

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Deacon Al Guilin gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Fernandez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of Proclamation to Girl Scouts in Celebration of 100th Anniversary

Vice Mayor Fernandez presented a proclamation to the Girl Scouts and their Troop Leaders. Troop Leader Kathy Fernandez spoke about the various activities the Scouts have participated in relative to the celebration of their 100th anniversary. The Girl Scouts also reminded Council that Girl Scout cookies are currently for sale.

B. Update Regarding County of Ventura Human Services Agency - Barry Zimmerman, Director

Mr. Zimmerman spoke of the changes that the County Human Services Agency is making to staffing and services in Santa Paula and surrounding areas.

C. Presentation of Singular Santa Paula - Connie Tushla

Connie Tushla explained the concept and purpose of Singular Santa Paula and introduced their first production video. John Chamberlain then presented Singular Santa Paula's marketing plan.

D. Cal Poly Student Presentation/Downtown Implementation Plan Class Project

With the use of a slide presentation, the students presented their plan for economic development in the downtown area.

RECESS TO BREAK

Mayor Gonzales recessed the Council to a break at 8:20 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike L. Adams, resident of Santa Paula requested that Council review the permitting process for construction. He presented pictures and a description of the construction process on a residence that has been extended repeatedly which is allowed through the current permitting process exposing the neighbors and city visitors to the appearance of blight and encourages graffiti and vandalism.

Laura Espinosa, 233 Corte Linda spoke of her concerns regarding the changes that the County Human Services Agency are making to staffing and services in Santa Paula and surrounding areas.

Lupe Grimaldo, 427 Third St., Fillmore representing SEIU 721 and County HSA employees spoke of concerns that services to her clients will be diminished due to the changes that the County Human Services Agency are making to staffing and services in Santa Paula and surrounding areas.

Lorenzo Moraga, 675 Southwick St. President of Latino Town Hall urged Council to take a strong position against the changes that the County Human Services Agency is making to staffing and services in Santa Paula.

David Cruz-Thayne introduced himself as a candidate for the 26th Congressional District.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Fernandez gave an update on the progress of the plan to preserve the Steckel Park bird aviary. A strategy is being developed to rehabilitate the aviary with Supervisor Kathy Long and staff from the County Parks Department. He also stated that there will be a date set in April to start the clean-up.

Vice Mayor Fernandez Member of Ventura County Transportation Commission spoke of the County's west end transportation needs and concerns and noted that a strategy to provide the best services for Santa Paula will have to be considered.

City Manager Fontes stated that a petition signed by several hundred citizens shows strong interest in naming the multi-purpose ball field at Harding Park after Tony Vasquez and that he will bring a proposal back to Council for discussion.

Councilmember Tovas attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Orchards stating that 160 senior applicants that qualified for affordable housing was received for this 20 unit complex demonstrating the need for similar quality housing in Santa Paula.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Fernandez recused himself from Items 9D and 9C due to his absence from the meeting of February 21, 2012.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Tovas, seconded by Councilmember Cook 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 February 28, 2012 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- Approval of Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of February 21, 2012. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins' report dated February 28, 2012.
- E. Minutes– Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 21, 2012. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins' report dated February 28, 2012.

- F. Update of Contract for Animal Control Services– It is recommended that the City Council: 1) authorize the City Manager or his designee to advise Ventura County Animal Control Services of our intent to terminate the contract effective May 31, 2012 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 February 29, 2012.
- G. Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Trail Planting and Irrigation Project Close out and Notice of Completion–It is recommended that the City Council 1) receive and file the Notice of Completion (NOC) and final project accounting for the Planting and Irrigation Bike Trail Project; and 2) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez's report dated February 29, 2012.
- H. Plans and Specifications for the Fuchsia Tank Water Main Connection Project– It is recommended that City Council: 1) adopt Resolution No. 6780 approving the plans and specifications for Fuchsia Tank Water Main Connection Project, 2) authorize staff to advertise for bids, and 3) take such additional action that may be desirable. RESOLUTION NO. 6780 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FUCHSIA TANK WATER MAIN CONNECTION PROJECT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6. Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez's report dated February 29, 2012
- I. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with RJR Engineering Group for Construction Management for the 6th, Bradley & Olive Streets Project– It is recommended that the City Council: 1) approve a budget allocation of \$87,710.00 for construction management services related to the 6th, Bradley & Olive Street Paving and Water Improvement Project; 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney for the budgeted amount with RJR Engineering Group and 3) take such additional action that may be desired. Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez's report dated February 29, 2012

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Member to Santa Paula Housing Authority–
City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated February 28, 2012.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Cook to reappoint Philip C. Caruso to the Santa Paula Housing Authority to fill a vacant 4-year term to expire October, 2015. All were in favor and the motion carried.

B. Appointment of Member to Santa Paula Planning Commission–

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated February 28, 2012.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to appoint Gail E. Ikerd to the SPPC beginning April 2, 2012, to fill a vacant 4-year term to expire June 2015. All were in favor and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember cook, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to have staff report back with an update on the ongoing parking issues in the area of Ojai Ave. and Main St. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cook, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez to have staff report back on the permitting process as it concerns construction and extensions. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Cook to receive an update from Ventura County Transportation Commission about Santa Paula's transportation issues. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez to receive an update on the naming of the multi-purpose ball field at Harding Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice, City Clerk