

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers James A. Tovias, Richard C. Cook, Fred W. Robinson, Vice Mayor Ralph J. Fernandez and Mayor Robert S. Gonzales were present. Also present were Acting City Manager Rick Araiza, Assistant City Attorney John C. Cotti and City Clerk Judy Rice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation - *Government Code § 54956.9* (one case): SouthWest Water Company– Letters dated November 2, 2011 and March 7, 2012
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation *Government Code § 54956.9*
(a) *People of the State of California ex rel. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles v. City of Santa Paula, et al.* VCSC Case No. 56-2007-00304441-CU-MC-VTA (Stipulated Consent Judgment and Final Order entered September 24, 2007; Court's continuing jurisdiction pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6).

Mayor Gonzales recessed the City Council to a Closed Session at 6:08 p.m., and reconvened the City Council into Open Session at 6:25 p.m. No action taken. Mayor Gonzales recessed the City Council at 6:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Pastor Dybvig gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Fernandez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers James A. Tovias, Richard C. Cook, Fred W. Robinson, Vice Mayor Ralph J. Fernandez and Mayor Robert S. Gonzales were present. Acting City Manager Rick Araiza, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins were also present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No reportable action.

PRESENTATION

- A. Presentation on the Structure of and Services Provided by Ventura Regional Sanitation District - General Manager Mark Lawler

Mr. Lawler provided a Power Point presentation on VRSD's structure and services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Chamberlain representing Singular Santa Paula congratulated Police Chief MacKinnon on the letter of support that was signed by about 150 community members and was presented to him at the Chamber of Commerce Good Morning Santa Paula. Mr. Chamberlain also gave a reminder that Singular Santa Paula's first production is scheduled for March 21, 2012.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Robinson attended the opening season of Little League and stated that he is very impressed with the organization, the kids, and leaders of Little League.

Councilmember Robinson attended the Heritage Valley Tourism Bureau workshop and stated that he is interested in getting the City reengaged in the Bureau in the future.

Vice Mayor Fernandez informed Council that renovation work is continuing on the aviary at Steckel Park and all those interested in contributing can attend the planning meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Vice Mayor Fernandez attended meetings this week with Acting City Manager Araiza and staff to ensure that Santa Paula transportation needs are met.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Acting City Manager Araiza requested 9F be pulled and moved to next meeting at the request of the applicant.

Mayor Gonzales requested that Item 9G be pulled to allow for a public speaker.

It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. 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 Special City Council Meeting of March 5, 2012. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report dated March 13, 2012.
- D. Minutes– Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of March 5, 2012. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report dated March 13, 2012.
- E. Warrants and Certificates– Review, approve, and file the attached warrants and certifications. Interim Finance Director Sandra K. Easley report dated March 19, 2012.

Invoices	1/31/12 – 2/3/12	
Wire Transfers	1/25/12 – 2/1/12	
Sub-Total		\$612,749.51

Invoices	2/6/12 – 2/9/12	
Wire Transfers	2/8/12 – 2/10/12	
Sub-Total		\$587,432.94

Invoices	2/13/12 – 2/15/12	
Wire Transfers	2/15/12	
Sub-Total		\$115,571.50

Invoices	2/23/12	
Wire Transfers	2/21/12 – 2/23/12	
Sub-Total		\$912,631.27

Invoices	2/28/12 – 3/1/12	
Wire Transfers	2/29/12	
Sub-Total		\$ 26,876.62
GRAND TOTAL		\$2,255,261.84

- F. 2011-CUP-06, Enforcement Agreement for Hozy's Grill– It is recommended that the City Council: 1) adopt Resolution 6780; 2) authorize the City Manager to execute an enforcement agreement, in a form approved by the Assistant City Attorney, allowing the sale of distilled spirits with beer and wine for on-site consumption at the property located at 1760 Lemonwood Drive; and 3) take such additional, related, action that may be desirable. **RESOLUTION NO. 6780** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNDER AN APPROVED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1760 LEMONWOOD DRIVE, APN 107-0-210-415. Planning Director Janna Minsk and Assistant Planner Caesar Hernandez's report dated March 19, 2012.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM (CONSENT CALENDAR)

- G. Hiring of Temporary Employees to Perform Maintenance of City's Wastewater Collection Services –

Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez' report dated March 14, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danny Carrillo, representing SEIU requested that the Council reconsider the staff recommendation to hire temporary workers and table this item to a future date.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cook to table this item to a later day when the City Manager is available. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to authorize the City Manager to hire two temporary full-time positions, to authorize the City Manager or his designee to solicit proposals from qualified wastewater collection firms to provide wastewater collection services for the City of Santa Paula and to consider in house staff for collection system services. Councilmembers Robinson, Tovas, Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Gonzales were in favor. Councilmember Cook was opposed. Motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Contracting for Animal Control Services–

Chief of Police Stephen MacKinnon's report dated March 12, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Saputo, 739 Algonquian St. Ventura, CA 93001 a SPARC board member and President of C.A.R.L. urged the Council to become part of the partnership to put Santa Paula on the map as a benchmark for other cities in Ventura County.

Sharon Clark, 1407 Balcom Canyon Rd., thanked the Council for entering into the first no-kill shelter in Ventura County and to Police Chief MacKinnon for his vision.

Renee Ruston, SPARC board member who founded START, and animal transport service for the western seaboard stated that she has built relationships with many shelters that are supportive of SPARC and Santa Paula's no-kill shelter.

Talia Wonder, 238 N. Olive St., owner of Best of VC Market place and SPARC board member urged Council to approve this contract.

Holly Graczyk, 14165 Huron Ct., Moorpark, Executive Director of SPARC stated that she is overwhelmed with the support of citizens and business' in Santa Paula and read the names of many of the donors and volunteers. She also thanked the Council and expressed her excitement at being in Santa Paula.

Diane Rawley, 705 E. Santa Barbara St. thanked Rod Elliott for his volunteer work with SPARC and stated that she is available to answer questions of Council.

Judy Shirley, 1155 Fern Oaks Dr. stated that she has 13 years of experience as a veterinarian technician that will be providing her services to the shelter and believes a no-kill shelter is a good thing for the City to consider.

After further discussion by Council the following motion was made.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovias, to authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a contract with Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center for the provision of animal control services in a form approved by the City Attorney. All were in favor and the motion carried.

BREAK

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the Council to a break at 8:02 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Gonzales reconvened the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

B. Athletic Field Fees–

Interim Community Services Director Ed Mount's report dated March 12, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Fincher, 117 Vela Ct., Vice President of Santa Paula Little League suggested that George Harding Park is unique in that the community volunteers and parents do the majority of the field work, unlike at Teague and Las Piedras Parks. She requested that Council stay any additional assessments until further research is completed identifying the true costs of maintenance.

Carlos Garcia, 11 Eloisa St. representing Santa Paula Girls Softball League recommended that Option #2 of the suggested options for fee increases be adopted but stop at no more than 50% - 60% of the increase because much of the field maintenance is done on a volunteer basis.

Martin Martinez, 889 Coronado Circle representing the Barcellona Soccer Club stated that the tournaments played in Santa Paula generate revenue for businesses in town. He handed out a list of soccer expenses and asked Council to keep the costs in mind when making a decision to increase fees.

Jerry Marquez, 163 Felkins Rd. thanked City Manager Fontes and the Community Services Department for working with the soccer clubs in scheduling. He asked Council to review the policy in place to schedule fields for outside leagues suggesting that local teams should have preference.

Sylvia De Santiago, 906 McKevevett Rd. Regional Commissioner for AYSO, stated that they are a national non-profit and that Santa Paula is the 82nd region in thousands of regions in the nation. She read a letter of support from Dr. Michael Tushla that stated that AYSO registers the most kids to play soccer, to consider that City does not pay for upkeep of the Limoneira soccer fields, and proposed that AYSO be charged a flat rate such as a \$5.00 per player fee. Ms. De Santiago reminded Council that AYSO is an all-volunteer league and that AYSO has more to offer but are limited due to limited fields.

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

C. Designation of Voting Delegate for the 2012 SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly–

City Manager Jaime Fontes' report dated March 13, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Procter, Ventura County Representative for SCAG encouraged Council to attend the upcoming General Assembly. He stated that SCAG will provide registration and one night hotel stay for the appointed delegate.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to designate Vice Mayor Fernandez as a voting delegate for the 2012 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly. All were in favor and the motion carried.

D. Appointment to the Recreation Commission–

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated March 14, 2012.

Vice Mayor Fernandez and Councilmember Robinson were absent for this interview and recused themselves.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, to appoint Sharon Mittleholtz to fill one vacancy on the Recreation Commission for an unscheduled vacancy that will expire April 2013. All were in favor and the motion carried.

E. Appointment to the Mobile Home Rent Review Commission–

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated March 14, 2012.

Councilmember Robinson was absent for this interview and recused himself.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovas, to reappoint Karen Djearnas to fill a vacancy on the MHRRC for a two-year term to expire October 2013. All were in favor and the motion carried.

F. Appointment to the Design Assistance Committee–

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated March 14, 2012.

Councilmember Robinson was absent for interview and recused himself.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovas, to reappoint Karen Djearnas to fill a vacancy as a citizen representative on the

Design Assistance Committee for a four-year term to expire September 2015. All were in favor and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Tovas attended the production of Grease at Santa Paula High School and congratulated them on a great show.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at *9:07 p.m.*

ATTEST:

Judy Rice, City Clerk