

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Krause called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Councilmember John T. Procter, Vice Mayor Richard C. Cook, and Mayor Mary Ann Krause responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, Assistant City Attorney Bradley E. Wohlenberg, and City Clerk Josie G. Herrera were also present.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Appointment of Real Property Negotiator

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to appoint City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz and City Attorney Karl H. Berger as the City's Real Property Negotiators relating to real property located at Assessor's Parcel Number 102-0-221-035, 102-0-221-025, and 102-0-221-015. The Real Property Negotiators may negotiate the terms and conditions of purchase or lease of property. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Krause announced that the Closed Session would be to discuss:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation. *Government Code Section 54956.9(a)*. Name of Case: Santa Paula Memorial Hospital, Debtor, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, BK No. NE 03-1354-RR.
- B. Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Pursuant to *Government Code §54956.8*. Property Address: Assessor's Parcel Numbers 102-0-221-035, 102-0-221-025, and 102-0-221-015. Negotiating Parties: City of Santa Paula and Corporation for Better Housing. City Negotiator: City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz and City Attorney Karl H. Berger. Under negotiation: Terms and conditions of purchase or lease of property.

Mayor Krause recessed the City Council to a Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Krause reconvened the City Council at 6:20 p.m. No action was taken during the Closed Session.

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**RECONVENE AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Krause reconvened the City Council at 6:34 p.m. Councilmember Procter led the Flag Salute.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Councilmember John T. Procter, Vice Mayor Richard C. Cook, and Mayor Mary Ann Krause responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz and City Clerk Josie G. Herrera were also present. Assistant City Attorney Bradley E. Wohlenberg was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

No reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Recognition to City Employees by Eve Liebman from United Way

Eve Liebman, Campaign Division Director for United Way of Ventura County, presented a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging City employees for their fundraising efforts. She also presented an award for leadership to Community Services Director Brian J. Yanez in recognition of his commitment and dedication to United Way.

B. Presentation by Carmen Guerrero Regarding De Colores Art Show

Carmen Guerrero, representing the De Colores Art Group, thanked the City Council, City Manager, city staff, and sponsors for their support of the De Colores Art Show. She provided copies of the program to the City Council.

C. Presentation by Victor Salas Regarding the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce's Annual Carnival April 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2005, at Teague Park

Victor Salas, President of the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to attend the annual carnival, and noted that proceeds from the carnival would go towards scholarships for college-bound students from Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Ventura.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jess Victoria, 134 Moultrie Place, thanked city staff for replacing the refinished benches in Les Maland Square. He commented that after the failure of Measures J and K, the City went ahead with hiring more Police Officers and opening Fire Station 2 on a full-

time basis, and that the public did not understand how this was done with no funding. He suggested that the City delay putting through another initiative until audits are performed for other City departments.

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

Vice Mayor Cook stated that the recently held Town Hall meeting allowed the public an opportunity to dialog with the City Council, and stated that he looks forward to the next Town Hall Meeting.

Councilmember Luna commended the Santa Paula High School on its Spring Concert and talent show.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz noted that Blanchard Community Library would hold its Swing for the Seats fundraiser on April 16, 2005. He also noted that City staff would be participating in the Corporate Challenge Games.

### **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

There were no changes to the final agenda.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Santa Paula Art Society Request to Serve Alcohol at the Santa Paula Train Depot

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz presented Community Services Director Brian J. Yanez's report dated April 4, 2005.

Gene Marzec, representing the Santa Paula Art Society, asked the City Council to consider their request to sell beer and wine at the Train Depot for the Chamber of Commerce's Mixer, and noted that the Chamber of Commerce sold beer and wine at the mixer held the previous month at the California Oil Museum.

The City Council discussed granting the Art Society's request on a one-time basis due to the fact that that the Train Depot is not available for rent at the present time.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Luna, to approve the Art Society's request to sell beer and wine at the Train Depot on April 20, 2005. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

B. Fiscal Year 2004/05 Budget Adjustments

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated April 5, 2005. He reviewed the list of previous budget adjustments.

Community Services Director Brian J. Yanez reviewed the potential budget reductions and revenue enhancements for the Community Services Department. He responded to questions regarding fees for lighted fields.

Finance Director Alvertina Rivera reviewed the potential budget reductions and revenue enhancement and the Finance Department reorganization. She responded to a question regarding the possibility of having payroll done on a monthly basis by stating that there could be another alternative whereby instead of paying the employee once a month, the employee would continue to receive pay biweekly, and accounting staff would make adjustments in a subsequent pay period for overtime or leave taken.

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels reviewed the potential budget reductions and revenue enhancement for the Fire Department. He stated that staff reviewed the possibility of charging a fee for service; however, staff concluded that this would likely not be feasible. He responded to a question regarding whether an agency could bill an ambulance company for having a Firefighter ride along in the ambulance to the hospital by stating that no agency in the county is charging ambulance companies for this service.

The City Council discussed having staff research the possibility of charging ambulance companies for having Firefighters ride along in the ambulance to the hospital.

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels responded to a question regarding whether there was a ranking or categorization for responding to incidents that might not require the Police Department, ambulance, or Fire Department to respond by stating that although this could be possible in theory, dispatchers do not know whether a situation is serious until emergency personnel are at the scene.

### **RECESS TO A BREAK**

Mayor Krause recessed the City Council to a break at 7:55 p.m.

### **RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Krause reconvened the City Council at 8:03 p.m.

Beverly Harding, 610 Glade Drive, Chair of the Harding Park Advisory Board, expressed her concern with the possibility of the City taking funds from the Harding Park Commission to pay salaries for City employees. She noted that the 1978 Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Harding Park specify that no funds shall be used for the payment of salary of any full-time or part-time City employee.

John Lepie, representing City employee members of Service Employees International Union 998, stated that the last time City employees were granted a cost of living increase was on January 2, 2002. He suggested that the City Council consider the proposal to shorten the workweek for non-safety personnel by four hours, which would require closing City Hall every Friday rather than alternate Fridays and would provide a cost of living increase to hourly rates.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Luna, to approve the recommended budget reductions, revenue enhancements, and the way the City delivers services in order to create an account to be used for potential negotiated changes in employee compensation and for projected revenue shortfalls for Fiscal Year 2005/06. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

C. November 2005 Election for Public Safety Enhancements

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

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Cook, to direct the City Manager to research a potential initiative for the March 2006 Election for Police and/or Fire Department enhancements. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz suggested that Item F be considered at this time in order to accommodate the audience.

F. Discussion of Benches in the Downtown

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated April 5, 2005. City Clerk Josie G. Herrera noted that Dora Crouch submitted a letter for the record concerning benches in the downtown.

The City Council discussed placement of additional benches at the railroad plaza and Main Street.

Cheryl Baudizzon, 15202 Santa Paula Street, owner of Brownies Basement, expressed her concerns with the two benches located directly in front of her place of business. She stated that some people who use the benches do not use the trash receptacles, and that the trash attracts pigeons.

The City Council discussed providing benches in alternate locations in the downtown and working with business owners on the possibility to relocating benches.

D. Agreement with Purkiss Rose-RSI for Park Master Plan

Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Grisales' report dated April 5, 2005.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Cook, to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Purkiss Rose-RSI for a Park Master Plan for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.

E. Review of Draft Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ventura County, California

Fire Chief Paul L. Skeels' report dated April 4, 2005. He responded to a question regarding the section promoting low intensity, non-residential land uses in dam inundation zones by stating that he interpreted this to mean that the City needs to be conscience of where these types of uses are considered. He further responded to a question regarding the section on development of an evacuation plan for local residents who live near drainage areas by stating that many areas in the City are drainage areas and that he was satisfied with the language in the draft hazard mitigation plan. He further responded to a question regarding the table defining a moderate and high earthquake by stating that the City would not see much difference between a moderate or high earthquake, and that he would ensure that the correct figures are indicated on the table.

It was the consensus of the City Council to authorize staff to advise County of Ventura staff that the draft Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan appears to be acceptable as it relates to Santa Paula.

**CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no City Communications.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Future Agenda Items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Krause adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Josie G. Herrera, City Clerk