

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

Thursday
April 28, 1988
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor McKeon at 7:30 p.m. at Arroyo Seco Junior High School, 27171 Vista Delgado, Santa Clarita, Ca.

FLAG SALUTE

The City Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

All members being present, the Mayor took up with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 7 was moved to be brought up after item 31 and item 27 is to be removed from the agenda and placed on the agenda for May 12, due to lack of information. It was moved by Darcy, second by Heidt to accept the agenda as amended. With no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Darcy, second by Heidt to approve the minutes of March 24, 1988. With no objections, it was so ordered.

PROCLAMATIONS
CHILD/PASSENGER
SAFETY
ORGAN/TISSUE DONOR
WEEK

Mayor McKeon read a proclamation for Child/ Passenger Week, May 1-8, 1988 and a proclamation for Organ/Tissue Donor Week, April 24-28, 1988.

PRESENTATIONS
KELLY CLARK OF
AUTOMOBILE CLUB
OF SOUTHERN CALIF.

Kelly Clark, Manager of the Santa Clarita Automobile Club of Southern Calif. presented the Council with a wall map designating the City boundaries and to be placed in City Hall.

DEPUTY JEFFREY BERRY

Mayor McKeon presented Deputy Jeffrey Berry with a placque commending him for saving the life of a 2 year old child. Mayor McKeon introduced Christopher Kukula and his family, as well as Deputy Berry's family.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor McKeon explained that a petition had been received for rent control for mobilehome parks.

Those speaking on this issue were: Paul Gardner, 20401-458 Soledad Canyon Rd., Canyon Country; Donald Wilder, 21441 Brier Way, Saugus; Jean Clark, 27361 Sierra Highway, #240, Canyon Country.

ITEM 1
PUBLIC HEARING
COUNCIL COMPENSATION
RESOLUTION NO.88-54

The City Manager explained that this item is on the agenda to discuss action for recouping salary compensation not received by Council due to delays in the introduction of a compensation ordinance.

ITEM 1
(continued)

Councilman Boyer explained the background to the audience. It was moved by Koontz, second by Heidt to adopt Resolution No. 88-54. On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon

Noes: None

Resolution No. 88-54 adopted.

ITEM 3
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
APPOINTMENT OF PARKS
AND RECREATION COMM.

It was moved by Koontz, second by Heidt to continue this item to the next Council meeting. With no objections, it was so ordered.

The Mayor stated that the Council will be out of town on the next meeting date which is May 12th, therefore, due to lack of quorum, the meeting date was set for the 10th of May. The meeting place to be announced.

Mayor McKeon introduced Mr. Kyle Kollar, Community Development Director for our City.

ITEM 4
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
AMENDING QUIMBY
FEES
ORDINANCE NO.88-21

The City Attorney introduced this item to Council.

This item is in accordance with past discussions of the Council wherein Council expressed the desire that Quimby fees be increased to better reflect increased land values in the City of Santa Clarita.

Those speaking on this item were: Mark Subbotin, 23823 Valencia Blvd., Valencia; Larry Derr, Los Angeles County Regional Planning.

After discussion, it was moved by Boyer, second by Heidt to modify Ordinance No. 88-21 and have it modified as an urgency ordinance.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Heidt

Noes: Darcy, Koontz, McKeon

Motion failed.

It was then moved by Heidt, second by Boyer to adopt Ordinance 88-21. The City Attorney read the title to this ordinance. It was moved by Koontz, second by Darcy, to waive further reading and pass to second reading. On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon

Noes: None

Ordinance No. 88-21 passed to second reading.

ITEM 5
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CITY HALL LOCATION

The City Manager stated that at the April 14th meeting, Council set the date of April 28th as the date to consider proposals for the location of the City Hall for the next five to seven years.

ITEM 5
(continued)

Representatives from Newhall Land & Farming Co. and Saunders Development Co. were available to answer any questions.

The Mayor announced he is a Board member of the Valencia Bank and Councilwoman Heidt is a shareholder. Their concern is, do these positions constitute a conflict of interest on the issue of deciding upon the City Hall location. The City Attorney stated that under the provisions of 87-100 and 87-103 of the Government Code, holding such positions would not constitute a conflict of interest because the Bank is a tenant in the building, has no ownership in the building and that it appears that it would obtain no material or financial gain by reason of the City becoming a tenant of the building.

The Mayor-appointed committee of Councilman Koontz and the Mayor reported on their findings and research of the new City Hall.

Those speaking on this item were: Dan Hucks, 23823 Valencia Blvd., Valencia, representing Newhall Land and Farming Co.; Tim Demshki, 15450 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, representing Saunders Development/Coldwell Banker; Alan Belohlavek, 15450 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, representing Saunders Development, and Allan Cameron, 27612 Ennismore Ave., Canyon Country.

After discussion, it was moved by Boyer, second by Darcy to direct staff to enter into negotiations for the purpose of providing City Council a lease between the City and Saunders Development Co. for leasing space at 23920 W. Valencia Blvd. and to be presented to Council at the next meeting. On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Koontz, McKeon

Noes: Heidt

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Heidt requested the record to show that she voted no on this motion as she felt the City Hall should be in the center of the City and the use of the Valencia Bank building puts City Hall on the perimeter of the City. She also felt uncomfortable with the fact that she is a shareholder in the Bank even though there is no conflict of interest.

The Planning Department will move into the Valencia National Bank, second floor, into 2000 sq. ft. within the next week or two. The third floor will be available for the staff in approx. 60 days.

RECESS

At 9:28 p.m. the Mayor called a recess.

RECONVENE

At 9:43 p.m. the meeting reconvened with all members present.

ITEM 6
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
COMMITTEE TO MEET
WITH LAFCO REGARDING
ANNEXATION & SPHERE
OF INFLUENCE

The City Manager reported that at the Council meeting of March 14, Councilwoman Heidt requested there be placed on the April 28th agenda, discussion for the formation of a committee to meet with LAFCO to open discussions on a Sphere of Influence and on Annexations.

Those speaking on this item were: Allan Cameron, 27612 Ennismore Ave., Canyon Country.

After discussion, it was moved by Boyer, second by Koontz to meet with Ruth Bennell, May 16th, at 4:00 p.m. and to form a committee of Mayor McKeon, Councilman Boyer, Kyle Kollar, two Planning commissioners to be appointed by Chairman Modugno, a representative from each of the Chambers of Commerce, and five volunteers from the community. With no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 8
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
TRAFFIC SIGNAL
SOLEDA CYN. RD/
KENROY AVENUE

The City Manager reported that this item was on agenda of March 24th and deferred by Council due to the lack of information relative to need, to data base justifying the decision to install a signal, and why the City is being asked to pay the costs of this signal.

Those speaking on this item were: Harold Mountain, 28676 Lakecrest Ave., Canyon Country; Ed Dunn, 15414 Rhododendron Dr., Canyon Country.

After discussion, it was moved by Koontz, second by Darcy to approve the project and authorize the County to go forward with administering the contract. On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon

Noes: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 9
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
JOB SPECIFICATIONS,
SALARY RANGE, FINANCE
DIRECTOR

The City Manager reported on this item stating that the Council instructed him to prepare a job description and a recommendation for a salary range for the position of Finance Director. This will be advertised in the May issue of Western Cities and The Job Finder; applications will close on June 15th and the new City Manager will make a selection July 1st.

It was moved by Darcy, second by Heidt to approve the job specifications and salary range for the Finance Director. With no objections, it was so ordered.

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ITEM 10
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
JOB SPECIFICATIONS,
SALARY RANGE, DEPT.
OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

The City Manager reported that at the April 14th Council meeting, Council instructed the City Manager to prepare for review job descriptions and salary ranges for a Principal Planner, Associate Planner, Assistant Planner and an Administrative Secretary, as well as a Code Enforcement Officer and a Junior Planner.

It was moved by Darcy, second by Heidt to approve the Community Development Department job specifications and salary ranges. With no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 11
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CITY SIGNS ON
LIBRARY BUILDINGS

The City Manager stated that this item is to provide Council with the opportunity to act upon the request of the County Librarian to place City signs on each of the three county libraries. This item was originally before the Council on March 24th at which time the Council deferred action pending a report by a Council committee made up of Councilmen Boyer and Koontz.

It was moved by Boyer, second by Koontz to approve the request to install City signs and accept the report of the Council committee. On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None
Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM 15
AMEND PETTY CASH
RESOLUTION NO. 88-59
ITEM 16
REQUEST FOR STREET
VACATION
RESOLUTION NO. 88-60
ITEM 17
REQUEST FOR STREET
VACATION
RESOLUTION NO. 88-61
ITEM 20

It was moved by Boyer, second by Koontz to approve Items 15 through 17 and 20 through 24. On roll call vote:
Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None
Items approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF WATER
SYSTEM-TRACT No. 43532
ITEM 21
ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT
PARCEL MAP 6449
ITEM 22
APPROVE MAP TRACT 46108
ITEM 24
TREASURER'S REPORT

ITEM 19
CONSENT CALENDAR
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
GEN. PLAN CONSULTANT

Those speaking on this item were: Bob Lathrop,
25105 Highspring Ave., Newhall.

The City Manager introduced this item to the Council and stated this item is to provide Council with an opportunity to take action on initiating action toward obtaining proposals for the making of a General Plan and that the City has a period of 30 months in which to complete the preparation of a General Plan.

It was moved by Darcy, second by Koontz to approve the request for proposal. With no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 28
NEW BUSINESS
CITY LIMIT SIGNS

The City Manager introduced this item to Council to enable Council to consider placement of City limit signs on various streets entering the City of Santa Clarita. There will be placement of fourteen City limit signs of which the state will be responsible for placing four signs at no cost to the City. The cost is estimated at \$4,200. Councilwoman Heidt asked that four additional signs be placed by the state: northbound on I5 and southbound on I5 and northbound on Hwy. 14 and southbound on Hwy. 14 that say "Santa Clarita-next five exits."

After discussion, it was moved by Koontz, second by Boyer to direct the County to proceed with the installation of the city limit signs and the City Manager request Cal Trans to make installations of city limit signs on state highways, including Councilwoman Heidt's request for next five exits signs on I5 and Hwy. 14. On roll call vote:
Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None
Motion carried.

ITEM 31
NEW BUSINESS
INDEPENDENT TRAFFIC
STUDY

Councilwoman Heidt introduced this item to the Council to provide an opportunity to discuss the making of an independent traffic analysis of traffic conditions within the City of Santa Clarita. The Council discussed the situation with traffic problems in our City.

Those speaking on this item were: Larry Nichols, 23020 Posada Dr., Valencia; Ed Dunn, 15414 Rhododendron Dr., Canyon Country; William Roberts, P.O. Box 184, Saugus; Allan Cameron, 27612 Ennismore Ave., Canyon Country; Louis Muto, 4722 LaPresa Ave., Rosemead.

ITEM 7
NEW BUSINESS
WATT AMERICA
DEVELOPERS

The City Attorney reported that a credit agreement has been prepared for the costs of construction should the Via Princessa Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District be approved by the City and to assist them in building the overpass by forming a Mello-Roos Community Facilities District levying a special tax in that District and issuing bonds for the costs of construction.

Those speaking in favor of this item were: David Johnson, 2716 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, representing Watt Industries; Louis Muto, 4722 LaPresa Ave., Rosemead, Ca.; Anthony Wetherbee, 1901 Ave. of the Stars, Ste. 1400, Los Angeles, representing Chilton & O'Connor. Those speaking in opposition were: Connie Worden, P.O. Box 233, Newhall; Larry Nichols, 23020 Posada Dr., Valencia; Allan Cameron, 27612 Ennismore Ave., Canyon Country.

After discussion, it was moved by Heidt, second by Boyer to deny the request to build the Wiley Canyon/Via Princessa Bridge. It was then moved by Koontz, second by Boyer to amend the previous motion by referring this item to the Planning Commission. Koontz and Boyer withdrew their motion to amend the original motion. On roll call:

Ayes: Boyer, Heidt,
Noes: Darcy, Koontz, McKeon

It was moved by Heidt, second by Boyer to table this item. On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None

Motion carried.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 12:26 a.m.

RECONVENE

At 12:35 a.m. the meeting reconvened with all members present.

ITEM 32
NEW BUSINESS
JACK SHINE DEVELOPMENT
APPEAL

Councilwoman Heidt asked to have this matter placed on the agenda for the purpose of discussion and make a determination as to a Council policy concerning whether to make an appeal to the Board of Supervisors on the Jack Shine Development Agreement.

Those speaking on this item were: Maurice Ungar, 25559 Alesna Dr., Valencia; Allan Cameron, 27612 Ennismore Ave., Canyon Country.

ITEM 32
(continued)

It was moved by Heidt, second by Boyer to draft a letter opposing the Jack Shine Development addressed to the Board of Supervisors and to bring the letter to the meeting of May 10th. With no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 34
NEW BUSINESS
CANYON PARK DEVELOP.

The City Manager reported that the Council has acted upon amendments to the agreements for grants to make improvements to Canyon Park. This agenda item addresses the question for development of Canyon Park.

It was moved by Koontz, second by Heidt to continue this item to the meeting of May 10th. With no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 35
NEW BUSINESS
STOP SIGNS, HASKELL
CYN/GROVEPARK DR.-
ORDINANCE NO. 88-22

The City Manager reported this item is on agenda to consider stop signs at Haskell Canyon Rd./Grovepark Drive which was recommended by Council on April 14th.

The City Attorney read the title to Ordinance No. 88-22 which designates the intersection at Haskell Canyon Rd and Grovepark Dr./Ridgegrove Dr. to be a stop intersection.

It was moved by Boyer, second by Koontz to waive further reading and pass to second reading, Ordinance No. 88-22. On roll call vote:
Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None
Ordinance No. 88-22 passed to second reading.

ITEM 36
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The City Manager introduced this item to Council explaining that PERS has responded to a questionnaire submitted March 29th, in which this questionnaire started the process of inquiry for a retirement program for the City employees.

It was moved by Darcy, second by Koontz to approve the contract and direct staff to proceed.
On roll call vote:
Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None
Motion carried.

ITEM 37
DEMAND REGISTER #8
RESOLUTION NO.88-64

It was moved by Heidt, second by Koontz to adopt Resolution No. 88-64. On roll call vote:
Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None
Resolution No. 88-64 adopted.

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ITEM 38
ORDINANCE No. 88-15
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Attorney read the titles of Ordinance Nos. 88-15, 88-17, 88-18, and 88-20.

ITEM 39
ORDINANCE NO. 88-17
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGER

It was moved by Koontz, second by Boyer to waive further reading of the four ordinances, and to adopt. On roll call vote:

ITEM 40
ORDINANCE NO. 88-18
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & GENERAL SERVICES

Ayes: Boyer, Darcy, Heidt, Koontz, McKeon
Noes: None
Ordinance Nos. 88-15, 88-17, 88-18, and 88-20 adopted.

ITEM 41
ORDINANCE NO. 88-20
SELF-INSURANCE FUND

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(AUDIENCE)

The following persons addressed the Council:
Allan Cameron, 27612 Ennismore Ave., Canyon Country, Bob Lathrop, 25105 Highspring Ave., Newhall; Maurice Ungar, 25559 Alesna Dr., Valencia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(COUNCIL)

Councilman Koontz stated that in the near future he will be asking the Council to consider computerizing the City Hall offices. Councilwoman Darcy requested a study on 4-way stop signs at Opencrest Drive and Centurion Way; and Oakgrove Park and Centurion Way. Councilwoman Heidt was concerned about the aesthetic values of our City. She requested staff talk with Caltrans to inquire about landscaped medians, ie, San Fernando Road. Councilman Boyer was concerned about the bills from the County and ask for a conference to have an opportunity to make a resolution of this within 30 days. He asked this item be put on the agenda for May 10th. Councilman Boyer also asked Councilmembers to coordinate their vacation schedules. Mayor McKeon stated he had been approached by a gentleman to do a polling survey for the City. The Mayor asked this be put on the agenda for May 10th.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council recessed to closed session at 1:15 a.m. to discuss items of pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 2:00 a.m., April 29, to May 10, at a site to be determined. With no objections, it was so ordered.



Howard "Buck" McKeon
Mayor

ATTEST:



E. Fredrick Bien
City Clerk