

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Councilmember Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Vice Mayor Gabino Aguirre, and Mayor John T. Procter responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, City Attorney Phillip H. Romney, and Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera were also present. City Clerk Steven J. Salas was absent due to his having to work. Councilmember Mary Ann Krause arrived at 6:11 p.m.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Presentation to Assistant Fire Chief Richard Araiza, State Fire Marshal Certified Chief Officer**

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels presented Assistant Fire Chief Richard Araiza with the California State Fire Marshal Chief Officer credential. Assistant Fire Chief Richard Araiza thanked the City Council and Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels for allowing him to achieve his goal to receive the state certification. He also thanked his wife, Laura, and his family for their support.

#### **B. Introduction of New Employee**

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales noted Robbie Aguilar had not yet arrived because he was attending school, and mentioned that he would introduce Mr. Aguilar once he arrived.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carlos Juarez, 806 Ojai Road, President of the Santa Paula Police Officers Association, addressed concerns with low staffing levels in the Police Department and with the possibility of the City contracting with the Sheriff's Department.

Rich Randolph, 1311 Patricia Street, Oxnard, a seven-year part-time City employee, expressed his concerns regarding rumors of dissatisfaction with Police Department service and with contracting with the Sheriff's Department. He also stated that these rumors are taking a toll on employees, and asked the City Council to maintain employee morale.

**CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Krause apologized for arriving late and mentioned that she had thought the meeting was to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Procter mentioned that he would be speaking at Good Morning Santa Paula. He further mentioned that he was looking forward to the dedication of the gazebo.

**APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

Mayor Procter suggested that Item 8I be moved forward. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz suggested that the representative from Ventura College be allowed to speak at this time for Item 8J.

Linda Rubenstein, Coordinator of Off Campus Programs for Ventura College, stated that the college appreciates and supports the efforts of the City Council for the formation of a two-member City Council ad hoc committee for Ventura College East Campus issues, and noted that a site acquisition meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2003.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Krause, to waive the reading of Ordinances and Resolutions appearing on the Consent Calendar; to waive the reading of all other Resolutions appearing on the Agenda; to read all other Ordinances appearing on the Agenda, in title only; and to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. There was no opposition. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

- A. Waiver of Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions – Approved waiver of the reading of Ordinances and Resolutions appearing on the Consent Calendar; waiver of the reading of all other Resolutions appearing on the Agenda; and reading all other Ordinances appearing on the Agenda, in title only.
  
- B. Closed Session – Approved a Closed Session to discuss: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel, Potential Litigation. Number of potential cases: One. Facts and circumstances, if known to potential plaintiffs: Unknown. Identification of claims, if any: Unknown. Identification of public threat of litigation, if any: Unknown. Pursuant to *Government Code Section 54956.9(b)*; and 2) Negotiations with Employee Organization: Santa Paula Fire Fighters Professional Fire Fighters Association (SPPFFA). Name of Negotiator: Chris Schlag. Pursuant to *Government Code Section 54957.6*.

- C. Minutes – Adopted the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 3, 2003. (50-6)
- D. Modification of the Full-time Fire Bargaining Unit – Approved Resolution No. 5562 which formally modifies the City of Santa Paula’s existing Full-time Fire Unit to include the position of Full-time Firefighter. **RESOLUTION NO. 5562**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA MEMORIALIZING THE FORMAL MODIFICATION OF THE CITY’S EXISTING FULL-TIME FIRE UNIT TO INCLUDE THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER, AND MEMORIALIZING THE VENTURA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AS THE MAJORITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITY FULL-TIME FIRE UNIT IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS WITH THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA. Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Grisales’ report dated March 3, 2003.
- E. Appointment of Assistant Director of Civil Defense and Disaster Council – Approved the appointment of Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels to serve as Assistant Director of Santa Paula’s Civil Defense and Disaster Council. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz’s report dated March 4, 2003.
- F. Street Sidewalk Replacement Program, Project No. 01.02.901 SPC, Project Acceptance/Notice of Completion – Accept the project and authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion for the Street Sidewalk Replacement Program, Project No. 01.02.901 SPC. Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Joseph R. Lopez’s report dated February 27, 2003.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- I. Policy Changes in Regards to Utility Billing and Related Procedures

Finance Director Alvertina Rivera’s report dated February 28, 2003.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having landlords responsible for outstanding debts incurred by their tenants.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Krause, to proceed with staff’s recommendation to 1) direct staff proceed with the process necessary to require an estimated two months deposit for all tenants opening a new service to be held by the City until the account is closed out; 2) direct staff to follow the procedures allowed under the City’s municipal code to collect outstanding delinquent balances for both multi-unit and customers without water service, which include the discontinuance of services and/or placing a lien on the property; 3) approve implementing the delivery of the 72-hour

discontinuance notice by mail as allowed by Section 55.011 of the City's municipal code; and 4) approve raising the discontinuance threshold from \$20 to \$75 for delinquent accounts. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

A. Crime Statistics Year-end Report for 2002

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales provided a Power Point Presentation of the 2002 Year-End Crime Statistics and distributed a revised copy of the report. He responded to a question regarding how many crimes are perpetrated by repeat offenders and how many crimes are perpetrated by juveniles by stating that it was his observation that many crimes are perpetrated by repeat offenders and juveniles. He further responded to a question regarding the availability of data of crimes in relation with drug and alcohol use by stating that he has kept statistics on this subject since 1980. He further reported on the efforts taken with the use of the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Grant, which allows the Police Department to visit each retail location to stop selling alcohol to minors, to people who are already intoxicated, and to people with false identification. The Police Department also targeted Ruben's Bar and La Cita, whose status is under administrative review by ABC.

Robert Herrera, a Main Street business owner, stated that he disagreed with Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales stating that there is no crime in Santa Paula, and expressed his concern with a sexual crime that occurred at his place of business.

**RECESS TO A BREAK**

Mayor Procter recessed the City Council to a break at 7:18 p.m.

**RECONVENE MEETING**

Mayor Procter reconvened the City Council at 7:28 p.m.

The City Council clarified that Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales did not state that there is no crime in Santa Paula.

Casey Salas, 288 Pamela Lane, thanked the City Council and Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales for taking care of the drug-related situation occurring in her neighborhood last year, and suggested that a group be formed to tackle graffiti.

B. Gang Violence Response

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales provided a verbal report on the history and formation of gangs, and outlined the measures being taken by the Police Department:

- Identify individuals affiliated with gangs,
- Conduct probation searches at their residences.
- Make arrests when there is reasonable and/or probable cause.
- Document the name of the individual and with whom they associate.
- The AB 1913 Grant allows Police Officer Robert Cooper and Probation Officer Eric Web to work with gangs and get an upper hand on them.

He further reported that since 1990, 12 out of the 45 homicides that occurred were gang-related, and that beginning in April two police officers will be assigned to work on a gang, drug, narcotic, and graffiti detail for a preventative and proactive enforcement on gangs. He responded to a question regarding a previous discussion with Supervisor Kathy Long and Sheriff Bob Brooks to add support to the Police Department for major crimes by stating that his plea to assign a Deputy Sheriff in the City was not supported. He further stated that another request was made recently to Assistant Sheriff Marty Rouse; however, that plea was also denied due to cutbacks.

A discussion ensued regarding the allocation of Proposition 172 funds from the State, and the failed efforts to have more funds allocated to Santa Paula.

C. Violence Reduction/Gang Prevention Report

Community Services Director Brian J. Yanez reported that the Community Services Department does not have a gang prevention program due to not having staff allocated to deal with gang prevention and at-risk youth; however, there are many components in the community that provide extra-curricular activities.

A discussion ensued regarding targeting gang prevention and violence reduction by having staff maintain these items as an ongoing agenda item in order to raise awareness, seek grant funding, look at present resources and develop a plan, and redirect resources for recreational programs.

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales responded to a question regarding the status of the School Resource Officer Program by stating that this program is funded by a grant and partners the City with the middle school and the high school. He further noted that the grant terminates in June; however, the high school has set aside funds for two additional years.

D. Implementing Community Policing Plan

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales introduced Police Commander Mark Trimble, who reported that the Police Department has implemented the Downtown Task Force to patrol the Downtown Main Street area Monday through Saturday, depending upon the availability

of staff. He further mentioned that the Police Department staff is interacting with people and that he has received positive feedback.

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales reported on the We Tip Program, which began nationwide in 1972 and which allows people to anonymously report criminal activity. He provided the We Tip phone number (800) 782-7463, and noted that telephone calls cannot be traced, nor could callers be subpoenaed in court. He further introduced Cynthia Dunbar, Scott Dunbar, Anita Pulido, and Alfonso Andrade, who donated to the City's We Tip Program, and thanked them for their support.

Anita Pulido spoke regarding the We Tip Program, which involves the community in crime prevention.

Mayor Procter recognized the Weed and Seed Program, and also recognized Calla Dominguez for her efforts.

E. Graffiti Update, Suppression, and Prevention

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales introduced Robbie Aguilar, Part-time Graffiti Abatement Specialist, who has experience with graffiti removal and who is also a full-time student at Moorpark College. Mr. Aguilar stated that he felt privileged to work for the City of Santa Paula, and that he would strive to keep graffiti under control.

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales provided a Power Point Presentation on the activities taking place for graffiti removal, suppression, and prevention, and noted that graffiti may be reported to the Graffiti Hotline at 921-1668, or called into dispatch at 525-4474.

F. Report on Comparison on Santa Paula Police Department Budget Versus Other Ventura County Cities

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated March 5, 2003. He commended Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales and staff for preparing the presentations.

The report was received and filed.

G. Emergency Management and EOC Plan Status

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels' report dated February 25, 2003. He responded to a question regarding whether the City regularly participates with the school districts on their annual disaster drills by stating that the City has participated in the past, and that as part of this year's drill, the City will open the Emergency Operations Center.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Vice Mayor Aguirre, to receive and file the report. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

H. Fire Department Year-end Report for 2002

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels presented his report dated February 25, 2003 and a Power Point Presentation. He responded to a question regarding hazardous materials plans by stating that businesses are required to file an inventory of its hazardous materials and emergency response plan with the City. He further responded to a question regarding hazardous materials specialists/technicians by stating that the City has five hazardous materials technicians, and that the City has access to the regional hazardous materials team.

The report was received and filed.

J. Update on Construction of New Ventura College East Campus

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated March 5, 2003. He also provided an update regarding the property owned by Solo Cup, which is no longer an option for the new campus. He recommended that the City be aggressive in ensuring that the Ventura College East Campus remains in Santa Paula, and that the City Council appoint a two-member ad hoc committee to meet with each of the college trustees to express the concerns of the Council about this project.

A discussion ensued regarding interest from other communities to acquire the Ventura College East Campus, the fact that the bond measure does not include funds for site acquisition, and to hold the Ventura County Community College District Trustees to their commitment to maintain the campus in Santa Paula.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Mayor Procter, to appoint Vice Mayor Aguirre and Councilmember Krause to the ad hoc committee. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

**CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz mentioned that the Citizens Customer Service Advisory Committee Meeting would take place on Thursday, March 13, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and that flyers inviting the public were distributed. Further, a Special City Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers to receive the reports from the Customer Service Committees. He further noted the activities scheduled for the upcoming weekend for the Railroad Plaza Dedication and the St. Francis Dam Memorial.

Vice Mayor Aguirre mentioned that he would attend the festivities on Saturday; however, he would be unable to attend the event on Sunday due to a prior commitment.

Councilmember Cook mentioned that he would not be able to attend the festivities Saturday morning due to a prior commitment, and noted for the record that he has supported the gazebo.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Krause, for the City Manager to bring back a report on how to implement the audit of the Police Department to find out if we are getting the best for the money we have, how we can go about getting more money, and what we can do to help facilitate them due to concerns with contracting with the Sheriff's Department. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Phillip H. Romney announced that the Closed Session was to discuss: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel, Potential Litigation. Number of potential cases: One. Facts and circumstances, if known to potential plaintiffs: Unknown. Identification of claims, if any: Unknown. Identification of public threat of litigation, if any: Unknown. Pursuant to *Government Code Section 54956.9(b)*; and 2) Negotiations with Employee Organization: Santa Paula Fire Fighters Professional Fire Fighters Association (SPPFFA). Name of Negotiator: Chris Schlag. Pursuant to *Government Code Section 54957.6*.

Mayor Procter recessed the City Council to a Closed Session at 9:33 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 10:20 p.m.

No action was taken during the Closed Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Procter adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steven J. Salas

Special City Council Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2003  
City Hall Council Chambers

City Clerk

Special City Council Minutes  
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