

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, Vice Mayor James A. Tovas, 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 arrived at 6:30 p.m.. City Clerk Judy Rice arrived at 5:40 pm and Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco was absent.

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 6:05 p.m and reconvened the City Council into the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m Mayor Cook recessed the City Council at 6:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m., Councilmember Hernandez led the invocation and Mayor Cook led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, Councilmember Martin F. Hernandez, Vice Mayor James A. Tovas and Mayor Richard C. Cook responded to roll call. City 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

- A. Proclamation presented for National Drinking Water Week May 4 – 10, 2014 - Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez.

Councilmember Hernandez presented the proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and the City Council to the Water Division for their continuous dedication to the City's water customers.

Scott Brown, Water Operations employee thanked the Council for the proclamation and recognition. He stated that water employees have not been able to pass exams that are required for their positions as set by City staff. He asked that Council address this issue so that water employees can continue doing their job for the community.

Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez thanked the water employees for their continuous hard work and dedication to the community. He also thanked Sam Hutton for the great job in obtaining rebates from Edison receiving \$46,000 in rebates in the last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Espinoza, 233 Corte Linda spoke briefly regarding the upcoming fundraiser Rebozo Festival and invited the Council and the community to the event taking place at the Camarillo Ranch on May 18, 2014 from 11am to 5pm. The money raised goes to the communities of Ventura County to support libraries, youth groups and other non profit organizations.

Doug Kadowski, 404 N. Sixth Street, Music Director of Santa Paula High School band, spoke regarding the fundraising to recover the money needed to send the high school kids on the band tour. He invited the Council to the upcoming concert "Save our Tour" May 10 at 7pm and the school auditorium. He thanked all those who have been supportive in helping recover the money and especially noted the hard work of Police Chief McLean.

Ronda McKaig, 132 Woodland Drive, spoke regarding her concerns about the lack of resources of our police department in addressing crime related issues. In her opinion the police department is understaffed and stretched too thin while the crime continues to rise. She asked that Council make the police issue a priority by increasing staff and providing the resources they need. She thanked Chief McLean for the amazing job he's doing.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Fernandez reminded the community of the continued efforts to raise money to keep open the high school pool open for our community, five days a week for the summer. For donations, please contact Councilmember Fernandez or Chief McLean and make checks out to Santa Paula Community Fund.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to approve final agenda as presented with the condition that item 12B be pulled from the agenda per the request of Mr. Sandoval (La Terraza) to bring back to the next meeting. Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Hernandez, Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Cook were in favor. Vice Mayor Tovias abstained due to business within 500ft from restaurant. The motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Geologic Hazard Abatement District Special Assessment

Upon Verification of posting by the City Clerk, Mayor Cook opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez' report dated April 16, 2014.

Anthony Ferreira, 990 Coronado Circle, spoke on behalf of the Ridgecrest owners and asked that Council postpone the issue until the owners are better informed. He expressed that no notification of this tax roll was received and they had no knowledge of this.

Jennifer Reed, 924 Coronado Circle, expressed her concerns about the excessive \$1,414 assessments use and in her opinion is going to waste. She shared that the assessment was to provide for maintenance and prevention of geological hazards and that the homeowners have not seen their money being used productively. Request council postpone any action until they receive further information.

Robert Reed, 924 Coronado Circle, expressed his concerns that the money collected for the assessment is not being used for what it was intended and said that they the homeowners should have access to the budget pertaining to the collection of this assessment.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to deny adoption of Resolution No. 6832 placing a \$1,414.00 per parcel special assessment onto the December 2014 tax roll for the Geological Hazard Abatement District and continue the item to the next regularly scheduled

meeting so that staff can return with more information. All were in favor under roll call vote, and the motion carried.

RECESSED TO A BREAK

Mayor Cook recessed the City Council to a break at 7:40 p.m.

RECONVENED TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cook reconvened the City Council at 7:50 p.m.

B. Hillsborough Open Space Maintenance District

Upon Verification of posting by the City Clerk, Mayor Fernandez opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez' report dated April 16, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to adopt Resolution No. 6861 placing a \$150.00 per parcel special assessment onto the December 2014 tax roll for the Hillsborough Open Space Maintenance District. **RESOLUTION NO. 6861** – A RESOLUTION PLACING A \$150 ASSESSMENT ON THE TAX ROLL FOR ALL 71 PARCELS IN THE HILLSBROUGH OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE § 54715.

Mayor Cook closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Request for Authorization to Purchase a Replacement Engine from Pierce Manufacturing and to Allow for Out of State Travel in Connection with the Purchase

Fire Chief Richard Araiza's report dated April 22, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contact for the purchase a new Fire Engine and authorize out of state travel for inspection during construction of the fire engine to ensure compliance with the specifications. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

B. Enforcement Agreement for Adan Sandoval (La Terraza Restaurant Project No. 14-CDP-01)

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes report dated April 28, 2014.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Direct Preparation of a Resolution Calling for an Election on a Proposed Ballot Measure Seeking Voter Approval of a Transaction and Use (Sales) Tax

City Attorney John C. Cotti's report dated April 30, 2014.

Tim Hicks, 560 Howie Court, spoke in favor of a 1 % specific tax and in his opinion the people need to know where the money is going, streets, police and fire.

Nick Bacigalupo, 4122 Gettysburg St, Ventura, Steward for Ventura County Police and Fire Association, spoke in support of providing funding for fire fighters and expressed that any new funding must including a potential tax measure must include funding for the fire department so that essential services to the community can be retained.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tovas, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to direct City staff to prepare the necessary resolutions to call for a Ballot Measure to Increase the Transactions and Use Tax by 1% as part of the November 4, 2014, consolidated election and direct that the ballot measure propose a special tax so that 60% of the revenue generated is restricted for the use of expended police services and 40% is restricted for improvements of City Also that staff develop and expenditure plan that clearly defines the projects and services that this initiative will fund And that a fiscal accountability provision is built into the measure. Councilmember Gonzales and Vice Mayor Tovas were in favor. Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Hernandez and Mayor Cook were opposed. The motion was denied.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to direct staff to return with a ½% specific tax, utilize the tax generated for police and fire and possibly streets. Include that staff look review what parcel tax will generate as income for the City including a sunset clause; and the difference between a five year, 10 year and 15 year sunset clause on 5% for sales tax and 1% on parcel tax. Also, have staff come back with a 40/40/20; 40% police, 40% fire and 20% streets formula and cost analysis. Councilmember

Gonzales, Councilmember Hernandez and Mayor Cook were in favor, Councilmember Fernandez and Vice Mayor Tovias were opposed. The motion carried.

D. City Council Summer Meeting Schedule

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated April 29, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to cancel the meetings in July and the first meeting in August

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes, informed Council of the upcoming issues such as school parking and security and water rates that will be coming back at a special meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to bring back a discussion on SAFER grant. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cook adjourned the Meeting at 9:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk