

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chair Krause called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m., and she led the Flag Salute.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz noted that the meeting was originally scheduled for January 10, 2005; however, due to extreme weather conditions and flooding and the opening of the City's Emergency Operations Center in the Council Chambers, the City Clerk posted the appropriate adjournment notice on January 10, 2005, notifying the public that the meeting would be delayed until January 12, 2005.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember/Director Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember/Director Ray C. Luna, Councilmember/Director John T. Procter, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Richard C. Cook, and Mayor/Chair Mary Ann Krause responded to roll call. City Manager/Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz, City/Agency Attorney Karl H. Berger, and City Clerk/Agency Secretary Josie G. Herrera were also present.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Karl H. Berger reported that during the Closed Session held earlier in the evening, the City Council took action related to items involving The Mill, Inc. The City Council authorized the City Manager and the City Attorney, as property negotiators, to negotiate with the Santa Paula Community Fund regarding terms and conditions for restoring and rehabilitating The Mill. Secondly, the City Attorney was authorized to prepare appropriate documents for conveying property interests in The Mill to the appropriate parties. Lastly, the City Attorney was directed to continue holding the City's writ in abeyance pending further City Council direction.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Presentation to Supporters of "Meet Santa" Event at the Community Center –

Mayor Krause presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kathy Tubbs from Hardy and Schultz Management Group (Santa Paula Healthcare) for supporting the "Meet Santa Claus" Event at the Community Center. She also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jerry Burns for his support of the "Meet Santa Claus" event and for his donation to Youth Basketball.

B. Update by Community Services Director Brian J. Yanez on Youth Basketball Program

Community Services Director Brian J. Yanez mentioned that the Youth Basketball Program was one of the City's largest recreation programs with 344 participants playing on 54 teams. He noted that the program has 54 volunteer coaches and provides 25 jobs to local youth. Lastly, he noted that games are played on Saturdays at the high school and at the Boys and Girls Club.

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels reported on the heavy rains and flooding experienced locally since January 8, 2005. He noted that the City's Emergency Operations Center was opened in the Council Chambers on January 9, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., and that areas of concern included the hillsides, Harvey Drive, Fuchsia Lane, View Drive, Dana Court, Sixth Street, and the Church in the Canyon area off of Ojai Road. Additionally, Santa Paula Creek experienced erosion from the end of the Army Corps of Engineer's project to Bridge Road. He stated that all City departments worked well together during the local emergency.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley reported that there were water main breaks on Santa Paula Street, Adams Canyon, and Steckel Park at the Mud Creek Crossing. He also noted that a "boil water" order was issued by the State Health Department for these areas, and that water should be restored by the end of the week. Additionally, ECO Resources managed to keep the wastewater treatment plant operational during the local emergency.

The City Council commended staff for their hard work and efforts during the local emergency.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jose Llamas, 1201 Woodland Drive, expressed his concerns with the City's policy for lighting fees and liability insurance requirements for the soccer fields at Las Piedras Park and the tennis courts at the high school.

#### **CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Procter mentioned that he spoke with a resident of Fuchsia Lane who expressed his appreciation for the Police and Fire Departments' efforts during the recent flooding.

Councilmember Aguirre mentioned he would be out of town January 17 and 18, 2005, attending a conference in Washington, D.C.

Vice Mayor Cook mentioned he would be out of town January 19 and 20, 2005, attending a conference with the Ventura Regional Sanitation District.

### **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz asked that an item be added to the agenda to adopt Resolution No. 6149 confirming the existence of a local emergency and ratifying Resolution No. 6148 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency. He suggested that the item be added as the first item of Order of Business.

City Attorney Karl H. Berger stated that in order to add this item to the agenda, the City Council would need to make a number of findings: 1) the event occurred after the agenda was posted; 2) immediate action is required that cannot wait until the next Regular City Council Meeting; 3) confirmation that a local emergency exists must be done within seven days after its declaration.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Luna, to make the findings as stated by the City Attorney and to add the item to the agenda as Item 11AA. Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Aguirre asked that Item 11G be moved to the top of Order of Business.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to approve the final agenda as amended. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Luna, to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

- 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. Accepting Public City Streets and Public City Alleys into the city Street System – Adopted **RESOLUTION NO. 6136**, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC CITY ALLEYS INTO THE CITY STREET SYSTEM. Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated January 5, 2005.
- C. Approval of a Three-year On-Call Agreement for Services with Hopkins Groundwater Consultants, Inc. – Approved the Agreement for Services with Hopkins Groundwater Consultants, Inc., and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated January 4, 2005.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

AA. Resolution No. 6149 Confirming Existence of Local Emergency and Ratification of Resolution No. 6148 Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated January 10, 2005. He noted that the City Council must ratify the resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency within seven days after the emergency was declared. He also recommended that the proclamation of local emergency remain open until more is known.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Procter, to adopt Resolution No. 6149 confirming existence of local emergency, and ratify Resolution No. 6148 proclaiming existence of a local emergency. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6149**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA,  
CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

**RESOLUTION NO. 6148**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA,  
PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTERS

A. Creation of "The Mill Preservation Advisory Committee"

Mayor Krause's report dated December 28, 2004.

Mary Gayle, Attorney for the Ventura County Transportation Commission, read from her prepared statement outlining a proposal regarding the preservation of The Mill. She submitted her letter for the record.

Ginger Gherardi, Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission, noted that the application process for Transportation Enhancement Funds would begin February 18, 2005, and that the application process closes in about six weeks. She responded to a question regarding whether the application process requires an engineering estimate by stating that it is not required and that the City could provide an estimate. She also noted that the City and the Santa Paula Community Fund should submit the application jointly.

The City Council discussed the membership of the Santa Paula Community Fund, the possibility of delaying the formation of the committee, and which building code would be used for the rehabilitation of The Mill.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Cook, that interested people contact the City Manager, the City Clerk, or City Councilmembers by January 28, 2005, to express their interest on serving on this committee; that the City Council make its decision on February 7, 2005 and convene the committee immediately thereafter; that the make up of the committee would be as outlined in the staff report with Councilmember Aguirre and Mayor Krause as the City's representatives; and that the committee provide input into the grant application before the application is submitted. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

G. School Resource Officer Position, Santa Paula High School

Police Chief Robert S. Gonzales' report dated January 4, 2005.

Mark Capritto, 2200 Via Montecito, Camarillo, representing the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools, spoke in support of the School Resource Officer Program, and noted that the Superintendent's Office is seeking a three-year grant to sustain the program. He also spoke regarding his past working relationship with Officer Rich Randolph in the School Resource Officer Program.

Christine Fenn, 702 E. Santa Paula Street, spoke in support of Officer Rich Randolph and the School Resource Officer Program.

The City Council discussed concerns with impacts of grant-funded positions, and the impacts of pulling staff from patrol if the School Resource Officer is injured or is unavailable.

Mr. Capritto addressed concerns by stating that funding is available and the contract could be written to satisfy the City Council's concerns if the School Resource Officer is injured or is unavailable.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to move forward with discussions with the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools to draft a contract for a School Resource Officer, and to research how to move forward. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

**RECESS TO A BREAK**

Mayor Krause recessed the City Council to a break at 8:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Krause reconvened the City Council at 8:31 p.m.

B. Report on Status of City Council's Housing Creation Goals and Housing Element Priority Policies Implementation

Management Analyst Elisabeth Amador presented Economic Development Director Charmaine Stouder's report dated December 15, 2004.

The City Council noted that they received a letter earlier in the week from Dora Crouch regarding this issue. A copy was placed in the record.

The report was received and filed.

C. Economic Development/Real Estate Update

Economic Development Specialist Rochelle Margolin provided an update on real estate transactions and economic development during the last few months of 2004.

D. Job Creation Strategy

Economic Development Specialist Rochelle Margolin presented Economic Development Director Charmaine Stouder's report dated December 28, 2004. She responded to a question regarding where businesses are directed to send employees or future employees for job training by stating that depending on the need, they are referred to several different agencies, including Ventura College, the Employment Development Department, and the Small Business Development Center. She further responded to a question regarding the availability of grants or resources to allow the City to create its own job-training program by stating that staff could seek grants through the Workforce Investment Board.

The City Council discussed the advantages of adopting a Job Creation Strategy and meeting with the Workforce Investment Board to discuss their available resources.

It was moved by Mayor Krause, seconded by Councilmember Procter, to direct staff to meet with the Workforce Investment Board staff to further refine the draft Job Creation Strategy and to direct Workforce Investment Board resources toward Santa Paula, and to have city staff report back in either late February or early March. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

E. FY 2004/05 City Council Goals and Projects Update

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz provided Power Point Presentation of Fiscal Year 2004/05 City Council Goals and Projects.

The report was received and filed.

F. Scheduling of Town Hall Meetings

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated January 5, 2005.

The City Council discussed having a town hall meeting at the high school auditorium with the availability of phone-in and e-mail to allow public participation for those unable to attend.

**COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND THE MEETING**

As business had not concluded at 9:33 p.m., and pursuant to Section 11 of the City Council's Rules of Procedure, it was moved by Vice Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to extend the meeting for 30 minutes. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Steve Van, 117 N. Peck Road, spoke in favor of a town hall meeting.

The City Council discussed scheduling a second town hall meeting later in the year at the Community Center, the structure of the agenda to provide for direct communication with the public, and scheduling the first town hall meeting as part of a Regular City Council Meeting on either April 4 or 18, 2005.

It was moved by Mayor Krause, seconded by Vice Mayor Cook, to have a Regular City Council Meeting, town hall style, at the Santa Paula High School Auditorium in April, and to have staff bring back a proposal for an alternative town hall style meeting in the Fall. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

H. Rule 20A Utility Undergrounding Project

Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated January 4, 2005.

The City Council discussed prioritizing areas by the condition of the streets, prioritizing the downtown area, receiving a better cost estimate from Southern California Edison, and receiving information on undergrounding fiber optics.

**COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND THE MEETING**

As business had not concluded at 10:05 p.m., and pursuant to Section 11 of the City Council's Rules of Procedure, it was the consensus of the City Council to extend the meeting for 30 minutes.

Steve Van, 117 N. Peck Road, spoke in favor of including Peck Road in the Rule 20A Utility Undergrounding Project.

It was the consensus of the City Council to focus on Main Street and the downtown area for the prioritization of areas for a proposed Southern California Edison Rule 20A Utility Undergrounding Project; work with Southern California Edison to put together more specifics for a plan; have staff look at possible synergies with City projects and with other agencies; and come back with a preferred alternative.

### **CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz mentioned that he would be out of town January 14, 15, and 16, 2005, and that Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels would be the Acting City Manager. He also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner would be held on January 22, 2005, where Mayor Krause would give her State of the City Address.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Luna, for a report on soliciting corporate and public interest for Fourth of July fireworks. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna for a report on possible funding to assist residents who were displaced due to having their homes yellow-tagged due to the recent storm. He responded to a question for clarification by stating that he would like staff to reach out and be helpful to individuals who were displaced.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Cook, for a report regarding the policy and jurisdiction for lighting and insurance requirements for Las Piedras Park and the tennis courts. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council/Redevelopment Agency, Mayor/Chair Krause adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Josie G. Herrera  
City Clerk/Agency Secretary