

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, 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 were also present. Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales was absent. City Clerk Judy Rice arrived at 5:40 pm and Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Aram Agdaian, SEIU Local 721 Representative spoke on behalf of SEIU employees, urged the Council to show respect to the SEIU members by giving staff clear direction to proceed with labor negotiations. He asked Council to direct staff to provide more accurate information.

Francisco Almazan, SEIU member, spoke on behalf of his fellow SEIU co-workers urged the Council to make the Water Division employees equal pay to other employees. He spoke about the difficulty in passing the Water Certificate exams.

**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).

- C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation- Government Code § 54957.  
Title: City Manager.

Mayor Cook recessed the City Council to a closed session at 5:34 p.m and reconvened the City Council into the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m Mayor Cook recessed the City Council at 6:30 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Deacon Al Guilin led the invocation and Mayor Cook led the flag salute.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Items A and B, no reportable action. Item C will be continued following the regular meeting.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Proclamation presented to Ventura College Santa Paula Campus in Celebrating Women's History Month March 2014.

Councilmember Hernandez presented a proclamation on behalf of the City Council to Sabrina Canola in recognition of Women's History Month March 2104 at Ventura College Santa Paula Campus.

- B. Proclamation presented to DMV/Donate for Life California Month.

Councilmember Fernandez presented a proclamation on behalf of the City Council to Karen Willis comememorating DMV/Donate for Life California Month.

C. Presentation of New Police Officers by Chief McLean.

Chief McLean introduced spoke regarding the five police officers and their outstanding scores at the academy. Eric Burnett, Dan McCarthy, Dan Gosselin, Zack Swanson and Wyatt Gates.

(This item was not part of the agenda. The Mayor requested that the officers be introduced at this meeting)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rhonda McKaig, spoke regarding her concerns about the violence in Santa Paula. She asked Council to provide direction and leadership on how the community can help support the Police Department in protecting our community.

Debbie Johnson, spoke regarding upcoming K-9 Dinner, April 30 at the Community Center and invited the Council and the community to help support the K-9. Tickets are available at the Santa Paula Times or the Police Department; \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children.

John Procter, 16780 Bridge Road, informed the council regarding the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2014 Regional Conference & General Assembly, May 1-2, 2014. He suggested that the Council place an item on the agenda to select a delegate to attend the General Assembly.

Fred Robinson, 380 View Drive, spoke regarding the multiple unsafe railroad crossing in the City of Santa Paula for pedestrians. He requested that staff meet with Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to obtain funds to make the necessary repairs on these railroad crossing.

Debbie Eastman, owner of Bee Loved Florist, 915 E. Main Street spoke regarding their support in the Das Williams Bill AB 1789 for the bee decline. She shared that in the month of April, Bee Loved Florist will donate 10% of all sales to purchase books to be donate to boys & girls club.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Fontes informed the City Council that tomorrow he will be providing them with the two proposed dates for the water and sewer rate study. One will take place in April, the other in May.

City Manager Fontes informed the Council that the ethics conflict of interest study session will be rescheduled with an attorney by the ICMA League of California Cities.

### **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Gonzales pulled item 10F. It was moved by Councilmember Gonzalez, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to approve 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. Warrants and Certificates – Review, approve, and file the attached warrants and certifications. Finance Director Sandra K. Easley's reports dated March 27, 2014.

Voided Checks	03/05/14	
Invoices	03/04/14 – 03/05/14	
Wire Transfers	03/05/14	
Subtotal		\$266,962.43
Invoices	03/12/14 – 03/14/14	
Wire Transfers	03/19/14	
Subtotal		\$902,559.51
Invoices	03/19/14	
Wire Transfers	03/19/14	
Subtotal		\$235,527.13

GRAND TOTAL \$1,405,049.07

- D. Minutes – It is recommended that the City Council approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meetings of January 6, 2014, January 21, 2014 and February 3, 2014. Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco’s report dated April 1, 2014.
- E. Notification of Award and Authorization to Match Emergency Management Performance Grant – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) accept the award of the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$14,300.00; (2) allocate \$14,300.00 representing the City’s matching requirement; and (3) take such additional, related action as may be desired. Fire Chief Richard Araiza’s report dated April 2, 2014

**(SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS)**

- F. Request to Purchase a New Police Vehicle – It is recommended that City Council: (1) Pursuant to the Santa Paula Municipal Code 41.13, authorize the City Manager or designee, to utilize the cooperative bidding procedure used by Los Angeles County for contracting to purchase on Dodge Charger vehicle; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with McPeek’s Dodge of Anaheim in a form approved by the City Attorney; and (3) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. Police Chief Steven McLean’s Report dated April 2, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to authorize the City Manager or designee, to utilize the cooperative bidding procedure used by Los Angeles County for contracting to purchase a Dodge Charger vehicle and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with McPeek’s Dodge of Anaheim in a form approved by the City Attorney. Under roll call vote, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Fernandez, Vice Mayor Tovas and Mayor Cook in favor. Councilmember Hernandez was opposed. The motion carried.

**RECESSED TO BREAK**

Mayor Cook recessed the City Council to a break at 7:30 p.m.

**RECONVENED TO THE REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Cook reconvened the City Council at 7:40 p.m.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Update on Maintaining Adams and Fagan Canyons within City Sphere –

Planning Director Janna Minsk's report dated March 27, 2014.

City Manager Fontes made note that Mr. Kai Luoma, the new Director from LAFCO is present tonight and also representatives of both Adams and Fagan Canyon.

John Wisda, spoke in support of Fagan and Adams Canyon but expressed his concerns for adequate water supply to support the developments.

Sandy Smith, representing Sespe Consulting and RE Loans; Informed Council that the developers are ready to begin work on keeping Adams in the sphere of influence and is looking forward to working with the City staff and the Council.

Steve Smead, spoke in support of Adams and Fagan Canyon and asked that the City do everything necessary start a plan for development in these canyons to keep them in the Santa Paula's sphere of influence.

Simon Malk, 2201 San Diegito Dr. Del Mar representing Bruce Dickenson and Mike Mobley property owners in Fagan Canyon spoke in support of the project.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to receive and file the information and provide direction to staff. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

B. Request to Fund Repair of Engine 81 and Develop Specifications for the Purchase of First Run Fire Engine –

Fire Chief Richard Araiza's report dated March 18, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a contract to replace the power unit on Engine 81 and commence the development of

specifications for the purchase of a new engine to replace Engine 81 as a first run fire engine. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tovas seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to request that staff to present a plan to address police protection and street repair and to address the following questions: 1) What are the voting requirements to increase the local sales tax? 2) How much can the local sales tax be increased? 3) What are the procedures and timeline that must be followed for increasing the sales tax?, and 4) How can to proceeds be used? All in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to have the City Manager and Police Chief come back to council with plan to hire one school resource officer for the middle school, one resource officer for the high school, two street officers and two special enforcement officers and to look at grants and funding options available to help fund these positions. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Cook to request that staff look into hiring or retaining a grant writer. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Mayor Cook to request that the item to select a SCAG member be brought back on a future agenda. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Cook adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened the Council to Closed Session.

ATTEST:

Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 7, 2014  
Administrative Conference Room and Council Chambers

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Judy Rice  
City Clerk

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