

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
4:30 P.M.
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5:30 P.M.
JULY 24, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 4:30 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 - Pending Litigation

Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

City of Santa Clarita v. U. S. Department of Interior

U. S. District Court, Central District, Case No. CV 01-00599.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Location: 38-acre property consisting of four parcels adjacent to the Santa Clarita Business Park in the central part of the City of Santa Clarita. Parcels 1-3 consist of industrial lots and Parcel 4 is open space.

Owner/Negotiating Party: Ruether Avenue Business Park, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to closed session at 4:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that by unanimous vote, Council authorized entry into a dismissal without prejudice in the case of City of Santa Clarita v. U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. District Court, Central District, Case No. CV 01-00599 and a related case based upon the fact that the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have agreed to reinitiate the biological study of the TMC Project Site.

ADJOURN

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Ferry led the flag salute.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Weste requested the issue of public art be revisited, as it will enhance tourism and requested this issue be talked about at the next few Council meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was Cam Noltemeyer regarding Statements of Economic Interest; and Tom Dicioccio regarding audit process.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Smyth, second by Darcy, to approve agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ITEM 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SCOPE OF WORK FOR AUDIT OF SOLID WASTE HAULERS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilmember Smyth reported that Council has authorized the Waste Hauler Audit Committee to prepare all documentation for a forensic audit of the City's waste haulers. At the Council meeting of July 10, 2001, Council reviewed a list of franchise areas that should be audited, based on suggestions from both the Waste Hauler Audit Committee and the City Attorney's Office. It was determined after Council discussion that the suggested areas would be incorporated into a final draft document for the Council, public, and staff's review.

Addressing the Council on this item was Tom Dicioccio; Cam Noltemeyer; Chris Townsley; Kent Carlson; Bruce McFarland; Doris Carlson; Jan Bilson; John Grannis.

Motion by Kellar, second by Ferry, to approve the amended scope of work for audit of solid waste haulers franchise agreements, including a full forensic audit beginning with 1995 and forward, which would include all franchised residential and commercial haulers; begin the RFP process immediately; RFP should include a section regarding how the proposers would accomplish the goals; request a presentation to Council every 15 days from the auditors; review the SCS Report for completeness and accuracy. Authorize the Council Audit Committee to coordinate the preparation and distribution of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to qualified audit firms with assistance from the Administrative Services Department. Upon receipt of the proposals from the audit firms, City Council will select a qualified audit firm.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Darcy, Kellar, Smyth, Ferry, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ITEM 2

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VALLEY STREET / CALGROVE BOULEVARD PERMANENT CLOSURE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. S2003 - AWARD DESIGN CONTRACT

Tony Nisich, Director of Transportation and Engineering Services, reported that the Valley Street / Calgrove Boulevard Permanent Closure Improvements will install the necessary improvements for the permanent closure of Valley Street / Calgrove Boulevard while maintaining emergency vehicle access at all times.

Addressing the Council on this item was Marc Berry; Ted Mezo; Robert Spierer; Steve Cornell; Gary Engel; Annette Lucas; Paul Strickland Jr.; Janice Rappoport; Pete Ordway; Grant Miller; Charles Cote; Julie Green; Edward Shick; Glenda Bona; Denise Boyd; Maria Chittum; David Ganshirt; Ric Bloch; Bill Wells; Hunt Braly; Alan Hart; Linda Redel; James Own; Stephen Kruger; Steven Herskovitz; Teresa Kerr; Leif Anders; Paul Strickland Sr.

There were 52 written comments.

At this time Councilmember Smyth requested clarification from the City Attorney regarding Conflict of Interest. In response, Carl Newton, City Attorney stated that the Political Reform Act provides that a public official may not be financially interested in a matter that is before him or her for decision. Mr. Newton stated that Councilmember Smyth is not precluded from voting on this issue simply because his parents live in the subject area.

Motion by Smyth, second by Darcy, to award the contract to Psomas for engineering design services for Valley Street / Calgrove Boulevard Permanent Closure Improvements, Project No. S2003, in the amount of \$23,571.00, and authorize a contingency expenditure in the amount of \$1,429.00; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents, subject to City Attorney approval; to approve pedestrian access and to work with other departments on the design, and include residents in the design process.

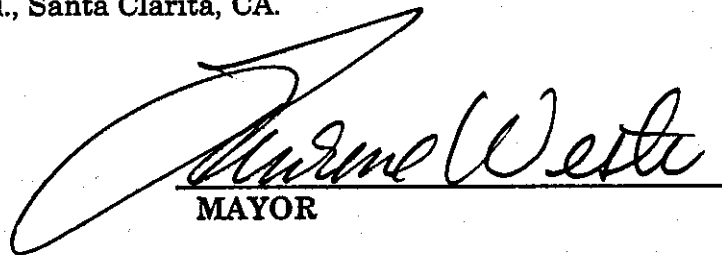
On roll call vote:
Ayes: Darcy, Smyth, Weste
Noes: Kellar, Ferry
Absent: None
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

After the Council's summer break, the next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, August 28, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 1st floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK