

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:02 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)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pending Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)

Case Name: Gillespie v. City of Santa Clarita
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. PC 027650 W

Case Name: City of Santa Clarita v. Santa Clarita LLC (Golden Valley Road)
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 259442

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator: City Manager
Unrepresented Employees: All positions in City service

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting to closed session at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl Newton, City Attorney, announced that in Closed Session Council authorized the City Attorney and the firm of Burke Williams & Sorenson to provide a defense in response to a cross action to the eminent domain proceeding related to the Santa Clarita LLC matter.

ADJOURN

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 6:12 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 Darcy gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weste called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Darcy led the flag salute.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Darcy commented on the Character Counts program.

Councilmember Kellar requested information on staff's efforts regarding removal of trash on roadways and suggested this issue be addressed in the future with trash hauler contracts for ongoing cleaning; also commented on the Character Counts program.

Councilmember Ferry commented on the School Summit to be held at 7 p.m. at City Hall on Monday and reminded that Tuesday, November 6 is the school bond election for Measures C and V.

Councilmember Smyth commented on the City's holiday party being held outside the City and that the County Planning Commission is holding meetings on Newhall Ranch in East LA rather than at their traditional meeting place or in the Santa Clarita Valley.

George Carvalho, City Manager, commented on the City's holiday party and Terri Maus, Director of Field Services, provided information on the removal of trash on roadways.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Darcy reported on an upcoming meeting of the High Speed Rail Authority on Friday, October 26, 2001 at Burbank City Hall.

Councilmember Kellar reported that he and Councilmember Ferry attended a meeting of the budget committee yesterday.

Councilmember Smyth provided an update on the Energy Committee and recommended they go on hiatus until after the first of the year.

Council concurred to place committee on hiatus until after first of the year.

Mayor Weste reported on the dedication of Whitney Canyon to be held Saturday, November 3 and on the City's Strategic Planning Session held Saturday.

Terri Maus, Director of Field Services, reported on the status of the Energy Committee.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a plaque for World Town Planning Day to members of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Weste and Councilmembers presented a "Caught You Doing Something Good" certificate to Kymmer Crookston for her heroism.

Councilmember Darcy commented on Brice Porter and Charles Moore Ives, in whose memories the Council meeting would be adjourned this evening.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council at this time was H. James Ring regarding handicapped parking and a sound wall on Bouquet Canyon; Connie Ring regarding trash and litter along Bouquet; Allan Cameron regarding Saturday's Strategic Planning Session; Cam Noltemeyer representing the Committee for Safe Schools regarding growth and school mitigation fees; and John Grannis regarding the Community Energy Advisory Committee and the budget.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTION: Staff check into placing trash containers at bus stops and collecting litter and trash from the Bouquet Canyon area roadways.

STAFF COMMENTS (Matters of Public Participation)

George Carvalho, City Manager, commented that staff would look into the sound wall, handicapped parking and litter removal.

In response to request from Councilmember Ferry, Carl Newton, City Attorney, explained how the City's role is limited regarding school mitigation fees as a result of SB 50; and Jeff Lambert, Director of Planning & Building Services, commented on mitigation for the schools in the Fair Oaks Development.

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 Darcy, to approve the agenda, pulling Items 2, 10 and 11 from the Consent Calendar.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Darcy, second by Kellar, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2001 regular meeting with a correction on Page 7, Item 12.

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

ALFRED MANN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Alfred E. Mann, owner of Advanced Bionics and several other related biomedical companies, intends to purchase the North Campus of the Rye Canyon Business Park. The Memorandum of Understanding acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of the developer and delineates a schedule for payment. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Mann Biomedical Park regarding development of the North Campus of the Rye Canyon Business Park, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Addressing the Council on this item was Jennifer Kilpatrick.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTION: Provide copy of development agreement to Ms. Kilpatrick.

ITEM 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL - MARIKINA, PHILIPPINES & TENA, ECUADOR

The Santa Clarita Valley International Program (SCVIP) is to establish several sister city relationships throughout the world that would result in the formation of international partnerships that foster economic development, cross-cultural exchange, tourism, and educational and business partnerships. Approve the establishment of a Sister City relationship with both Marikina, Philippines and Tena, Ecuador. Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Mayor of both cities, inviting a delegation to visit Santa Clarita in conjunction with the Sister City International Program.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTION: Send copy of letter to the Consulate General in Los Angeles.

ITEM 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR URBAN AND RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTERS, MUSEUMS, AND FACILITIES FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION OR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER THE

STATE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

Resolutions authorizing the submittal of two separate grant applications to the State of California: 1) to secure \$106,600 to assist the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society with the transformation of the Pardee House into a museum and visitor's center, and 2) to seek \$93,744 to reconstruct the Frew Blacksmith Shop, to allow it to be used as a "living museum". Adopt **Resolution 01-123** and **Resolution 01-124** authorizing the submittal of grant applications to the State of California – The Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation.

ITEM 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION OF A LEASE / LICENSE WITH MOUNTAIN UNION TELECOM FOR THE USE OF A LOCAL RADIO SYSTEM TO SERVICE LMD IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS
The Northbridge (T46) and Areawide (T1) Landscape Maintenance Districts contain approximately 113 irrigation controllers capable of being connected to a central irrigation system. The use of a centralized irrigation system, in conjunction with a weather station, can reduce labor costs and water expenditures by 15 to 20 percent. The options of centralizing to off-site computers through a telephone line or through a local radio system have been thoroughly reviewed. The radio system has significant short-term and long-term financial savings. Authorize a lease / license with Mountain Union Telecom for the use of a local radio system to service irrigation controllers within the Landscape Maintenance Districts and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents subject to approval by the City Attorney.

ITEM 6

CONSENT CALENDAR

TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS FOR SANITATION DISTRICT ANNEXATION NO. 263, ANNEXATION NO. 321, ANNEXATION NO. 322, AND ANNEXATION NO. 323

These annexations to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District are for several newly created assessment areas, detailed in the agenda report. Adopt **Resolution 01-125** approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from Sanitation District Annexation No. 263, **Resolution 01-126** Annexation No. 321, **Resolution 01-127** Annexation No. 322, and **Resolution 01-128** Annexation No. 323.

ITEM 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSIT STOPS – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – PROJECT NO. T0014

Installation of traffic signals on Soledad Canyon Road at the intersection of the Canyon Country Park entrance, Rue Entrée, and traffic interconnect on Soledad Canyon Road from Shadow Pines Boulevard to State Route 14 on / off ramps at Sand Canyon Road. Approve the project plans and specifications, and authorize the advertising for bids for the Pedestrian Access Improvements to Transit Stops, Project No. T0014.

ITEM 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

PARCEL MAP NO. 25885 (INDUSTRIAL CONDOMINIUMS ON SMYTH DRIVE) – APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION

This parcel map, consisting of approximately 6.5 acres, is located within the Valencia Industrial Center between Smyth Drive and Newhall Ranch Road, approximately one-eighth mile east of Copper Hill Drive, and is owned by CW Valencia, LLC. This is a subdivision of an existing industrial complex to allow for individual ownership of the units. Approve Parcel Map No. 25885 (Industrial Condominiums on Smyth Drive); accept on behalf of the public the offers of dedication for public streets, the right to prohibit direct vehicular ingress and egress to Newhall Ranch Road, the right to restrict direct vehicular ingress and egress to Smyth Drive, all sanitary sewers and appurtenant structures within the tract, and an easement for landscape maintenance purposes and all uses incident thereto; make certain findings; instruct the City Treasurer and the City Clerk to endorse the Certificate on the face of the map.

ITEM 9

CONSENT CALENDAR

ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES INTO SANTA CLARITA STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 – ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L21, 23551 MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L22, TRACT NO. 53114, IN THE VICINITY OF DOCKWEILER DRIVE AND VALLE DEL ORO; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L23, 18525 VIA PRINCESSA

The stated annexations will provide for the continued maintenance of these improvements after they are installed and accepted by the City. The Developers have provided the City signed petitions and assessment ballots giving approval to the annexation of properties into the District. Adopt **Resolution 01-129** to initiate annexation proceedings for Annexation No. 2001-L21, **Resolution 01-130** for Annexation No. 2001-L22, and **Resolution No. 01-131** for Annexation No. 2001-L23 into Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1; approve the respective Engineer's Report; declare the City's intention to annex territory; and set the public hearing for October 23, 2001.

ITEM 10

CONSENT CALENDAR

PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At the City Council meeting of May 22, 2001, Council received a report on energy options and opportunities. At the City Council meeting of June 26, 2001, Council directed staff to initiate a Community Energy Advisory Committee, and make a report with a recommended course of action to Council. The Committee will present a progress report to date, and requests an extension on the timeline for the final report through January 8, 2002 pending further action of the State legislature. Receive report of the Community Energy Advisory Committee, extend the Committee timeline to January 8, 2002, and conduct a Study Session on options pertaining to energy on December 4, 2001. Given the need for simple majority vote for quorum and voting needs, appoint Brad Packer as full member of the Community Energy Advisory Committee rather than an alternate.

Addressing the Council on this item was Glen Becerra representing Southern California Edison.

DURING DISCUSSION EARLIER IN THE MEETING, COMMITTEE PLACED ON HIATUS UNTIL AFTER FIRST OF THE YEAR.

ITEM 11

**CONSENT CALENDAR
SOLID WASTE HAULER AUDIT UPDATE**

On October 2, 2001 the City Council awarded a contract to Ernst & Young to conduct an audit of the solid waste franchise in the City. The City Council also requested that at each Council meeting there be an update so that the Council may provide input and direction for the audit. Accept report for information only.

Councilmember Smyth introduced representatives from Ernst and Young who would be conducting the audit.

ITEM 12

**CONSENT CALENDAR
CHECK REGISTER NOS. 40 AND 41**

Approval of the check registers. Adopt **Resolution 01-132** to approve and ratify for payment the demands presented in Check Registers 40 and 41.

Motion by Smyth, second by Kellar, to approve the Consent Calendar.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Darcy, Kellar, Ferry, Smyth, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 13

**PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATING THE SEISMIC SECTION OF THE
SAFETY ELEMENT**

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Enrique Diaz, Associate Planner, stated that the purpose of this item is to amend the General Plan updating the seismic section of the Safety Element, including the technical background report, map exhibits, tables, and planning goals & policies. The Safety Element amendment will involve a programmatic-level update applied to development projects within the City of Santa Clarita.

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, Joe Power of Rincon Associates provided additional information.

Addressing the Council on this item was Jennifer Kilpatrick.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing.

Motion by Darcy, second by Kellar, to adopt Resolution 01-133 approving Master Case No. 01-146, which consists of General Plan Amendment 01-03.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kellar, Ferry, Smyth, Darcy, Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 14

PUBLIC HEARING

ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES INTO SANTA CLARITA STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 – ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L21, 23551 MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L22, TRACT NO. 53114, IN THE VICINITY OF DOCKWEILER DRIVE AND VALLE DEL ORO; ANNEXATION NO. 2001-L23, 18525 VIA PRINCESSA
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, stated that the purpose of this public hearing is the approval of the annexation of territories and the levy of assessments for 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 no protests were received.

Motion by Kellar, second by Darcy, to adopt Resolution 01-134 to approve the annexation of territories and the levy of assessments for Santa Clarita Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1 as Annexation No. 2001-L21, Resolution 01-135 as Annexation No. 2001-L22, and Resolution 01-136 as Annexation No. 2001-L23.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferry, Smyth, Darcy, Kellar, and Weste

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 15

PUBLIC HEARING

TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (TEAR) HEARING FOR THE MASTERS COLLEGE

Mayor Weste opened the public hearing.

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

Steve Stark, Director of Administrative Services, reported that the City has been asked by the Master's College to hold a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) hearing at one of our regularly scheduled Council meetings. The purpose of the hearing is to have the public comment on the issuance of tax exempt bonds by the Master's College. The City holds these hearings as a courtesy to the entity issuing the bonds, since we are the local jurisdiction that belongs to the joint powers authority that acts as the conduit for the issuance of bonds.

Dick Mayhue representing The Master's College explained the College's goals through this process.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Mayor Weste closed the public hearing

Motion by Smyth, second by Darcy, to adopt Resolution 01-137 approving the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) revenue bonds in one or more series in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$16,000,000.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Smyth, Darcy, Kellar, Ferry

Noes: None

Absent: None

Disqualified: Weste

Mayor Weste disqualified herself from participation on this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

ITEM 16

NEW BUSINESS

APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF MASTER CASE 99-399

In report, Jeffrey Lambert, Director of Transportation and Engineering Services, stated that this item was scheduled to be heard by the City Council at the Council meeting of October 23, 2001. However, staff was requested to give a presentation to the Sand Canyon Homeowners Association prior to City Council review. Since the Homeowners Association meeting is occurring tomorrow evening (October 24, 2001), staff is recommending the item be continued to November 27, 2001 to allow staff to make this presentation.

No requests to speak were submitted on this item.

Motion by Ferry, second by Kellar, to continue the item to the November 27, 2001 City Council meeting.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Weste recessed the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ITEM 17

NEW BUSINESS

FISCAL YEAR 2001 / 2002 MIDYEAR FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

George Carvalho, City Manager, stated that this meeting marks the kick off of the Fiscal Year 2001 / 2002 Midyear Financial review. Staff will be providing updated information on the City's current financial condition, outstanding issues facing the City and economic projections.

Addressing the Council on this item was Allan Cameron.

Council consensus to approve dates and refer matter back to the budget committee for further discussion.

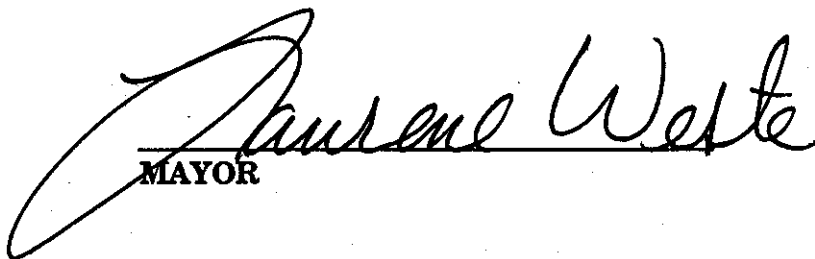
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weste adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. in memory of Charles Moore Ives and Brice D. Porter.

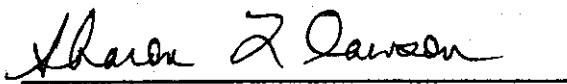
FUTURE MEETINGS

The City Council Study Session previously scheduled on Tuesday, November 6, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in the Century Room was cancelled.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, November 13, 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

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