

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Martin F. Hernandez, Vice Mayor James A. Tovias, and Mayor Richard C. Cook responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, and City Attorney John C. Cotti and City Clerk Judy Rice were also present. Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez arrived at 5:37 p.m. and Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales arrived at 6:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Labor Negotiations– Government Code § 54957.6. City Labor Negotiators: Human Resources Manager Lorena Alvarez, Assistant to the City Manager Elisabeth Amador and Finance Director Sandy Easley. Employee Organizations: SEIU Local 721; Santa Paula Police Officers Association (SPPOA); Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association (VCPFA), representing Santa Paula Full-time Firefighters; Community Services Officers (CSO); Mid-Management Association, Supervisory and Professional Association; unrepresented confidential employees (City employees who are not members of bargaining units); and Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal.
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) - In re City of Santa Paula v. Santa Paula Water, LLC, et al.; Arbitration proceeding (Formally Initiated).

Mayor Cook recessed the City Council to a closed session at 5:35 p.m and reconvened the City Council into the Regular Meeting at 6:47 p.m Mayor Cook recessed the City Council at 6:347 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. Mayor Cook led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, Vice Mayor James A. Tovias, and Mayor Richard C. Cook responded to roll call. Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney John C. Cotti, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco were also present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Araceli Preciado, 622 E. Main Street, CAUSE Community Organizer regarding the crosswalk issues on Steckel Dr & Harvard Blvd. She expressed that some of the residents had spoken at a previous Council meeting to complain about the dangers at this intersection and at that meeting were told they would be contacted to attend a Traffic Safety Committee meeting. She informed the Council that neither she nor the residents have received a response from the Traffic Safety Committee to attend a meeting.

Miguel Rodriguez, 622 E. Main Street, informed the Council that his nephew was hit by a car at the intersection of Steckel Dr. & Harvard Blvd. requested that TSC meet to improve this crosswalk and many other crosswalks to keep our children safe.

Maricuz Peñuelas, 622 E. Maint Street #212 informed the Council that she was one of the parents who spoke at the previous Council meeting regarding her concerns about the unsafety crosswalks. She asked that the Council listen to the community and to please do something about improving the safety of the crosswalks our children use on a daily basis.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes informed the City Council, that they will receive information regarding an upcoming conflict of interest session for the Council, possibly in March as a Special meeting.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to approve final agenda as presented. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzalez, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to approve consent calendar as presented. All were in favor under roll call vote 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 Meetings of January 6, 2014. Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco's report dated February 25, 2014.
- D. Award Highway 150 (10th Street) Enhancement Improvements Project Design to Pacific Coast Land Design, Inc. – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) allocate \$58,360.00 from grant account Nos. 409.5.9273.660 and 100.5.9273.660 for the design of the Highway 150 (10th Street) Enhancement Improvement Project; 2) authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Pacific Coast Land Design, Inc. in a form approved by the City Attorney; and 3)

take such additional, related action that may be desirable. Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez' report dated February 26, 2014.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Reservaton Fees for Group Areas-

Interim Community Services Director Ed Mounts report dated February 26, 2014.

Tim Hicks, 560 Howie Court, Member of the Recreation Commission, expressed his support to charging fees to recover costs associated with reservations and use of park areas.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to receive and file the report and adopt the fees that staff suggests to recover costs associated with reservation and use of park areas. Under roll call vote Councilmember Hernandez, Councilmember Gonzales, Vice Mayor Tovias and Mayor Cook were in favor. Councilmember Fernandez was opposed. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes shared that he met with hospital staff and school staff and received positive feedback with regards to using the new transit system.

Councilmembers Fernandez and Gonzales gave an update regarding their joint School/City subcommittee meeting. They shared that some of the items they discussed were about parking issues and the future of the bus system and how it will come into play with the school.

City Attorney John Cotti gave a brief litigation update regarding the former Chief MacKinnon's lawsuit against the City of Santa Paula alleging a wrongful termination. He informed the Council that on Feb. 27, the court dismissed the lawsuit in its entirety.

Mayor Cook shared that Sunday was Santa Paula Little League's Opening Day. He also mention about the passing of Councilmember Hernandez' mother and requested that the meeting be adjourned in her memory.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2014
Administrative Conference Room and Council Chambers

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tovas seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to request that staff revisit the ordinance as it pertains to local preference for contractors. All in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. in Memory of Mrs. Hernandez; Councilmember Hernandez' mother.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk