

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Aguirre called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Councilmember John T. Procter, Vice Mayor Mary Ann Krause, and Mayor Gabino Aguirre were present. Trustee Dora P. Crouch, Trustee Eugene Marzec, Trustee Joanne Wright, and President Brenda de Jamaer were present. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, City Clerk Steven J. Salas, Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera, and District Library Daniel Robles were also present. Trustee Ninette Reyes-Sena arrived at 6:38 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

A. **Update on Santa Paula Memorial Hospital**

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz reported that the Santa Paula and Fillmore City Councils have convened the mediation team to assist the County of Ventura and Santa Paula Memorial Hospital to continue negotiations regarding the operation of the hospital.

Vice Mayor Krause noted that the County Board of Supervisors would meet in Closed Session to discuss whether to reenter negotiations with Santa Paula Memorial Hospital. Further, the mediation team is pursuing other health providers and long-term solutions.

Kenneth Strople, Interim Executive Director of Community Memorial Hospital, stated that Community Memorial Hospital operates a medical clinic in Santa Paula, which would begin to offer urgent care hours. He introduced the physicians who would provide urgent care at the facility located in the Tresieras Shopping Center. He also noted that although the facility would provide urgent care, patients requiring emergency services should go to a hospital. He responded to a question regarding the permanence of the facility by stating that the facility would continue as long as it is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Communications.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Joint Santa Paula City Council and Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District Meeting

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated January 6, 2004.

Carl Barringer, 1334 Forest Drive, Member of the Library's Endowment Committee, noted that the Endowment Committee has raised funds to assist the library and has placed a lien against the library's property. He also expressed his support for the concept of the City Council becoming the Library Board of Trustees.

Trustee Marzec expressed his concern that the Library Board has not had the opportunity to review the analysis, and stated that the Library Board needs to meet to discuss the analysis amongst themselves, with the Endowment Committee, and with former board members who were on board during the passage of Proposition 13.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz responded to a question regarding the need for state legislation to change the governance of the library district by stating that in speaking with the Local Agency Formation Commission, it was their opinion that since the history of the library district goes back to legislation in the Education Code, an amendment to the Education Code would be required. City Attorney Karl H. Berger added that this would be the best methodology because other problems could arise if the change in governance were done differently due to the library district's boundaries, which extend beyond the city's boundaries.

President De Jamaer stated that although the concept seems to be a viable alternative, she would prefer to have more time to consider the proposal, meet with the Endowment Committee, meet with former board members familiar with Proposition 13, and review long-term impacts on library programs.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz responded to a question regarding the impact to the library from the Governor's property tax shift by stating that the impact to the library is a 24% decrease in ERAF property tax, which would be approximately \$13,000 to \$14,000.

The City Council discussed the Library Board's desire to meet to discuss the analysis amongst themselves and other parties, and concerns that the City may not be able to assist the library financially in the near future.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook to postpone the item for three weeks to allow the Library Board to consider the information, the analysis, and other issues brought up tonight, and that the Library Board return with its decision.

A discussion ensued regarding the City Council's upcoming agenda schedule. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz noted that Assemblymember Strickland's Office would need the bill language to amend the legislation by January 23, 2004.

Councilmember Cook amended his motion to lay the item over to the January 20, 2004 City Council Meeting, and request that the Library Board Trustees be prepared with an answer. Vice Mayor Krause seconded the motion. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

District Librarian Daniel Robles noted that the Library Board has the opportunity to hold Special Meetings and could also discuss the issue at its Regular Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., in order to report back to the City Council at the January 20, 2004 City Council Meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Mayor Aguirre, to adopt Resolution No. 6051 supporting Measure B4 on the March 2, 2004 ballot. Councilmember Procter and Mayor Aguirre were in favor. Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Luna, and Vice Mayor Krause were opposed. The motion failed.

Councilmember Cook stated for the record that his motion was to lay over both resolutions to January 20, 2004.

RECESS TO A BREAK

Mayor Aguirre recessed the City Council to a break at 7:48 p.m. The Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District Board of Trustees was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

RECONVENE MEETING

Mayor Aguirre reconvened the City Council at 7:58 p.m.

B. Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Proposed Budget Amendments

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz presented the report dated January 6, 2004.

A discussion ensued regarding maintaining the Community Services Officer position.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Procter, to adopt Resolution No. 6053 as amended to save the Community Services Officer position, and

authorize the City Manager to implement the recommended expenditure reduction measures. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

C. Return of Santa Paula to the Los Angeles Times Daily Weather Map

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated January 6, 2004.

Ken Chapman, 15119 Todd Lane, stated that information regarding weather is available at www.spweather.net, and offered this web site to the media.

The City Council expressed concerns with boycotting, the fact that the Santa Paula Freeway signs were also removed, and raising awareness of the omission of Santa Paula from the Los Angeles Times daily weather map in a tongue-in-check manner.

It was moved by Mayor Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Krause, to adopt Resolution No. 6052. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6052

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA URGING
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES TO REPLACE SANTA PAULA ON ITS
DAILY WEATHER MAP

D. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) City Allocations

Building and Safety Director Stephen R. Stuart's report dated December 22, 2003. He responded to a question regarding whether the Garcia Alley Improvements Project was included in the Capital Improvement Program by stating that Garcia Alley is currently privately owned, and that the funds requested would be to research whether the property owners would be willing to dedicate the property to the City and perhaps provide additional funds to do the paving required to make it a public alley. He further responded to a question regarding targeted code enforcement and providing the City Council with more detailed code enforcement activities by stating that the City Council may request that the City Manager bring back a report on targeting areas for code enforcement, and that the complete CDBG application contains more detailed information regarding code enforcement activities. He further responded to a question regarding funding for the skate park by stating that funds for the skate park have already been allocated and transferred.

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

CITY COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz reminded the City Council of the upcoming Channel Counties Division Meeting on January 23, 2004 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. He also reminded the City Council to submit the names of their appointees to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Vice Mayor Krause, for a report on the reason the State removed the Santa Paula Freeway signs. There was no opposition, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steven J. Salas
City Clerk