

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Ralph Fernandez, Councilmember James A. Tovias and Mayor Fred W. Robinson responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney Karl H. Berger and City Clerk Judy Rice were also present. Vice Mayor Robert S. Gonzales arrived at 6:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator– Government Code § 54957.6. City Negotiators: City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, Human Resources Manager Lorena Alvarez, Assistant to the City Manager Elisabeth Amador and Finance Director John Quinn. Employee Organizations: Santa Paula Police Officers Association (SPPOA), Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association (VCPFA), representing Santa Paula Full-time Firefighters.

Mayor Robinson 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 reportable action. Mayor Robinson recessed the City Council at 6:30 p.m.

RECONVENE AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Pastor Ron Dybvig offered the Invocation, and Mayor Robinson led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Ralph Fernandez, Councilmember James A. Tovias, Vice Mayor Gonzales and Mayor Fred W. Robinson responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins were also present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No Reportable Action.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Update from Economic Development Advisory Committee—

Duane Ashby gave a Power Point presentation.

The following letter requesting a continuance of the East Area 1 LAFCo public hearing was read into the record by City Manager Jaime Fontes.

January 18, 2011

Kathy Long, Chairperson Ventura LAFCo Commission
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009-1880

Dear LAFCo Commissioners:

As you know, the City of Santa Paula's application to annex the East Area 1 Project is scheduled for public hearing on January 19, 2011. By this letter, the City requests a continuance of the matter until your next meeting on February 16, 2011.

Eight-one percent (81%) of voters approved this project in 2008. During the three years since then, the City worked with your staff to ensure that all preliminary steps for annexation, and all questions from LAFCo staff, were thoroughly addressed.

We were disappointed, therefore, to receive the fifty-four page LAFCo staff report late on Thursday July 13, 2011 - on the eve of a three day weekend. It was surprising, particularly after the amount of time spent cooperating with your staff, to find anything less than a wholehearted recommendation to approve the City's application.

After reviewing the staff report, it is apparent that the City needs more time to address the many erroneous assertions contained in the staff report. Among the more glaring errors in the staff report is the statement that Adams Canyon lies outside of the City Urban Restriction Boundary ("CURB"). This position cannot be reconciled with the voters' 2007 approval of Measure A7 which adjusted the CURB to include all of Adams Canyon. We hope that the additional time can be spent further educating LAFCo staff to ensure that LAFCo Commissioners are

given accurate information upon which they can make a sound decision regarding this project.

Thank you in advance for this courtesy. Please note that City representatives will be present in the audience on January 19, 2011 should you have any questions. Additionally, you may contact me or Planning Director Janna Minsk with questions.

Sincerely, Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager.

B. Update Regarding the Environmental Mitigation at the Water Recycling Facility–

Carl Thelander of Bio-Resources gave Council an overview of Bio-Resources mandated services provided to the City.

C. Water Recycling Facility Update–

Jim Kuykendall gave a Power Point presentation.

Mayor Robinson introduced Grand Jury member Frank Allison.

D. Branch Line Bike Trail Update–

Branch Line Bike Trail Construction Manager Ryan Anderson gave a progress update with a Power Point presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harold Edwards, CEO Limoneira spoke of the upcoming LAFCo hearing, his disappointment with their recent staff report, assured Council that the issues mentioned are resolvable and thanked staff for their continued effort in finding equitable and consciences solutions.

Steve Lazenby, Fire Captain announced that the Santa Paula Citizens Corp. is sponsoring training for weather spotters and the upcoming Alzheimer's seminar.

RECESS TO BREAK

Mayor Robinson recessed the Council to a break at 8:07 p.m.

RECONVENE AND CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson reconvened the Council at 8:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Chris Sayer, Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce Chairperson spoke in support of the recommendations given by the Economic Development Advisory Committee in their presentation and thanked City staff for their work on East Area I.

Rod Elliott, 1315 E. Main St. stated that the current policy for installing water meters and current fee structure are too costly and asked Council to please review.

Eileen McCarthy, CRLA staff attorney submitted a letter regarding inadequate low-income housing.

John Bravo, 557 Munger Dr. spoke in support of the Branch Line Bike Trail and thanked Council for recent street repairs.

James Robles, 812 Teague Dr. protested the reduction in public comment time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes and stated his concerns in privatization of solid waste services.

Juleen Irwin, 975 W. Telegraph Rd., Hillview Estates, spoke in opposition to the increase in utility rates.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes reminded Council and public that the requested date for the next LAFCo hearing regarding East Area I is February 16, 2011 and that Council will hold a Special Meeting on January 27, 2011 for a study session regarding the privatization of the solid waste services. Mr. Fontes also requested setting a Special Meeting as a Goals Setting session for February 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales to approve the final agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Regular City Council Meeting
 Tuesday, January 18, 2011
 Administrative Conference Room/Council Chambers

It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to approve the consent calendar as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A. Waiver of Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions– Waive 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, receive and file reimbursement reports as specified.

C. Planning Commission Action Report– Pursuant to Resolution No. 6456, receive and file the Planning Director’s report regarding Planning Commission actions taken on November 23, 2010. Alternatively, in accordance with SPMC § 16.206.060, the City Council may place an item on a future agenda to consider issuing an order of review regarding an action.

D. Minutes– Adopt the Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of December 6,2010. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report date January 12, 2011.

E. Minutes– Adopt the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of December 6,2010. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report date January 12, 2011.

F. Warrants and Certifications– Review, approve, and file the attached warrants and certifications. Finance Director John T. Quinn’s report dated January 10, 2011.

INVOICES	12/10/10	
WIRE TRANSFERS	12/08/10	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 62,826.51
INVOICES	12/15/10, 12/16/10	
WIRE TRANSFERS	12/15/10	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 526,440.05
INVOICES	12/23/10	
WIRE TRANSFERS	12/22/10, 12/23/10	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 604,778.52
INVOICES	12/27/10	
WIRE TRANSFERS	12/29/10	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 125,735.14
INVOICES	01/06/11,01/07/11	

WIRE TRANSFERS	01/05/11	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 146,503.06
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 1,466,283.28

G. Request to Postpone the Consideration of City Refuse Division and Third Party Hauler Proposals for Residential and Commercial Franchise in the City of Santa Paula to the Regular City Council meeting of February 7, 2011– It is recommended that the City Council: 1) postpone the consideration of the City's Solid Waste Division and third party hauler proposals for residential and commercial franchise in the City of Santa Paula to the Regular City Council meeting of February 7, 2011; and 2) take such additional, related, action that may be desirable. City Manager Jaime Fontes' report dated January 7, 2011.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. FY 2010-11 Mid-Year Budget Update- as of December 31, 2010–

It is recommended that the City Council: 1) direct the City Manager to prepare and report to Council a detailed budget deficit reduction plan and payroll options for Council to consider at its next regular Council meeting; 2) direct the City Manager to continue monitoring the FY 2010-11 budget and implement spending controls to reduce overall expenditures by 10 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year; 3)adopt a budget calendar and schedule for the FY 201-12 budget preparation process; and 4) take such additional, related, action that may be desirable. Acting Public Works Director John Quinn's report dated January 13, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Lazenby, Fire Captain spoke in opposition to suggested budget reductions for the Fire Department.

Jerry Byrum, Fire Captain spoke in opposition to suggested budget reductions for the Fire Department.

Chris Mann, Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association, spoke of his concerns with the suggested budget reductions to the Fire Department.

Ismael Cordero, Santa Paula Police Officers Association, spoke of the impact potential lay-offs of four police officers would have to the city.

Juleen Irwin, 975 W. Telegraph Rd., Hillview Estates, spoke of her concerns about closing a Fire Station and how it would affect the medical needs of those in her community.

Scott Brown, Water Treatment Operator, asked for clarification of the 1.8 million dollar deficit and distributed a memo that was issued to Danny Carillo, SEIU Representative from Elisabeth Amador, Assistant to the City Manager dated August 30, 2010 that noted responses to questions asked by SEIU.

Ryan Smith, Police Officer, expressed his concerns with the staff report suggesting reduction in police staffing.

The Council discussed the following ideas for staff follow-up.

Vice Mayor Gonzales:

Is there a possibility of renting or leasing the old sewer plant to generate solar power?

Can any city owned property be sold or can the city borrow against the property?

Can the city sell any unused equipment?

Stop any training and conferences that are not required by law.

Have the City Manager review departments to determine if any department could be combined and eliminate department head position.

Reduce budget by 10% in each department.

Can the contract with Santa Paula Water/Alinda/PERC be rewritten?

Look at renegotiating existing contracts

Councilmember Fernandez:

Reduce all departments by 10%

Can 2.9 million dollars in non-pay roll expenses be cut?

If there would be a savings can city get out of lease for the Public Works Dept. Mill St. property?

Can overtime for police and fire be eliminated or reduced?

Salary reduction for department heads.

Sell equipment or lease assets

Regarding negotiations; need to stabilize future salaries.

Not in favor of staff reductions.

Look at a 10% and 15% cut in each department.

Within each budget there should be a reserve built in.

Look at voluntary furloughs and reductions in salaries.

Councilmember Tovias:

Not wanting to consider reductions in Police Department.

Sell the vacuum truck

Trash issue needs to be on table as an option because it might be a cash infusion.

Look at freezing automatic increases in benefits during negotiations.

Would hold off on voluntary furloughs and salary reductions.

What is cost special events?

Councilmember Cook:

Close up Public Works Mill St. property.

Sell or lease whatever is not being used or what is possible.

Can we combine enterprise funds; trash and water, combine the yards and rent out one of the yards.

If trash is using one of the yards have them pay rent.

Look at Enterprise funds and see how it can be used to make money.

Council take a 20% cut in Cafeteria plan.

Cancel all travel and conference.

Charge actual costs for all festivals.

Charge rent and maintenance of all city owned buildings.

Department heads need to come up with cost cutting ideas.

Wants signature on staff reports.

Close store front at L.P. Park

Close the Oil Museum

Eliminate all part time employees.

Would like to see furloughs and salary to save positions.

Are the two positions for the vacuum truck going to be filled?

COUNCIL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND THE MEETING

As business had not concluded at 10:30 p.m., and pursuant to Section 11 of the City Council's Rules of Procedure, it was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales, to suspend the rules and continue the meeting. All were in favor under roll call vote. The motion carried.

Mayor Robinson:

Across the board reductions for all executive and management staff, 20% for City Manager and 10% for all department heads., We need to cost out Council

remuneration including salaries and the cafeteria plan to see what the saving be.
To be initiated by City Manager.

Charge the Chief of Police and Fire Chief with looking at their budget to bring support and ideas to help solve this problem.

Implement hiring freeze immediately.

Freeze all merit and salary adjustments.

Restrict all travel, education and training funding to only what is required by law.

Look at employer/ee contributions for retirement programs.

Are there any funds that can be used to reduce the deficit?

Furlough days.

Strict management on all overtime expenses.

Open Palm St. yard and charge to dump.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Mayor Robinson, seconded Vice Mayor Gonzales to have staff report back comprehensive report how sewer rates were arrived at. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to hear an update on the Asian Phyllis Citrus. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice, City Clerk