

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

CITY COUNCIL

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

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6:30 P.M.

AUGUST 22, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darcy called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present except for Councilmember Boyer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

RECESS

At 6:03 p.m., Mayor Darcy recessed to closed session in the Orchard room. Councilmember Boyer arrived at 6:04 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney announced that this closed session is for the purpose of conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(b) - one matter - Liability Claims: Section 54956.95 - Claimant: Peya Robinson - Agency claimed against City of Santa Clarita and conference with legal counsel - existing litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - City of Santa Clarita vs. Vista Terrace Properties, Ltd.

RECESS

Mayor Darcy recessed the closed session to the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:40 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney, Carl Newton, announced that no action was taken in closed session which was required to be reported.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive portion of the City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Darcy at 6:41p.m. in the Council Chambers at 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

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

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Mayor Darcy presented the Santa Clarita Valencia Sox - First Place Champs, with a plaque for their great efforts.

CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk, Donna Grinley, announced that anyone wishing to address an item on the agenda should fill out a speakers' slip and submit it to the City Clerk before the item is discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Those addressing the City Council were Dan Sluman, 27314 Manzanita, Santa Clarita, regarding Santa Clarita Aquatics to request support; Allan Cameron, 27612 Ennismore Avenue, regarding the Westridge Project which will be brought back to the Regional Planning Commission in September; Shelby Fischer, 19006 Felbridge Street, regarding garage sale signs, etc., the clean up of Canyon Country.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Heidt introduced the Canyon Theatre Guild who gave the invocation by singing *The Sabbath Prayer* from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Heidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Smyth and seconded by Boyer to approve the agenda.

With no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Boyer and seconded by Pederson to approve the minutes of July 11, 1995.

With no objections, it was so ordered.

Presentations were made by the Sheriff's Advisory Council, Estelle Foley and Lt. Bob Elison; and the SCV Council PTA 34th District, Demi Larson, who presented Mayor Darcy with an award for all her volunteer work.

CONSENT CALENDAR**ITEM 1**

INCREASE CARDE TEN ARCHITECTS PURCHASE ORDER NO. 10753 - Increase Carde Ten Architects Purchase Order No. 10753 by \$5,000 to cover unforeseen earthquake-related expenses. Increase Purchase Order #10753 in the amount of \$5,000 and appropriate to Acct. 90-79112-227 and increase estimated revenue in Acct. 90-3597 by \$5,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR**ITEM 2**

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY COMMITTEE ON AGING AGREEMENT - As part of the City's 1995/96 budget, City Council allocated \$100,000 to Santa Clarita Committee on Aging for recreational, health, and wellness programs. Approve \$100,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 3

BID AWARD FOR SOUTH FORK TRAIL PHASE IV - Contract for construction of the South Fork Trail Phase IV. Award contract to R.C. Becker, Inc. in amount of \$447,468.70 plus 10% for change orders; \$50,000 into Acct. 14-99044-227 & increase estimated revenues Acct. 14-3610 by \$50,000.

ITEM 4

NORTH OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENT - PROJECT NO. 99-033 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE - Notice of Completion for the North Oaks Park Improvement Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 5

CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES - CHUCK PONTIUS COMMUTER RAIL TRAIL, PROJECT 99-029-02 - Request approval of contracts for survey and miscellaneous field engineering, construction management, and geotechnical services. Expenditures not to exceed \$127,000 (\$50,000, \$50,000, & \$27,000) to Ampak Engineering, Willdan Assoc., and GeoSoils, Inc. from Acct. 17-99029-227.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 6

CITY PARKS JANITORIAL SERVICES - Award contract to Davila & Sons in the amount of \$30,997.44 plus a \$14,000.00 contingency for janitorial services at City park facilities. Funding approved and budgeted in 1995-96 in Acct. 01-9220-227.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 7

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) FOR THE CREATION OF A TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN - SCAG has funded a study to develop a Transportation Development Plan for Santa Clarita Transit. Subsequent to a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the agencies have concurred in the selection of a transportation consulting firm to complete the study. Budgeted in Acct. 55-7000-230.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 8

HOME PROGRAM FOR DISASTER RELIEF - In order to begin implementation of the City's HOME Program for Disaster Relief, specialist services are needed for the administration of the program. Staff issued a Request for Proposals, and six proposals were received. An interview panel met with three prospective specialists, and has indicated a preference that the firm of United States Escrow be selected to administer the HOME Program for Disaster Relief.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 9

AMENDMENT OF CDBG SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FINAL STATEMENT - Amendment of the City's CDBG Supplemental Appropriation Final Statement to reflect changes

suggested by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Program staff, and to reflect the addition of \$1,922,273 to the Final Statement. Increase estimated revenues Acct. 12-3562 in amount of \$730,046.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 10

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE PLANNING CONSORTIUM FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE BEAZER HOMES PROJECT LOCATED IN THE CIRCLE J RANCH AREA OF THE CITY (MASTER CASE 94-038) - City staff has selected The Planning Consortium to prepare the Focused Environmental Impact Report for Master Case 94-038. Funds available (\$32,970) in Acct. 20-2261.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 11

JOINT RESOLUTION OF NEGOTIATED PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER FOR ANNEXATION NO. 1994-02 - RESOLUTION NO. 95-93 - The proposal is for a Joint Resolution of Negotiated Property Tax Transfer (the "Bouquet Canyon Park Annexation"). This is a proposal to annex to the City 10.53 acres of land currently developed as a public park and playground. The site is located at the northern terminus of Wellston Drive, adjacent to the existing City limits.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 12

ANNEXATION NO. (2) INTO SANTA CLARITA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, PARCEL MAP 24147, PRICE CLUB, VIA PRINCESSA AND SIERRA HIGHWAY - RESOLUTION NOS. 95-95, 95-96, 95-97 - As a condition of Parcel Map 24147, landscape easements and improvements are required along Via Princessa.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 13

PARCEL MAP NO. 24147 - APPROVAL OF THE MAP The Tentative Parcel Map No. 24147 was approved by the Planning Commission on May 10, 1995 by Resolution No. P95-10. The developer is subdividing one existing parcel into two parcels. The subdivision consists of 14.7 acres.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 14

MEDIAN MODIFICATIONS/IMPROVEMENTS: ORCHARD VILLAGE ROAD AT MCBEAN PARKWAY, VALENCIA BOULEVARD AT CITRUS STREET, BOUQUET CANYON ROAD AT ESPUELLA DRIVE, SECO CANYON ROAD AT BOUQUET CANYON ROAD AND VALENCIA BOULEVARD AT K-MART - PROJECT NO. 95-027 - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE - On February 28, 1995, Council awarded the contract for the subject project to E&M Constructors Co. The project was completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Building and Engineering Services on June 23, 1995.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 15

EMERGENCY STREET RESTORATION WORK - "OFF-SYSTEM ROADS III" (PROJECT NO. 95-912)

Project Acceptance. This project was one of many emergency street restoration contracts let for the construction of street repairs damaged as a result of the Northridge Earthquake. The Contractor, R & H Paving, Inc., Saticoy, California has completed the emergency street restoration work on Off-System Roads III, Project NO. 95-912. This project was completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Building and Engineering Services on June 28, 1995.

Appropriate additional \$124,461.74 to Expenditure Acct. 90-39109-227 and increase Estimated Revenues in Acct. 90-3597 equal amount; appropriate \$92,424.37 to Expenditure Acct. 51-5604-227 from Fund Balance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 16

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT, NEW SIDEWALK

CONSTRUCTION, AND ACCESS RAMP INSTALLATION IN THE CITY OF SANTA

CLARITA - PROJECT NO. PWS-3 - This project is an on-going program for the repair, restoration, and maintenance of public curbs, gutters, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and wheelchair ramps (due to street tree root lifting and other natural causes) within the City of Santa Clarita. Award to Pacific Construction Co. In the amount of \$55,657.10 with change order in amount of \$25,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 17

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE MODIFIED BRIDGE RAILINGS ON SOUTH

FORK SANTA CLARA RIVER BRIDGE, PLACERITA CREEK BRIDGE AND NEWHALL

CREEK BRIDGE - The City's decorative tile that is being installed on these bridges is a modification of Caltrans' standard bridge barrier rail detail.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 18

APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION CONSULTANT SERVICES

Annexation Consultant services are required to complete existing and anticipated future annexation processing, and to train Planning Division staff in annexation application processing. Enter into professional agreement with Esther Aguilar, consultant; appropriate \$34,640 to Annexation Services Acct. 01-5101-236 from City Manager's Contingent Acct. 01-4101-290.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 19

CHECK REGISTER NOS. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31-RESOLUTION NO. 95-98

Resolution approves and ratifies payment the demands presented in the check registers.

It was moved by Pederson and seconded by Boyer to approve the consent calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Heidt, Smyth, Pederson, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Consent calendar approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ITEM 20**

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-102,
REDUCTION OF THE
DEVELOPER FEES FOR
FIRE PROTECTION
FACILITIES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH
THE JOINT COLLECTION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF SANTA
CLARITA AND THE
CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES
COUNTY -**

City Clerk, Donna Grinney, announced that all notices required by law, have been provided.

Mayor Darcy opened the public hearing.

Rich Henderson, City Planner, reported that this item is on the agenda to report on a reduction of the fire protection fee from \$.1868 to \$.1820 per square foot for FY 95-96 to match the fee established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in accordance with the joint collection of fire fees agreement with the Fire Protection District.

There were no public comments on this item, therefore, Mayor Darcy closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Pederson and seconded by Boyer to adopt Resolution No. 95-102.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Heidt, Pederson, Smyth, Boyer, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Resolution No. 95-102 adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ITEM 21
1995 CONGESTION
MANAGEMENT PLAN
LOCAL
IMPLEMENTATION
RESOLUTION AND
REPORT**

City Clerk, Donna Grinney, reported that all notices required by law have been provided.

Mayor Darcy opened the public hearing.

Rich Henderson, City Planner, reported that this item presents the 1995 CMP compliance resolution for adoption by Council, and reports the number of "debits" claimed for new development against the credits awarded in the 1994 CMP process, and also requests credit from the MTA Board for new transportation improvement not previously awarded credit. The deadline to submit the compliance resolution to MTA is September 1, 1995.

There was no public comments on this item, therefore, Mayor Darcy closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Boyer and seconded by Pederson to adopt Resolution No. 95-100, and direct staff to deliver the resolution and the 1995 LIR to MTA on or before the September 1, 1995 deadline.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Smyth, Pederson, Boyer, Heidt, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Resolution No. 95-100 adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ITEM 22
PORTA BELLA
DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT**

City Clerk, Donna Grinney, reported that all notices required by law have been provided.

Mayor Darcy opened the public hearing.

Rich Henderson, City Planner, reported that the property, known as the Bermite site, is located south of Soledad Canyon Road, east of Bouquet Canyon/San Fernando Roads, north of the Circle J Ranch communities, and west of the Golden Triangle Industrial area. The Assessor's Parcel No.'s are 2836-012-010, 011, 012, and 019. The site consists of 996 acres formerly used for industrial purposes. The applicant is requesting a Development Agreement for the Porta Bella Project. Mr. Henderson also reported on the deliberations of the Planning Commission.

Those addressing the Council in favor of this item were: Vera Johnson and Bob Lathrop.

Those addressing the Council in opposition of this item were: Chris Townsley, Jack Ancona, Hunt Braly, Scott Bentley.

Neutral speakers were: Roger Hutchinson, Allan Cameron, Connie Worden-Roberts, Carl Kanowsky.

Rebuttal was made by applicant, Sam Veltri.

Following discussion regarding traffic in 20 years; Metrolink stations; transit; cleaning the site; liability; road alignment; early funicular completion; City Hall site grading; transportation in the future; road alignment; it was moved by Heidt and seconded by Smyth to direct staff to work with the developer to acquire the information requested by the Planning Commission; provide feedback to staff and the Planning Commission regarding Council's preferences for prioritizing the various elements of the Development

Agreement which are roads, City site grading and Metrolink stations, and that there be no changes in any road configuration on the project approved by the Council; to direct the City Attorney to provide further advice to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding insurance and liability as well as information pertaining to the viability of the developer company; direct staff, within 30 days, to provide a progress report to the Planning Commission; continue the public hearing to October 10, 1995; and to conduct the second reading at the September 12, 1995, meeting of the City Council.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Heidt, Smyth, Boyer, Pederson, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
ITEM 23
CITYWIDE YARD
TRIMMINGS CURBSIDE
COLLECTION AND
RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Lynn Harris, Deputy Manager, Public Works, reported that this item is to update City Council on the status of discussions with residential franchise haulers for implementing Citywide Yard Trimmings Curbside Collection and Recycling Program.

Those addressing the Council on this item were: Pat Saletore and Allan Cameron.

Following discussion regarding the increase of fees; alternative means, it was moved by Boyer and seconded by Smyth to direct staff to continue discussions with the haulers incorporating the yard trimmings exemption criteria and evaluating additional cost alternatives for presentation at the September Council meeting.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Pederson, Smyth, Boyer, Darcy

Noes: Heidt

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 24
CHIQUITA CANYON
LANDFILL EXPANSION:
PROPOSED COMMENTS
AND TESTIMONY FOR
THE REGIONAL**

Hazel Joannes, Solid Waste Coordinator, presented this item and stated that on August 23, 1995 at the Valencia High School gym at 6:00 p.m., the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission will receive public comments regarding the proposed expansion of the existing Chiquita Canyon landfill, as proposed by Laidlaw Waste Systems, Inc. Staff

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has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Appendices, and has prepared a letter with comments and concerns for the Commission. Major impacts to the City and surrounding communities, particularly to Val Verde, include impacts to air quality, increased traffic, increased noise, impacts to on and off-site biota, including the Santa Clara River, and visual/esthetic impacts.

Those addressing the Council on this item were: Merry Farmer, Ruth Griffin, Edwin Seth Brown, Barbra Wompolle, Pat Saletore, Keefe Ferrandini, Kaye McKeown, Vera Johnson, Lew Berti, Marsha McLean, Bob Lathrop, Gary Johnson, Rod Waller, Allan Cameron, Tony Duran, Al Fegone, Jack Ancona, John Steffen, and Andy Martin.

Following discussion regarding closing the landfills, it was moved by Boyer and seconded by Heidt to address concerns in greater depth, using documentation from the Elsmere hearing process as a resource and to pursue resolution of these concerns with County staff; assist the Val Verde Civic Association in their opposition to any expansion of the existing landfill; and to present a letter and supporting oral testimony to the Regional Planning Commission at the public hearing on August 23, 1995.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Heidt

Noes: Pederson, Smyth, Darcy

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion denied.

It was then moved by Pederson and seconded by Smyth to submit the comment letter to the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission public hearing on August 23rd and provide verbal comments as well; to continue to review the EIR with information received from documentation from the Elsmere Canyon hearing process.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Pederson, Smyth, Darcy

Noes: Boyer, Heidt

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 25
SMALL BUSINESS
CENTER**

Mike Haviland, Economic Development Manager, reported that in light of the projected closure of the Small Business Center, a new program of operation located within the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce should be considered. Any existing City owned physical assets of the business center could be transferred to the Chamber of Commerce to assist in the establishment of a new Chamber of Commerce-operated Small Business Assistance Program.

Those addressing the Council on this item was: Gary Johnson.

Following discussion regarding the inventory, it was moved by Boyer and seconded by Pederson to request the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce develop a work program for the establishment of a Small Business Assistance program to be operated out of the Chamber of Commerce and if acceptable to the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, staff should transfer the assets of the Small Business Development Center to them; and equipment to be transferred with warranties and other contracts that may have accompanied the equipment; and the City sign a release form so that the City is no longer responsible for repair of the equipment.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Heidt, Pederson, Smyth, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 26
1994-95 CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS -
RESOLUTION NO. 95-99**

Steve Stark, Director, Administrative Services, reported that each year after the budget is adopted and as part of the year-end process, the City of Santa Clarita takes the opportunity to review its prior year appropriations to determine if funds should be continued into the new fiscal year. Continuing appropriations represent necessary funds authorized for appropriation in the 1994-95 fiscal year that were not expended, but are still required to complete projects authorized by City Council. This includes funds for operational or capital projects not completed.

Following discussion regarding extra funding for a Cobra deputy, it was moved by Heidt and seconded by Smyth to adopt Resolution No. 95-99.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Heidt, Smyth, Pederson, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 27
CONSIDER MERIT
INCREASE FOR CITY
MANAGER

George Caravalho, City Manager for the City of Santa Clarita reached his seven year anniversary with the City on June 14, 1995. To date, Mr. Caravalho has been granted only one merit increase by the City Council in June, 1991.

It was moved by Smyth and seconded by Pederson to recognize the City Manager for the outstanding job he has done for the City of Santa Clarita over the past seven years and institute a 5% merit increase effective August 28, 1995.

Registering written comments on this item was Effie Bird.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Heidt, Smyth, Pederson, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 28
JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMISSIONS

George Caravalho, City Manager, reported that this item is on the agenda in order to schedule a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss means to enhance communication between the City Council and Commissions as well as enhance our decision making processes.

The City Council reached a consensus to meet with the Planning Commission & Parks & Recreation Commission on October 18, 1995 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and to place on the next agenda, the decision to continue the October 24th meeting due to a League of California Cities Conference.

With no objections, it was so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 29
DISABLED PARKING
ENFORCEMENT BY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT
VOLUNTEERS

Steve Stark, Director, Administrative Services, reported that effective October 1993, parking citations were decriminalized and the City of Santa Clarita assumed responsibility for processing of the citations. As a result of the decriminalization, court appearances on parking citations has been eliminated. The California Vehicle Code (22507.9 CVC) specifically authorizes local authorities to establish special

enforcement units with the sole purpose of providing adequate enforcement of parking spaces designated for disabled persons.

Addressing the Council was: Bob Lathrop.

It was moved by Boyer and seconded by Pederson to authorize the use of Sheriff's Department volunteers for the enforcement of parking spaces designated for disabled persons.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Boyer, Pederson, Smyth, Heidt,

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 30
COMMUNITY
FACILITIES DISTRICT
FOR COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Rick Putnam, Director, Parks, Recreation and Community Services, reported that in 1994, City Council approved the City's participation in the County of Los Angeles, Library Facilities Community Facility District (CFD). The County of Los Angeles has initiated proceeding for the implementation of the CFD for 1995-96. No action from City Council continues the City participation in the CFD.

It was moved by Heidt and seconded by Boyer to support staff recommendation to file no action with the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Heidt, Boyer, Pederson, Smyth, Darcy

Noes: None

Excused: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Darcy reported on the article in the ICA Newsletter.

Councilmember Heidt will be attending an MTA meeting on August 23, 1995.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager, George Caravalho, reported there are approx. 100 workers to help clean up Mentryville on August 26, 1995, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 p.m., it was moved by Smyth and seconded by Pederson to adjourn the meeting to September 5, 1995, 7:00 p.m. for a study session.


JoAnne Darcy

MAYOR

ATTEST:


JoAnne Darcy
CITY CLERK

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