

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Councilmember Robinson 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. 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

None.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Fernandez updated the Council on the progress of the transit study group as they move forward with a plan to ensure that the Heritage Valley maintains control of their own destiny in providing public transportation.

City Manager Fontes also commented on his desire to ensure that Santa Paula, along with Fillmore and Piru, maintain control of the decisions being made to provide public transportation.

Vice Mayor Fernandez spoke of the progress being made to renovate and maintain the bird aviary at Steckel Park. He stated that another meeting is planned for Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. A fundraising effort will begin with the distribution of flyers requesting donations that can be made to the Santa Paula Community Fund on behalf of the aviary.

Mayor Gonzales presented a letter to City Manager Fontes regarding excessive motorcycle noise on Ojai Rd. for investigation by staff.

Mayor Gonzales also spoke of a letter of recognition he received from a general contractor that complimented Gladys Izaguirre and other Community Development staff on their helpfulness.

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

Vice Mayor Fernandez asked that Item 8F be pulled for discussion.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovias 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 April 2, 2012. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins’ report dated April 9, 2012.
- D. **Warrants and Certificates**– Review, approve, and file the attached warrants and certifications. Interim Finance Director Sandra K. Easley report dated April 16, 2012.

Invoices	03/05/12-03/08/12	
Wire Transfers	03/07/12	
Sub-Total		\$697,708.91
Invoices	03/15/12	
Wire Transfers	03/14/12	
Sub-Total		\$ 23,195.53
Voided Checks	03/20/12	
Invoices	03/20/12-03/22/12	
Wire Transfers	03/20/12-03/21/12	
Sub-Total		\$944,864.70
Invoices	3/26/12-03/27/12	
Wire Transfers	3/27/12-3/28/12	
Sub-total		\$592,157.90
GRAND TOTAL		\$2,257,927.04

- E. **Annual Financial Reports of the Local Transportation Development Act Fund for Public Utilities Code §§ 99400, 99234 Funds for the City of Santa Paula for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**– It is recommended that the City Council receive and place on file the Annual Financial Reports for the Local Transportation Development Act Fund, Public Utilities Code §§ 99400 and 99234 for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011 resulting from the audits by Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio & Associates, PC, Certified Public Accountants. Interim Finance Director Sandra K. Easley’s report dated March 21, 2012.

- G. **Approval of Plans and Specifications for Lemonwood and Harding Park Wastewater Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project**– It is recommended that City Council 1) adopt Resolution No. 6785 approving the plans and specifications for Lemonwood and Harding Park Wastewater Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project; 2) authorize staff to advertise for bids; and (3) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. RESOLUTION NO. 6785 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER LIFT STATIONS REHABILITATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6. Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez' report dated April 11, 2012.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM (CONSENT CALENDAR)

- F. **Annual Audited Financial Reports for the City of Santa Paula & Former Redevelopment Agency for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**–

Interim Finance Director Sandra K. Easley's report dated March 21, 2012

A brief discussion followed Ms. Easley's presentation.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to receive and place on file the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Gonzales introduced Supervisor Kathy Long.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. **Santa Paula Creek Update**–

Planning Director Janna Minsk's report dated April 10, 2012.

Supervisor Long introduced Darrell Buxton and Van Cristomo from the Army Corp of Engineers and Ventura County Public Works Director Jeff Pratt and Interim Director of the Water Protection District Peter Sheydayi. A presentation providing information on the condition of the Santa Paula Creek and the options for maintenance was provided. Supervisor Long suggested that when the opportunity is right that Council move forward with the County to request federal funds to help keep the Santa Paula Creek from flooding.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. **City of Santa Paula General Plan Housing Element Update Project No. 2007-CI-07 and Creation of Affordable Housing Overlay Zone Project No. 11-CI-05**

Planning Director Janna Minsk's report dated April 16, 2012

Upon verification of proper notification and posting by the City Clerk, Mayor Gonzales opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

John Douglas, Housing Element Consultant for the City gave a slide presentation further identifying the details as presented in the staff report.

Planning Director Janna Minsk read into the record a correction to Ordinance 1242, Page 13, Section 16.238.08, Item B, eliminating the following words from the first sentence, "or a similar use".

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andres Garcia, representing CRLA commented on behalf of a client in need of affordable and appropriately sized housing.

Audrey Vincent, 1001 June St. spoke in support of affordable housing as proposed for low-income families and farm workers.

Leslie Leavens-Crowe, 485 Monte Vista, a local farmer that provides limited housing to her employees, spoke in favor of the Housing Element Update and encouraged Council to approve it as presented.

John Wisda, 550 Monte Vista, cautioned the Council against using industrial land for low-income housing suggesting an overlay of the blighted residential areas of Santa Paula for affordable housing instead of using industrial land that he feels will inevitably result in lawsuits. He also asked Council to consider the current census figures instead of using the 2000 figures which when considered would change the Housing Element Update.

Sonia Flores, Coordinator for the Farm Workers Housing Committee, urged Council to approve the Housing Element Update with the provision that the Ordinance regarding density be amended as provided for in the update.

Mike Penrod, 112 N. 10th St., representing Limoneira Co. stated that Limoneira appreciates staff's work and time invested in the Housing Element Update and asked Council to consider the benefit to the East Area 1 development if approved.

RECESS TO A BREAK

Mayor Gonzales recessed the Council meeting to at a break at 8:15 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Gonzales reconvened the Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Gonzales asked Planning Director Minsk to address the issues and concerns brought up by Planning Commissioner Wisda. Ms. Minsk stated she was bound by Housing and Community Development's rules and regulations in the use of and time period for the data used in the Housing Element Update.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Cook to adopt Resolution No. 6781, introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 1242, **as amended**, authorize the City Manager or designee to forward the Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") for review and authorize the City Manager to execute a settlement agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the California Rual Legal Assistance, Inc. ("CRLA") on behalf of its client. Under roll call vote, Councilmembers Robinson, Cook, Tovias and Mayor Gonzales were in favor. Vice Mayor Fernandez was opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6781

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ADDENDUM DATED JANUARY 2012, THE AMENDED 2008-2014 HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE SANTA PAULA GENERAL PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

ORDINANCE NO. 1242

AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW CHAPTERS 16.35 AND 16.238 TO THE SANTA PAULA MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING A HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OVERLAY ZONE IN SPECIFIED COMMERCIAL/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND ESTABLISHING A SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO IMPLEMENT SUCH OVERLAY ZONE.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

A. **Approval of Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications for City Legal Services**–

City Manager Jaime Fontes' report dated April 10, 2012.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to receive the report and approve the RFP/RFQ for City legal services with a correction to the last page to include that the responsive bidder maintain an office within a 75 mile radius of Santa Paula. All were in favor and the motion carried.

B. **2012-2013 Budget Update**

Interim Finance Director Sandra K. Easley's verbal report.

There was a brief discussion.

C. **Summer City Council Meeting Schedule**– It is recommended that the City Council determine its meeting schedule for July and August, 2012.

City Manager Jaime Fontes' report dated April 11, 2012.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez to cancel the regularly scheduled Council meetings of July 2nd, July 16th and August 6th. All were in favor and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes stated that he will be presenting a summary of the permitting process and security issues in the downtown area in a memo to Council.

Councilmember Robinson stated that he will be attending the League of Cities Legislative Days next week and is planning on visiting all of our legislators to discuss city budgets.

Vice Mayor Fernandez commented that a study session will be held at City Hall regarding transportation issues.

Councilmember Cook asked to be given the list of upcoming agenda items.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to hear an update from staff on Santa Paula Materials. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Cook to have the City Manager provide Council with a plan of action regarding Santa Paula Creek. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 9:02 *p.m.*

ATTEST:

Judy Rice, City Clerk