

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 27, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:00 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 - Anticipated Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9(c) - one matter

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pending Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Foster v. City of Santa Clarita
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 180361

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pending Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Newhall Hidden Valley HOA and Alamos Lane HOA V. City of Santa Clarita
LA County Superior Court Case No. PC 026208 Y.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pending Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Steve Cornell & Citizens Against Barricades v. City of Santa Clarita
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 226881

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to closed session at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that no action was taken during Closed Session that was required to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, announced that anyone wishing to address an item on the agenda should fill out 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 introduced representatives of the Ojai and Hopi YMCA Indian Guides who led the flag salute.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Darcy commented on the upcoming Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival and a recent ICA conference.

Councilmember Kellar commented on the celebrity waiter dinner to benefit the Senior Center held Friday night and asked that the community keep Stan Sierad in their prayers.

Councilmember Ferry commented on an upcoming meeting to be held March 1 on Pardee's Fair Oaks development and the contributions of the Renolds family as a result of a tragic car accident one year ago.

Mayor Weste commented on upcoming California Trail Days on April 21 and 22, 2001 and new grant capabilities for protecting riparian and ravine habitats.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Council)

Councilmember Ferry reported on a recent meeting of the Legislative Committee with Assemblymember Runner and various topics discussed.

Mayor Weste reported on a recent meeting with staff of Congressman McKeon's office who offered excellent support on various issues.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Weste introduced Captain Don Rodriguez and Deputy Mike Shapiro who presented plaques to participants, donors, and assistants in the "Every 15 Minutes" Program

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Isaac Lieberman regarding campaign financing; Marsha McLean representing the SCV Canyons Preservation Committee regarding Elsmere Canyon; Lynne Plambeck representing SCOPE regarding water and development; and Karen Pearson regarding Elsmere Canyon.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kellar, second by Darcy, to approve the agenda, pulling Items 2 and 11 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 February 13, 2001 and February 20, 2001 meetings.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Darcy, Kellar, Ferry, Smyth, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

AMENDMENT TO CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Political Reform Act requires every local agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code as needed to determine if it is accurate and if the Code should be amended. Effective January 1, 2001, the Fair Political Practices Commission has made changes to increase the gift limit and minimum thresholds for certain disclosure categories. Adopt a resolution adopting an amendment to the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

In response to questions from Councilmembers and to clarify public comments, staff provided information.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONSIDERATION OF INITIAL SUPPORT FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PROPOSED ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST "RIM OF THE VALLEY", THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS AND THE CASTAIC MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS AS WILDERNESS AREAS

The Sierra Club is currently seeking support for its statewide Wild Heritage Campaign. The intent of the letter of support is not to endorse the Wild Heritage Campaign on a statewide basis; rather, this letter of support is targeted specifically at designation of the four areas identified in the title wilderness areas. Direct staff to draft and send a letter supporting the designation of parts of Elsmere Canyon, Whitney Canyon, Placerita Canyon, The Castaic Mountains, and the Magic Mountain Wilderness as Wilderness Areas within the Angeles National Forest.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING (OCJP) JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY GRANT

The City is eligible for \$13,615 in grant funding from the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for a Juvenile Accountability program. This is to request a cash match from City Council Contingency Fund for \$1,513 and to approve acceptance of the grant. Approve acceptance and use of OCJP Juvenile Accountability grant funds. Establish estimated revenues of \$13,615 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund Account No. 453-5175 and \$1,513 in Account No. 453-6810. Authorize \$1,513 to be transferred from Account No. 7411-7011 to 001-9501 for the required 10% cash match. Appropriate budget as follows: Amount: \$1,513 to Account No. 7449-7011; Amount: \$13,615 to Account No. 7449-7312. Authorize City Manager or designee to execute any contract agreements or change orders arising out of this program.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NO. C3002 - AWARD DESIGN CONTRACT

This project will widen at-grade crossings at three (3) intersections on Soledad Canyon Road and Golden Triangle Road at Ruether Avenue, Golden Oak, and Rainbow Glen Drive; and install curb, gutter, access ramps, and sidewalk. Award the contract with STV Incorporated to include the engineering design services for Golden Valley Road Interim Improvements, Project No. C3002, in the amount of \$187,260 and authorize a 15 percent contingency expenditure in the amount of \$28,089. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

VERMONT DRIVE / EVERETT DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS, ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 99-1, PROJECT NO. S2039 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance of the construction of the Vermont Drive / Everett Drive Improvements. Accept the work performed by C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. on the Vermont Drive / Everett Drive Improvements; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the remaining five percent retention 35 days after the Notice of Completion is recorded, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES INTO SANTA CLARITA STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 - ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L25, 18211 SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L26, 18617 SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L27, TRACT NO. 50151, IN THE VICINITY OF VIA PRINCESSA / VISTA DEL CANON - Annexation of territories into Santa Clarita Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1.

Adopt three resolutions to initiate annexation proceedings of Annexation Nos. 2001-L25, 2001-L26, and 2001-L27 into Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1; approve the respective Engineer's Reports; declare the City's intention to annex territories; and set the public hearing for February 27, 2001.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

ANNUAL "CLEAN-UP" OF TITLE 16 "SUBDIVISIONS" AND TITLE 17 "ZONING" OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC)

Council adopted a resolution adopting the Negative Declaration and introduced this ordinance on February 13, 2001. Adopt an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 16 AND TITLE 17 OF THE SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC).

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 8.20 AND 8.24 OF TITLE 8 "ANIMALS" AND SECTION 11.44 OF TITLE 11 "PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE" OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE

Council introduced this ordinance on February 13, 2001. Adopt an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 "ANIMALS" AND TITLE 11 "PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE" OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA MUNICIPAL CODE.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH NEW DESIGNATION NUMBER FOR THE TOWSLEY CANYON ANNEXATION, ANNEXATION NO. 1989-01(A)

This resolution with a new designation will authorize the City Manager or designee to file an application with LAFCO for the proposed annexation of Towsley Canyon to the City of Santa Clarita, located outside the City limits generally west of Interstate

5, extending approximately 600 feet south of Wiley Canyon Road; extending approximately 400 feet north of Wiley Canyon Road; extending approximately two-thirds of a mile west of The Old Road. Adopt a resolution with a new designation number authorizing the City Manager or designee to file an annexation application with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the Towsley Canyon area, Annexation No. 1989-01(a).

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED GOLDEN VALLEY ANNEXATION (MASTER CASE NO. 97-212)

This resolution will authorize the City Manager or designee to file an application with LAFCO for Annexation 97-01 for the proposed annexation of Golden Valley Ranch, located outside the City limits generally east of the City limits, east of State Route 14, north of Placerita Canyon Road, and west and north of the Angeles National Forest. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to file an annexation application with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the proposed Golden Valley Ranch Annexation.

Addressing the Council on this item was Teresa Todd, a member of the Sulphur Springs School Board.

ITEM 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) TO APPROVE THE USE OF PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Each year, the City of Santa Clarita receives Proposition A Discretionary Funds that support bus system operations. These monies offset the City's and County's cost of providing transit services in the Santa Clarita Valley. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MOU) to approve the use of Proposition A Discretionary Funds; and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the MOU on behalf of the City, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 13

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 5, 6 AND 7

Approval of the check registers. Adopt a resolution to approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Registers 5, 6 and 7.

Motion by Smyth, second by Darcy, to adopt the consent calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Ferry, Smyth, Darcy, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 14

PUBLIC HEARING

ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES AND THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR SANTA CLARITA STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 - ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L25, 18211 SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L26, 18617 SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L27, TRACT NO. 50151, IN THE VICINITY OF VIA PRINCESSA / VISTA DEL CANON Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar, to waive the staff presentation.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

In report Curtis Nay, Supervising Engineer, advised that the purpose of this public hearing is to consider the annexation of territories into Santa Clarita Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, announced that ballots from all affected property owners have been received in favor of the assessment; no protests to the levy of assessments had been received.

Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to adopt three resolutions approving the annexation of territories and the levy of assessments for Santa Clarita Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1 for Annexation Nos. 2001-L25, 2001-L26, and 2001-L27.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Smyth, Darcy, Kellar, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 15

PUBLIC HEARING

MASTER CASE NO. 99-377 - VALLEY STREET / CALGROVE BOULEVARD
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT
Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Jeffrey Lambert, Director of Planning and Building Services, reported that the recommendation includes eliminating the secondary highway designation from this

section of roadway and installing traffic calming devices prior to opening of the road on Valley Street and Calgrove Boulevard between Creekside Drive and Maple Street as a through street accommodating one lane of traffic in each direction. This action would be consistent with the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council on January 25, 2001.

Addressing the Council on this item was Trish Lester; Steve Cornell; Jeanne Rucker (submitted material); Phil Titsworth representing American Medical Response (AMR); Scott White representing AMR; Ed Freitas representing the Postal Service; Pat Modugno; Glenda Bona representing Citizens Against Barricades (submitted 935 cards in favor of opening the road); Maria Chittum; Annette Lucas representing Citizens Against Barricades; Ethel Kavada; Ralph Killmeyer; David Hagebeck; Jeff Christensen; Steve Herskovitz representing Hidden Valley HOA; Hunt Braly representing the Hidden Valley HOA; Linda Redel representing Alamos Lane/Happy Valley HOA; Glo Donnelly; Cis Herskovitz; Stephen Kruger; Richard Goss; Sally Swiatek; and Terry Kush.

Mayor Weste called a recess at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Public comments continued on this item with August Eltz Jr.; James Bown; Wayne Messick; Paul Strickland; Michael Murphy; Carlos Dominguez; Alan Hart; Wayne McLeod; Peggy Mueller; Kevin Kavanagh; and Teresa Kerr.

One hundred eighty written comment cards were submitted on this item; 58 in favor of opening the road and 122 in favor of closing the road.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

Motion by Smyth, second by Darcy, to direct staff to prepare a resolution amending the Circulation Element of the General Plan to change Valley Street from a secondary highway to a local street and to proceed with the design of permanent cul-de-sacs with emergency access, denying access by the gate on Valley Street and Calgrove Boulevard, and making findings relative to public safety issues that justify this approach.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Smyth, Darcy, Weste

Noes: Kellar, Ferry

Absent: None

Motion carried.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

CLOSED SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2001 in the Century Room.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A special joint meeting of the City Council and College of the Canyons Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, February 28, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. at College of the Canyons, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA.

An adjourned meeting will be held Monday, March 5, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the Century Room, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA, to conduct a closed session. This meeting will recess to an adjourned meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2001 in the Council Chamber, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA, to receive an update on the solid waste franchise.


A City Council Study Session will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.

An adjourned meeting will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Century Room, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA, to conduct a closed session.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA. (NOTE NEW TIME)


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

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