

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Ron Dybvig gave the invocation and Councilmember Robinson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Fred W. Robinson, James A. Tovias, Richard C. Cook, Vice Mayor Ralph J. Fernandez and Mayor Robert S. Gonzales were present. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, Assistant City Attorney John C. Cotti, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Rawley, 705 Santa Barbara St., President of SPARC (Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center) stated that SPARC will be meeting with the City Attorney and City Manager to redraft the contract for the animal shelter to include the County's concerns regarding the required scope of services. She believes it will be ready to come to Council for approval in January. There are several items that SPARC will be pursuing and developing even while contract terms are negotiated and at no cost to the City, such as the spay and neuter program, identifying the feral cat colonies, contacting the Board of Education to involve the students in the art projects for the shelter and further rehabilitation of the facility with volunteer help. Ms. Rawley invited Council and interested public to a meeting on Tuesday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Dan Robles, Director of Blanchard Public Library wished all happy holidays. He stated that the library is no longer receiving funding from the State for the literacy program, general fund or computer data bases available for use by the public. He asked that Council please review previous Council Resolutions in reference to developer fees and money owed to the library within a five year period. Mr. Robles stated that invoices have been submitted to the City for payment of new books purchased for the library that have not been paid.

Ron Merson, 116 Via Solana, representing Optimist of Santa Paula gave a report on the success of the Halloween and Christmas parades. Mr. Merson thanked Councilmembers Robinson and Tovias for covering the cost of the Halloween Parade and the community for its overwhelming support of both parades. He thanked Ed Mount and city staff for their cooperation during the events and with their help in cutting costs. Mr. Merson wished the Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gonzales presented a plaque to Former Mayor Robinson and thanked him for his dedicated service and leadership to the Council and the community this past year.

Vice Mayor Fernandez expressed his appreciation for Former Mayor Robinson's service and for the graceful manner in which he represented the Council at numerous functions throughout the year.

Councilmember Cook expressed his respect for Mr. Robinson's mature presence and is looking forward to continuing to work with him.

Councilmember Tovas stated that he has become close friends with Mr. Robinson and told several childhood stories. He stated that he believes Mr. Robinson's father would be extremely proud of his son's accomplishments. He also stated that he was glad he ran on a ticket with him.

City Manager Fontes thanked Mr. Robinson on behalf of city staff for his leadership and demeanor.

Former Mayor Robinson expressed his thanks to Council, stating that the Council successfully worked together to put the City on sound economic footing during this difficult year and is confident that through the Council's leadership they will continue to be successful. He expressed his thanks to Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins for her organizational skills, Santa Paula Times Reporter Peggy Kelly for her fair and honest reporting and City Clerk Judy Rice for pleasant smile that helped him stay on track during the Council meetings. He also thanked City Attorney Karl Berger and Assistant City Attorney John Cotti, especially thanking Mr. Berger for his expert knowledge and help with procedural and parliamentary matters and his work on East Area I. He thanked City Manager Fontes for his leadership and the community of Santa Paula along with his wife Sharon for their support.

Former Mayor Robinson left the dais due to a medical condition.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Tovas to approve the final agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Regular City Council City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2011
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Councilmember Cook requested that Item I be pulled for discussion and Mayor Gonzales requested that Item G be pulled for discussion.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Tovas, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar. 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. Minutes– Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of December 5, 2011. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report dated December 12, 2011.
- D. Warrants and Certificates– Review, approve, and file the attached warrants and certifications. Interim Finance Director Sandy Easley’s report dated December 19, 2011.

INVOICES	11/07/11-11/09/11	
WIRE TRANSFERS	11/09/11	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 34,177.68
INVOICES	11/17/11	
WIRE TRANSFERS	11/15/11 – 11/16/11	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 494,979.85
INVOICES	11/22/11	
WIRE TRANSFERS	11/22/11 – 11/23/11	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 651,874.82
INVOICES	11/29/11-12/01/11	
WIRE TRANSFERS	11/30/11	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,164,413.49
GRAND TOTAL		<u>\$ 2,345,445.84</u>

- E. Contracting for Parking Enforcement Management Services– It is recommended that the City Council: 1) authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a contract with CITEZone of Laguna Hills, CA for the provision of parking enforcement management services in a form approved by the City Attorney; and 2) take such additional, related action

that may be desirable. Chief of Police Stephen MacKinnon's report dated December 12, 2011.

- F. Introduce and Waive First Reading of Ordinance 1241, Amending Dog Licensing Requirements in the Santa Paula Municipal Code– It is recommended that the City Council: 1) introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 1241, amending Chapter 91-Animals, to change the method of which licenses are issued; and 3) take such additional related action that may be desirable. ORDINANCE NO. 1241- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SANTA PAULA MUNICIPAL CODE §§ 91.12 AND 91.13 REGULATING DOG LICENSES WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION. Chief of Police Stephen MacKinnon's report dated December 12, 2011.
- H. Adoption of Resolution No. 6767 Approving Public Works Revised Standard Construction Drawing No. 110-A– It is recommended that the City Council: 1) adopt Resolution No. 6767 approving the revised Public Works Standard Construction Drawing No. 110-A; and 2) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. RESOLUTION NO. 6767- A RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC WORKS STANDARD CONSTRUCTION DRAWING NO. 110-A PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6. Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez's report dated December 8, 2011.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM (CONSENT CALENDAR)

- I. Award of Contract for Las Piedras Park Improvement Project Phase I to U. S. Dash Construction, Inc.–

Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez's report dated December 9, 2011.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded Councilmember Tovias to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with U.S. Dash Construction, Inc. for \$899,200 in a form approved by the City Attorney and require City Council approval for any contract change orders that are needed for additional work up to the budgeted amount. All in favor and the motion carried.

- G. Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Trail Project; Final Acceptance and Notice of Completion Filing–

Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez's report dated December 8, 2011.

Mayor Gonzales asked City Manager Fontes to give an overview of the project for the benefit of the Council and public.

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez to accept the construction of the Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Trail Project, authorize staff to record the Notice of Completion for this project and authorize staff to process the close out of this project including, but not limited to, final retention payment. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Athletic Field Fees-

Interim Community Services Director Ed Mount's report dated December 12, 2011 and Power Point presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Marquez, 163 Felkins Rd., on behalf of boys and girls youth coaches thanked the Council and all of the volunteer's and city personnel involved in fixing and maintaining the soccer fields. He stated that about 90% of kids he coaches are from low income families and the coaches often are asked to help pay for the kids. He requested that Council work to keep the fees as low as possible and keep the process simple so that all will comply with the rules and regulations.

Lisa Castillo, Vice President of Santa Paula Little League, 117 Vela Ct., thanked the Council for allowing the public to express their concerns. She stated that all of the Little League are Santa Paula residences and according to their by-laws cannot turn away a player because of their inability to pay, that the Little League association is interested in working in partnership with the Community Services Department to help keep the fees as low as possible. She mentioned that local volunteers maintain the fields on Sundays for the games and questioned Council on what benefits the League will receive if the city raises its fees.

Brian Glenn, President of Santa Paula Little League, 1007 Honeywood Ct., asked the Council what the League and other groups will be receiving from the City with an increase in the fees.

Ulises Valenzuela, Team Clutch Youth Baseball, 130 S. Steckel Dr. Apt. B, gave a history of Team Clutch, its purpose and how it benefits the kids. He stated that coaches, parents and volunteers provide all funds and work to prepare the infields and that the city only mows the outfields.

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Carlos Garcia, President Santa Paula Girls Softball League, 11 Eloise St., commented on the difficulty a fee increase will be for families and that many girls would not be able to play softball due to the increased cost. He also asked how the leagues would benefit from a fee increase stating that whether or not teams play the grass will have to be cut and that all the other maintainance is done by volunteers.

Enrique Ramirez, 431 Atmore Dr., a parent asked Council to present an itemized listing of expenses and state how staff arrived at those figures.

RECESS TO BREAK

Mayor Gonzales recessed the Council to a break at 8:22 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Gonzales reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

B. Update on City's Efforts to Purchase Waste Water Treatment Facility-

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated December 13, 2011.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovas to receive and file this report. All were in favor and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes reminded Council that City Hall will be on reduced hours during the week between Christmas and New Years and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Assistant City Attorney Cotti extended a holiday greeting to Council.

Councilmember Cook thanked Police Lieutenant Troyce Reynolds for his years of service as a loyal and dedicated employee and wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Gonzales reminded the Council that the next Regular City Council meeting is on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and wished a Merry Christmas to city staff and the public.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at *8:42 p.am.*

ATTEST:

Judy Rice, City Clerk