

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
APRIL 22, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smyth called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Ferry.

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:** City of Santa Clarita v. Albert Bellio
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. PC 030679
- Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. Maria Lopez, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 214551
- Case Name:** City of Santa Clarita v. JB Wholesale, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 287642
- Case Name:** Begl Construction Co. Inc v. City of Santa Clarita
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. PC 032227 W

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Smyth recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

In Closed Session, by unanimous vote of those present, Council authorized the City Attorney and Burke Williams and Sorensen to provide a defense in the Begl Construction Co. lawsuit.

ADJOURN

Mayor Smyth adjourned the meeting at 6:05 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 Kellar gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smyth called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Ferry.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Kellar led the flag salute.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Weste commented on the upcoming Operation Hugs from Home to be held on Friday at Valencia Acura to collect items to be sent to our troops and commented on the opening of Oak Springs Park.

Councilmember McLean commented on the hazardous waste and e-waste collection event at College of the Canyons on Saturday and urged that a letter be written to the County to take all steps necessary to keep Placerita Canyon Nature Center open.

Council consensus to direct staff to prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature in support of keeping Placerita Canyon Nature Center open.

Mayor Smyth commented on a Federal bill for funding the cleanup of Department of Defense sites and requested staff to look into it and requested support for Senate Bill 394 sponsored by Senator Knight requiring the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at least 3 times per week in schools.

Council consensus to support a resolution or letter in support of SB 394.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember McLean reported on the University Center degree program at College of the Canyons; reported on the formation of the SCV Legislative Coalition and requested approval in concept (letterhead was distributed for review and comment back to Councilmember McLean); and provided an update on the RFP for the solid waste contract.

Councilmember Weste provided additional information on the RFP for the solid waste contract; reported on a recent Sanitation District meeting and upcoming hazardous waste pickup events which will all accept e-waste; the status of TMC; and meetings with Congressman Buck McKeon and Transportation Appropriations Committee Chair Ernest Istook regarding appropriation of Federal dollars for roads in the SCV.

Councilmember Kellar reported on the large number of meetings held concerning the Whitaker-Bermite issue.

Mayor Smyth reported on meetings of the North County Transportation Coalition.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Smyth and Councilmembers presented a certificate recognizing Larry and Dennis Thompson of American Builders Supply for their participation in the City's Pride Committee.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

Mayor Smyth and Councilmembers presented a proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week to Sharon Dawson, City Clerk, and members of her staff.

Rick Winsman and Maria Blue provided information and status on the City's Cultural Affairs Committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Richard Tiefel regarding traffic on local streets and its affect on quality of life; Bruce Siegel regarding traffic on local streets; Cam Noltemeyer regarding the budget, Proposition 13 and proposed changes in taxes; James Southwell regarding Placerita Canyon Nature Center; Gordon Uppman regarding Placerita Canyon Nature Center; and Teri March regarding a petition in support of extradition of criminals from Mexico (copy of petition submitted).

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, advised that staff would contact the 2 speakers regarding traffic in the City; advised that the City does not control the opinions of employees; assured that a letter would be sent in support of keeping Placerita Canyon Nature Center open; and advised that staff would review the matter of extraditing criminals from Mexico to see if anything else could be done.

Mayor Smyth noted that the City had taken no position on Proposition 13.

Councilmember Kellar indicated he would take the petition submitted by Mrs. March with him to a League of CA Cities conference later this week.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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 McLean, to approve the agenda, pulling Items 2, 3, and 4 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weste, second by Kellar, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2003 special meeting as submitted and the April 8, 2003 special and regular meetings as corrected.

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

RESOLUTION FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION GRANT

The Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling (DOC) provides annual grants to cities and counties for promoting beverage container recycling and/or litter clean-up activities. The grant amounts are determined on a per capita basis. Adopt **Resolution No. 03-50** for the California Department of Conservation Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Grant for the 2003/2004 fiscal year in the amount of \$44,623 for use in encouraging City residents to recycle beverage containers.

Councilmember McLean provided comments and additional information.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION FOR THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT

The City seeks to apply for a grant to address an emerging problem by providing free collections of waste electronic equipment, which is otherwise known as e-waste. The disposal of e-waste has been an issue of concern for the City and its franchised waste haulers since e-waste may contain hazardous materials and most types of e-waste are now being treated as hazardous wastes. Adopt **Resolution No. 03-51** for the California Integrated Waste Management Board Household Hazardous Waste Grant in the amount of approximately \$80,000 for the collection and recycling/disposal of waste electronic equipment.

Councilmember McLean provided comments and additional information.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS STORM DRAIN PROJECT COMPLETION

This contract is to complete the last phase of a multi phase Geographic Information Systems project coordinated between the Environmental Services Division and the Technology Services Division. When this last phase is completed, the City will have an accurate map, descriptions and a tracking method for the storm drain system. Award contract to Applied Geodetics for \$74,500. The funds were appropriated in a previous fiscal year in Account No. 2314-8110. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

Councilmember McLean suggested that the wording be changed to indicate "a map that serves the needs" rather than "an accurate map" would be provided upon completion of the project.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD/SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD INTERCHANGE - PROJECT NO. S3005 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING

This project will underground all the existing overhead facilities along Soledad Canyon Road from 300' west from the future Valley Center Drive, east to Oak Avenue. Southern California Edison is to underground all their facilities within the project limits of Golden Valley Road in order to mitigate the interference of said facilities with the future interchange. Authorize the execution of the Letter of Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE); allow the expenditure of \$773,357.00 plus 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$77,335.70 from Account No. S3005301 to SCE for the undergrounding work; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

GATEWAY BEAUTIFICATION, PROJECT NO. B2007 - EEM 200(147) - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

On January 14, 2003, the Council awarded the construction contract for Gateway Beautification to Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape. The project consisted of planting 355 trees along the Metrolink corridor at Pine Street, Golden Triangle, and Via Princessa. Accept the work performed by Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape for the construction of Gateway Beautification Project No. B2007 - EEM 2000 (147); direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and direct staff to release the 5 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

GRANDIFLORAS ROAD-ESTABLISHING A NO-STOPPING ZONE

Establish a no-stopping zone along the northwest side of Grandifloras Road, as a result of a citizen request. Adopt **Resolution No. 03-52** establishing a no-stopping zone along the northwest side of Grandifloras Road, extending 135 feet west of Abelia Road.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

ESTABLISHING NO-STOPPING ZONE ALONG PAMPLICO DRIVE

The City's Traffic Engineering Division received a request from a resident on Ron Ridge Drive, requesting a four-way stop at the intersection of Pamplico Drive and Ron Ridge Drive. This intersection is currently a two-way stop, with stop signs on Ron Ridge Drive. Adopt **Resolution No. 03-53** to establish a no-stopping zone along the north curb of Pamplico Drive, extending from Taryn Drive to 45 feet south of Ron Ridge Drive. Total parking removal is approximately 1,560 feet.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

AWARD CONTRACT FOR AQUATIC CENTER POOL EQUIPMENT

The Aquatics Center pool deck equipment was part of the original funding of the facility. To reduce costs, the procurement of the pool deck equipment was broken out of the project funding and turned over to Purchasing to bid out. Find the bid from Recreonics, Inc. to be non-responsive, and award a contract to Knorr Systems, Inc. for the purchase of pool deck equipment for an amount not to exceed \$98,983.70 from Account No. F3009001-8001. Authorize City Manager or designee to sign all documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

— **ITEM 10**

CONSENT CALENDAR

TAX SHARING RESOLUTION FOR SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO. 334

This annexation to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District is for the newly created assessment area for the single-family residence located at 27921 Sand Canyon Road (APN: 2840-011-014). Adopt **Resolution No. 03-54** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues from Sanitation District Annexation No. 334.

ITEM 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 01/02

The Planning Division prepared the annual report on the status of the General Plan for the 2001-02 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002. The purpose of this report, which is required by State Planning law, is to outline the progress made during the past fiscal year and identify measures taken toward implementation of the goals and policies. Review and file the report on the General Plan Annual Report for FY 2001-2002.

— **ITEM 12**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 14 AND 15

Approval of the Check Registers. Adopt **Resolution No. 03-55** to approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Registers 14 and 15.

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

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Kellar, Weste, Smyth

Noes: None

Absent: Ferry

Motion carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Smyth called a recess at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.

ITEM 13

NEW BUSINESS

WHITTAKER-BERMITE CLEAN-UP AND REUSE PROJECT CITY-CHEROKEE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Jeffrey Lambert, Director of Planning and Building Services, gave opening comments and explained that the City's Whittaker-Bermite Strategy Team, together with Cherokee Investment Partners, has drafted an agreement in anticipation of Cherokee's purchase of the Whittaker-Bermite property. The purpose of this agreement is to set forth procedures and a funding mechanism for the processing of certain entitlement applications associated with the future reuse of the Whittaker-Bermite property.

Preston Brooks, consultant with Cox, Castle and Nicholson, provided an outline of the proposed agreement.

Dwight Stenseth, Managing Director of Cherokee Investment Partners, provided information on the project and the status of Cherokee.

Addressing the Council on this item was Connie Worden-Roberts, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Group; John Grannis (submitted material); Cam Noltemeyer; Larry Mankin, CEO of the SCV Chamber of Commerce; Peter Kavounas representing the Castaic Lake Water Agency.

Don Fleming representing the SCV Auto Dealerships; Glo Donnelly; Valerie Thomas; Ed Colley; and Fred Trueblood representing Assemblymember Keith Richman. Two written comments were submitted.

Motion by McLean, second by Weste, for City Council to receive and provide direction on the Reimbursement Agreement for City Services Associated with Development of the Whittaker-Bermite Property, and continue the item to the May 13, 2003 City Council meeting for formal action.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: McLean, Kellar, Weste, Ferry, Smyth

Noes: None

Absent: None

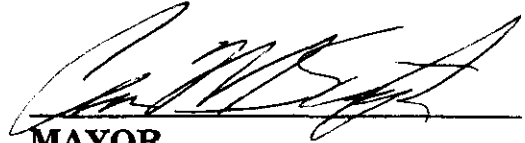
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Smyth adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK