

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember James A. Tovias and Mayor Fred W. Robinson responded to roll call. Acting City Manager Stephen MacKinnon, City Attorney Karl H. Berger and City Clerk Judy Rice were also present.

Vice Mayor Robert S. Gonzales arrived at 5:20 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 Assistant Finance Director Sandy Easley. 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 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. No reportable action. Mayor Robinson recessed the City Council at 6:20 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Tovias, Councilmember Fernandez, Vice Mayor Gonzales and Mayor Robinson responded to roll call. Acting City

Manager MacKinnon, City Attorney Berger, City Clerk Judy Rice, Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins were also present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

PRESENTATIONS

A. Branch Line Bike Trail Update–

Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez gave a history of the development of the project and stated that project has begun and is slated to be completed in 120 days.

B. Economic Development Advisory Committee–

Committee Chairman Duane Ashby gave a Power Point presentation of their quarterly report.

C. East Area I Update–

Planning Director Janna Minsk gave an update on the progress of the East Area I development that will be heard at the LAFCo hearing on March 16, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Delton Johnson, 14 McKeveett Heights, requested Council approve an audit of the City's finances by an outside firm or state agency.

Danny Carillo, Chief Negotiator for SEIU 721, expressed concerns with the balancing of the city's budget asking for fairness in equity and parity across the board.

Rondi Guthrie, representing Crown Disposal thanked council for their deliberation on the issue of solid waste disposal and asked Council to consider the benefits of choosing Crown Disposal.

Linda Lloyd, 218 N. 8th St. #11 asked Council to reconsider employee lay-offs and asked the Council to begin making the tough decisions regarding the budget deficit.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Fernandez attended the Transportation Commission meeting. And commented that the Commission is working with Fillmore & Western railroad, to begin hauling commercial freight on the Branch Line to open up opportunities and offer incentives for businesses to use the line for commercial freight hauling.

Councilmember Fernandez asked staff to clarify the ownership of the parking lot at 10th St and the railroad crossing because the Transportation Commission was discussing leasing the lot to a nearby church.

Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Tovias attended the opening of the little league season and spoke of the positive activities the City promotes for children.

Mayor Robinson attended a youth basketball game at the Community Center and thanked staff for their work in making sure all of the kids received an award.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

MacKinnon requested Item 11B be removed from agenda as additional information was received prior to the meeting.

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Tovias moved consent. All in favor and motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 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. Minutes– Adopt the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of December 20, 2010. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins' report date March 2, 2011.

- D. Minutes– Adopt the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of January 18, 2011. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report date March 2, 2011.
- E. Minutes– Adopt the Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of January 27, 2011. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report date March 2, 2011.
- F. Warrants and Certifications– Review, approve, and file the attached warrants and certifications. Assistant Finance Director Sandy Easley’s report dated March 7, 2011.

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| VOIDED CHECKS | 02/15/11 | | |
| INVOICES | 02/17/11 | | |
| WIRE TRANSFERS | 02/16/11 | | |
| SUBTOTAL | | \$ | 26,758.07 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$ | 26,758.07 |

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilmember Cook recused himself stating a conflict of interest because of his affiliation with Rotary.

- A. 4th of July Fireworks Show–

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ginger Gherardi, 1183 Los Robles Dr. asked council to consider co-sponsoring the event at the same level as prior year.

Cathy Hicks, 560 Howie Ct. spoke in favor of having fireworks in the community and asked the Council to continue to co-sponsor the event.

Deputy Chief Kevin Fildes presented the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Zambelli Fireworks for July 4, 2011 in a form approved by the City Attorney, accept the Rotary Club’s donation of \$15,000 to pay for the fireworks show, co-sponsor the July 4th fireworks show at the Rotary Club’s request and have staff report back with a method for decreasing staff costs for future events. Upon roll call vote, Tovias,

Fernandez, Vice Mayor Gonzales and Mayor Robinson were in favor. The motion carried.

- B. Consolidated Disposal Service, LLC Solid Waste Franchise– It is recommended that the City Council (1) consider the letter received from Consolidated Disposal Service dated February 17, 2011 requesting an assignment of its solid waste franchise to Harrison Industries; (2) continue this item until the March 21, 2011 City Council meeting to consider the request in the context of issuing a solid waste franchise for both residential and commercial service; and (3) take such additional, related, action that may be desirable. City Manager Jaime Fonte's report dated March 2, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to discuss ways of generating revenue including hearing the ideas from the EDAC. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales, to schedule a budget update and goal setting meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to discuss the potential of a financial audit for the City. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales to have a report back on the process used for the expenditures of reserves and how reserves are handled in general. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk