

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, and Vice Mayor John T. Procter responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, City Clerk Josie G. Herrera, and Acting City Clerk Vanessa T. Camarillo were also present. Mayor Ray C. Luna was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Interview for Recreation Commission

Tommy Frutos stepped up for his interview and spoke regarding his vision for the community.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Procter announced that the Closed Session would be to discuss:

A. Personnel – Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: Finance Director.

Vice Mayor Procter recessed the City Council to a Closed Session at 6:10 p.m., and reconvened the City Council into Open Session at 6:30 p.m. No action taken. Vice Mayor Procter recessed the City Council at 6:30 p.m.

RECONVENE AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. Deacon Al Guilin of St. Sebastian Church offered the Invocation, and Vice Mayor Procter led the Flag Salute.

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Clerk Josie G. Herrera, and Acting Deputy City Clerk Vanessa T. Camarillo were also present. Mayor Ray C. Luna was absent due to his being out of town.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of Proclamation to Mary Mata in Recognition of Boys & Girls Club Week March 25 Through 31, 2007

The City Council presented a proclamation to representatives of the Boys & Girls Club in recognition of Boys and Girls Club Week.

- B. Presentation by Peter Wright, Santa Paula Labor Day Parade Committee

Peter Wright spoke regarding the September 3, 2007 Santa Paula Labor Day Parade and asked for the community's assistance.

- C. Presentation by the Ventura County Civic Alliance Livable Community Models Working Group

Marv King from the Ventura County Civic Alliance provided a presentation regarding Livable Community Models Working Group.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martin Hernandez, representing County Supervisor Kathy Long, spoke regarding Watershed Protection District Funds chronology and status.

Steve Smead, 513 Howie Court, spoke in support of Measure A7 and addressed his concerns with a letter sent from Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR).

Bill Mensing, 500 W. Santa Maria Street, expressed his appreciation to the City Council regarding their support of Rancho Santa Paula Mobile Home Park.

Anita Pulido, 310 San Clemente, addressed her concerns regarding zoning of legal non-conforming properties.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Procter mentioned that he attended the 16th Annual Conference for Local Elected Officials on March 17, 2007.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz suggested that Item 12F and 12G be moved up on the agenda in order to accommodate the audience. It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the final agenda as amended. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Gonzales pulled Item 10F. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz pulled Item 10G. It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

- A. Waiver of Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions – Waived reading of Ordinances and Resolutions appearing on the Agenda.
- B. Receive and File Reimbursement Reports - In accordance with Government Code §§ 53232.2, 53232.3, and Resolution No. 6258, received and file reimbursement reports as specified.
- C. Approval of Out of State Travel - Authorized the City Manager to approve out-of-state travel for two City water operations employees to attend the Rockwell Automation Training in Henderson, Nevada. Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated March 12, 2007.
- D. Approval of Traffic Safety Committee Recommendations Resolution No. 6384 – Adopted Resolution No. 6384 approving the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee. **RESOLUTION NO. 6384**, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated March 12, 2007.
- E. Approval of Three Year On-Call Services Agreement for Katz, Okitsu & Associates – Authorized the City Manager to execute the Three-Year On-Call Services Agreement for professional traffic engineering and planning services with Katz, Okitsu & Associates, in a form approved by the City Attorney. Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated February 12, 2007.

CONSENT CALENDAR (SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS)

- F. Harvey Diversion Declaration of Emergency – Project Acceptance and Notice of Completion Resolution No. 6381

Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated March 9, 2007.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Aguirre, to: 1) allocate \$13,986 from Water Fund Reserves to Account 620.5.9046.630 for the total project budget of \$322,841; 2) approve Change Order No. 1 for \$54,273 for the total contract amount of \$322,841; and 3) adopt Resolution No. 6381 ending State of Emergency. All were in favor under roll call vote, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6381

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
SANTA PAULA TERMINATING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

- G. Approval of the Plans & Specifications for the South Mountain Road Waterline Project Resolution No. 6383

Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated March 9, 2007.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz discussed the project funding and timeline.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adopt Resolution No. 6383 approving the plans and specifications for the South Mountain Waterline Installation Project, and authorize staff to advertise for bids for the project. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6383

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
SOUTH MOUNTAIN ROAD WATER LINE PROJECT

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. 2004-CDP-06-Keats Corner 720 East Main Street

Upon verification of posting by City Clerk, Vice Mayor Procter opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Mary Ann Krause, 154 Via Solana, spoke regarding the Santa Paula Theater Center building's historic architecture, and expressed her concern with the proximity of the Keats Corner project.

Dora Crouch, 739 Yale Street, expressed concern with a letter that was circulated regarding the Keats Corner project and with the parking configuration associated with the project.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to continue the Public Hearing to the April 2, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting to allow the full City Council to consider the item. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

F. State Highway 126 (Santa Paula Freeway) Center Divider Barrier Between Santa Paula and Fillmore

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated March 14, 2007.

Ginger Gherardi, Executive Director of Ventura County Transportation Commission, expressed concerns with the installation of a barrier on State Highway 126 and offered to contact the California Highway Patrol for increased coverage and traffic enforcement.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to: 1) authorize the Mayor to send a letter to State Senator Runner, Assemblymember Strickland and District 7 Caltrans Director Failing urging the construction of a center divider barrier on State Highway 126 (Santa Paula Freeway), 2) request Fillmore Mayor Conaway and County Supervisor Long join in signing the letter, and 3) send a letter to Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol asking for traffic statistics and traffic information so that this information could be included in the proposed letter. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

G. Additional Funding of 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

Assistant to the City Manager, Elisabeth V. Amador's report dated March 14, 2007.

Jane Lax, 1232 Fern Oaks Drive, representing Turning Point Foundation, spoke regarding their request for \$2,000 in CDBG funding to be used toward the "Our Place Shelter" program.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales to reassign the task of distribution of additional CDBG funding to the CDBG Advisory Committee to provide a recommendation to the City Council. Motion died for lack of a second.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to distribute the additional \$37,513 in 2007-2008 CDBG funding as follows: \$4,500 to Interface Children and Family Services Convivir Program and \$1,127 to Community Action of Ventura County Lease Assistance Grants and Loans Program for public service funding; \$20,000 to Electrical Upgrade for Blanchard Community Library, \$6,886 to the Boys and Girls Club for Projects/Economic Development, and \$5,000 to Santa Paula Micro Loan Program; and adopt Resolution No. 6385. Under roll call vote, Councilmember Aguirre, Councilmember Fernandez, and Vice Mayor Procter were in favor. Councilmember Gonzales was opposed. Mayor Luna was absent. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6385

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED EXPENDITURE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS AND SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY 2007-2008 CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

RECESS TO A BREAK

Vice Mayor Procter recessed the City Council to a break at 8:32 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

Vice Mayor Procter reconvened the City Council at 8:46 p.m.

B. Approval to Place Bear Statues at the Railroad Community Park

Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated March 12, 2007.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Procter, to accept the donated block granite sculptures of a life-size California black bear with her two cubs to be placed 60 feet to the east of the granite ball. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

C. Status of City Streets Presentation

Public Works Director/City Engineer Clifford G. Finley's report dated March 13, 2007, and Power Point® presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to bring back a discussion of the use of Redevelopment Agency funds and budget strategies for the next fiscal year to be used for street improvements. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

D. Update on Proposed Relocation of Ventura College East Campus

Councilmember Fernandez recused himself from this item due to his being employed by the Ventura County Community College District and exited the Council Chambers at 9:49 p.m.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz provided an oral report regarding relocation of the Ventura College East Campus to a new location in Santa Paula or Fillmore. He reported that the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees would continue this discussion at their next board meeting. The report was received.

Councilmember Fernandez returned to the Council Chambers at 9:55 p.m.

E. Implementation of Community Vision Plan

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated March 14, 2007, and Power Point® presentation.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales to receive and file the report. The motion died for lack of a second.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to have the City Manager bring back the item as a future agenda item for the City Council to review and discuss the item. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

A. Funding Options for Water Recycling Facility

It was moved by Vice Mayor Procter, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to continue this item to the April 2, 2007 Regular City Council meeting in order for it to be discussed by the full City Council. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz noted that there would be full agendas for the April 2 and April 16, 2007 Regular City Council Meetings, and noted that he would not be present for the April 16, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, for a discussion on the May 7, 2007 agenda regarding Anita Pulido's concerns regarding zoning. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, for consideration of a level of support for the Labor Day Parade. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Procter adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Josie G. Herrera
City Clerk