

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Councilmember Krause led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Mary Ann Krause, Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Vice Mayor Gabino Aguirre, and Mayor John T. Procter responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz and Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera were also present. City Clerk Steven J. Salas was absent due to his having to work. Interim City Attorney Karl H. Berger was excused from the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Guilin, 803 Ojai Road, representing Santa Paula Memorial Hospital, provided a progress report on the hospital's financial crisis. He noted that the Hospital Board continues to meet with potential partners, and that the Board should reach a conclusion in three to four months. He responded to a question regarding whether there were internal struggles amongst the Board causing delays in making a decision by stating that although the Boardmembers have differences of opinions, there are no serious disagreements amongst the Boardmembers regarding the hospital's position. He further responded to a question regarding the status of Quorum Management by stating that Quorum Management continues to operate the hospital, and that many issues are being reviewed and considered.

**CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Procter noted that the meeting was being televised live, and that he would defer further comments to City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz mentioned that the meeting was to discuss Council goals, and noted that one of the goals is to televise Council Meetings. He acknowledged Steve Naber, Joel Beltrent, Carl Holm, Shane Davis, and Phil Taggart from Adelpia Communications for assisting in televising the meeting, and noted that staff hopes to have regularly televised meetings beginning in July 2003.

**APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Presentation of Video from League of California Cities "Cloudy Skies Over California Cities"

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz presented a video from the League of California Cities entitled "Cloudy Skies Over California Skies."

B. Fiscal Year 2003/04 Goals Workshop

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz presented a Power Point Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2002/03 Goals and Priority Projects Update.

The City Council discussed which projects should remain on the goals and priority projects list, and made suggestions for new goals and priority projects.

- Work to Keep Open Santa Paula Memorial Hospital
- Construct New Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Develop and Improve Streets, Parks, Water, and Wastewater Systems
- Park Master Plan for Las Piedras Park
- Water Infrastructure Plan
- Complete Skate Park
- Enhance Beautification of Santa Paula
  - Graffiti abatement
  - Abandoned vehicles abatement
  - Community Work Days
- Implement Economic Development/Redevelopment Plan
- Execute Housing Element Implementation Plan
- Develop and Implement Grant Writing Strategy
- Facilitate Construction of New Ventura College East Campus
- Develop and Implement Plan to Staff Fire Station 2
- Develop and Implement Community Policing Plan
- Implement Community Visioning Process
- Develop and Implement Changes to the Bilingual Translation Policy
- Televise City Council Meetings
- Develop and implement Outreach Program to Spanish-speaking Community
- Implement Goals and Priority Projects with Active Citizen Participation
- Youth Council
- Continue Management Audits of Each Department
- Institute Recommendations of Citizens and Employee Customer Service Task Forces

**RECESS TO A HEALTH AND SAFETY BREAK**

Mayor Procter recessed the City Council to a Health and Safety Break at 8:15 p.m.

**RECESS TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Procter reconvened the City Council at 8:25 p.m.

The City Council continued to discuss the proposed goals and priority projects list, and made the following suggestions:

- City Financing Plan
  - Develop City Facilities Plan
  - City Hall/Police Department Relocation
  - Investigate Funding for Infrastructure Improvements
  - New Central/Community Arts Facility
- Water Infrastructure Plan
- Code Enforcement
- Community Work Days
- Funding for Fire Department
- Youth Council
- Promote Active Citizens Participation, both Youth and Adult, in all City Activities
- Improvement Plan for Las Piedras Park Neighborhood

Alfonso Ramirez, no address given, questioned whether there was a problem in the Las Piedras Park neighborhood. The City Council responded that there is a general feeling that the City has not addressed problems with streets, sidewalks, and parks. The City Council also noted a desire for social services in this area.

The following City Council Goals and Priority Projects for FY 2003/04 were proposed:

- I. **MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE**
1. Work to Keep Open Santa Paula Memorial Hospital
  2. Construct New Wastewater Treatment Plant
  3. Complete Skate Park
  4. Develop Santa Paula Beautiful Program
    - Aggressive Graffiti Abatement
    - Abandoned Vehicles
    - Code Enforcement
    - Community Work Days
  5. Develop City Financing Plan
    - Police/Fire
    - Community Services

- Partnerships
- 6. Develop Water Infrastructure Plan
- 7. Develop Improvement Plan for Las Piedras Park Neighborhood
- 8. Develop Master Plans for Streets and Parks Citywide to Assist in Identifying Funding for Future Improvements
- 9. Develop Plan and Location for Central Community/Cultural Arts Facility

**II. FOSTER BALANCED COMMUNITY AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

10. Implement Economic Development/Redevelopment Plan
  - Main Street
  - Downtown Redevelopment
  - Business Development
  - Tourism
11. Execute Housing Element Implementation Plan
12. Implement Grant Writing Strategy
13. Facilitate Construction of New Ventura College East Campus

**III. ENSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY**

14. Develop and Implement Plan to Staff Fire Station 2
15. Develop and Implement Community Policing Plan

**IV. FACILITATE GREATER CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**

16. Implement Community Visioning Process
17. Develop and Implement Changes to the Bilingual Translation Policy
18. Televisé City Council Meetings
19. Develop and Implement Outreach Program to Spanish-speaking Community
20. Promote Active Citizen Participation, both Youth and Adult, in all City Activities.

**V. ENHANCE CUSTOMER FOCUS AND BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS OF CITY GOVERNMENT**

21. Continue Management Audits of Each Department
22. Institute Recommendations of Citizens and Employee Customer Service Task Forces
23. Develop City Facilities Plan
  - City Hall/Police Department
  - Public Works Maintenance Facility

**CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera mentioned the upcoming Special Municipal Election on June 3, 2003, to consider Measure A, and noted that the last day to register

to vote for this election is May 19, 2003, and the last day to request an absentee ballot is May 27, 2003.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Mayor Procter, seconded by Councilmember Luna, to revisit Assemblymember Stickland's bill on the makeup of the Ventura County Transportation Commission. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Procter adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Josephine G. Herrera  
Deputy City Clerk