED SESSION

Joseph Montes, City Attorney, advised of the need to conduct a Closed Session for the purpose of holding a:

CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Government Code Section 54956.8

Assessor's Parcels Nos. 3210-006-004 & 3209-007-002

Owner(s) - Francis E. Williams & Family Trust

City's Authorized Negotiator: City Manager

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Kellar recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Boydston arrived immediately after the recess into Closed Session.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Joseph Montes, City Attorney, announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that was required to be reported.

ADJOURN

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Kellar delivered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/President Kellar called to order the regular joint meeting of the City Council/Board of Library Trustees at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Kellar called upon Veteran Hugh McDonald to lead the flag salute.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

This time has been set aside for Councilmembers to review the agenda and obtain any further information that may be needed. Council will also discuss each individual item during the course of the meeting with the exception of the Consent Calendar, which may be approved in its entirety by one motion, unless there is a request to pull an item for discussion. No action will be taken on public agenda items during the Executive Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weste second by Ferry, to approve the agenda pulling Item 4 for a separate vote.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Weste and Council presented a proclamation to Bob Larlee and members of the American Heart Association in recognition of American Heart Month.

PRESENTATIONS

Tim Davis of the Canyon Country Optimist Club presented a check for \$2,000.00 to Mayor Kellar and Councilmembers for the City's S.C.O.R.E program (Supporting Children's Opportunities in Recreational Events).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council was Alan Ferdman regarding meetings with Metro and the toll roads on the I-5 freeway, and Cam Noltemeyer regarding the City use of the Home Owners Association's (HOA) Tennis Courts on McBean Parkway.

City Manager Ken Striplin commented regarding Metro improvements to I-5 freeway.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services commented regarding Ms. Noltemeyer's inquiry by clarifying the City's use of the HOA's Tennis Courts as outlined in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs).

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Boydston commented on attending the annual Celebrity Waiter Dinner event benefitting the SCV Senior Center on February 23rd; commented on attending a meeting with Los Angeles Metro regarding the proposed High Speed Rail route; attended a public safety

subcommittee meeting where the fire department gave a presentation on response times for paramedics; and inquired if there was Council support for agendaizing term limits for Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Weste commented that the City continues to work to fight the CEMEX issue; invited residents to Thursdays @ Newhall on Main Street for the Art Slam event on March 7 at 7:00 p.m.; commented on an outstanding Celebrity Waiter event for the SCV Senior Center; and commented on the adoptable animals, including horses, available at the Castaic Animal Shelter.

Councilmember McLean commented on attending the Economic and Real Estate Outlook meeting where economic recovery was discussed; invited residents to attend the last LA Metro meeting to discuss the I-5 toll lanes on Thursday, February 28; invited residents to attend a public meeting to discuss the new Rivendale Ranch project on March 2, 2013; invited residents to attend and/or submit a protest to the LA County Clean Water/Clean Beaches Measure hearing on Tuesday, March 12; and commented on her attendance at a meeting with the CEO of the High Speed Rail Project to show High Speed Rail officials the negative impact of the proposed route to the community.

Councilmember Ferry invited residents to attend the annual Teen Scene Plugged In event at College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center on March 20.

Mayor Kellar invited residents to try the new restaurant "Sharkys" at the Westfield Valencia Town Center; invited residents to the next Town Hall meeting on March 5 at the Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary School; commented regarding attending a meeting with the Old Town Newhall Association (OTNA) members; requested Council support to agendaize for further discussion to decorate Main Street during the Christmas holiday in response to which all councilmembers gave verbal concurrence; and requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Keith Crawford.

ITEM 1

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - The minutes of the previous Joint City Council, City Council acting as the Governing Board of the Successor Agency to the Former Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency, and Board of Library Trustees meeting are submitted for approval.

City Council and City Council acting as the Governing Board of the Successor Agency to the Former Santa Clarita Redevelopment Agency, and Board of Library Trustees meeting are submitted for approval.

City Council and Board of Library Trustees: Approve the minutes of the February 12, 2013, special and regular meeting.

ITEM 2

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 agenda, Council may determine that the title has been read. City

Council determines that the titles to all ordinances which appear on this public agenda have been read and waive further reading.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

AWARD PURCHASE OF JOHN DEERE 444K LOADER - City Council authorized the replacement of a Dresser, 520B Wheel Loader truck during the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget process. The Dresser, 520B Wheel Loader is used by the Streets Division to move large quantities of materials. The current Wheel Loader, a Dresser 520B, is 22-years-old and meets the City's criteria for replacement of equipment older than 12 years. City Council approve the purchase of a John Deere 444K Loader from Coastline Equipment using California Multiple Awards Schedule (CMAS) contract #4-08-23-0023A in an amount not to exceed \$135,375.82; approve increase to expenditure budget account 14504-5201.002 Street Maintenance by \$5,376, to account for the additional funding needed to complete the purchase, and increase Gas Tax Sales of Property & Equipment account 230-4621.006 by \$13,500 to account for the revenue generated from the sale of the existing Dresser, 520B Wheel Loader.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ARTS GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 -

For approximately 22 years, the City of Santa Clarita has provided funds for community organizations through the Community Services and Arts Grant program. Each year, a Grant Committee is assembled to determine funding categories, review and rate applications, and make final funding recommendations for community service projects and arts projects throughout Santa Clarita. City Council approve the Community Services Grant Committee's project recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012-13 in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 for Community Services Grants and \$40,500 for Arts Grants, with the exception of the Canyon Theatre Guild City of Santa Clarita Presents Arts Grant; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to sign all documents pursuant to City Attorney approval.

Councilmember Boydston recused himself from participating on this item due to a conflict of interest pertaining to his employment and non-profit board membership at the Canyon Theater Guild.

Motion by Ferry, second by Weste, to approve the Community Services Grant Committee's project recommendation for Fiscal Year 2012-13 approving Canyon Theatre Guild City of Santa Clarita Presents Arts Grant in an amount not to exceed \$7,500; direct staff to execute an agreement approved for funding; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to sign all documents pursuant to City Attorney approval.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Ferry, Weste, Kellar

Noes: None

Recused: Boydston

Absent None

Motion carried.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NO. 3 - Approval of the Check Register. City Council approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Register No 3.

Motion by Weste, second by Ferry, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 4, as it pertains to the approval of Canyon Theatre Guild City of Santa Clarita Presents art grant in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Weste, Boydston, McLean, Kellar,

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGN ORDINANCE - City Attorney Joe Montes advised that at the June 12, 2012 City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to return to the City Council with a draft amendment to the City's Municipal Code that would provide that any signs removed from public property be stored by the City until after the event to which they relate occurs, after which the owner of the sign can retrieve any such sign without paying any fine. As an alternative to that direction, the City Attorney presented a draft ordinance that would prohibit private signage on public property, but in the 45 days prior to an election would allow temporary noncommercial signage on public property.

Addressing the Council on this item was Alan Ferdman and Dante Acosta.

Council consensus to continue this item to a future meeting to allow the City Attorney's Office to amend the sign ordinance to more closely reflect the direction given at the June 12, 2012 meeting.

ITEM 7

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BRIDGEPORT MARKETPLACE PARK – Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, commented that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an attempt to serve multiple needs while fulfilling the documented desire to have an open public green space in this portion of the Bridgeport Marketplace.

Christopher Price, Assistant City Engineer, gave a brief overview of the details of the MOU and the park.

Addressing the Council on this item was Cam Noltemeyer.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services responded to Ms. Noltemeyer's comments clarifying the land dedication that occurred in June and December 2005.

Councilmember Ferry commented regarding the appropriateness of design of the park and the types of uses appropriate for the park without creating safety issues. Councilmember Weste commented that planting 6-8 foot hedges would create a barricade to Newhall Ranch Road and inquired on the use of other surfaces in parking lot design, and the possible use of the park for weddings or an outdoor theater. Councilmember Boydston commented on the access to the additional parking and possibly placing concrete through the space to encourage events and discourage use as a sports practice park. Councilmember McLean requested, in writing, an agreement of more landscaping as well as sharing the cost of maintaining the park.

Rick Gould responded to Council comments and concerns clarifying that the City will be responsible for park maintenance.

Motion by Weste, second by Boydston, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Bridgeport Marketplace Park; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to sign all documents pursuant to City Attorney approval.

**On roll call vote:
Ayes: Boydston, McLean, Ferry, Weste, Kellar
Noes: None
Absent: None
Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONTINUED

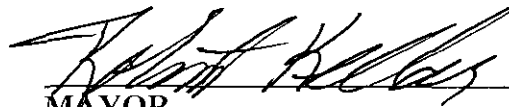
No requests to speak were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kellar adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in memory of Keith Crawford.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK