

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, Vice Mayor James A. Tovias, and Mayor Richard C. Cook responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney John C. Cotti and City Clerk Judy Rice were also present. Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, arrived at 6:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Campos, 84 Pamela Ct representing VCPFFA spoke regarding gym memberships for Fire Department physical fitness program.

Raul Gaitan, representing Supervisory & Professional Employees spoke briefly regarding the contract and cafeteria plan and the lack of pay raises. He shared that Sam Hutton in the water division takes on all the responsibilities because there are no engineers and in his opinion is due a raise.

Nick Bacigalupo, representing the Santa Paula Firefighters spoke regarding the 2014-2015 MOU.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **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).

- B. **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

- C. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation**– *Government Code § 54957(b)*. Title: City Manager.

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 6:45 p.m Mayor Cook recessed the City Council at 6:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m., Pastor Jenny Crosswhite 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 Public Works Week May 19 – 125, 2014** - Interim Public Works Director Brian Yanez.

Councilmember Fernandez presented the proclamation to the Public Works Employees on behalf of the Mayor and the City Council.

Raul Gaitan thanked the Council for their recognition and spoke briefly regarding the responsibilities of each of the Public Works employees.

Robert Howard and Sam Hutton both spoke regarding the needs of their department and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shane Norwood, 214 S. 10th Street, representing the Santa Paula POA labor negotiations, reminded the Council of the current under staffing concerns and asked that Council make equal sacrifices as the police department is doing and bring the pay and benefits up closer to that of other agencies.

Maxine McKaig, 411 Estriga Ct., asked Council to look at concerns such as repair of the railroad track, funds for the police department, the budget, property tax base in the City, and asked that Council include the community in a plan to help out.

Steve Smead, 145 S. 8th Street, expressed in his opinion that the citizens of Santa Paula should not be penalized for dropping off the payment after 4:30 on the last day it's due. He stated that the bill does not say it has to be in by 4:30, it only states the date it should be in by. He asked that Council look into this issue.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Fernandez acknowledged former Councilmember Laura Espinoza and former Mayor and Councilmember Gabino Aguirre in the audience.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Cook pulled Item 10E. It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to approve the 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 May 7, 2014, 2014.

Voided Checks	03/27/14	
Invoices	03/19/14 – 03/28/14	
Wire Transfers	03/26/14	
Subtotal		\$598,807.59
Voided Checks	04/03/14	
Invoices	03/31/14 – 04/03/14	
Wire Transfers	04/01/14 – 04/03/14	
Subtotal		\$494,634.17
Invoices	04/09/14 – 04/11/14	
Wire Transfers	04/09/14	
Subtotal		\$35,893.44
Invoices	04/14/14 – 04/17/14	
Wire Transfers	04/14/14 – 04/16/14	
Subtotal		\$338,508.99

GRAND TOTAL \$1,467,844.19

- D. Minutes - It is recommended that the City Council approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meetings of February 18, 2014. Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco’s report dated May 13, 2014.
- F. Approval of Employee Benefits for Unrepresented, Confidential Employees and Adoption of Resolution NO. 6874- It is recommended that the City Council : (1) adopt the attached Resolution No. 6874 authorizing employee benefits for unrepresented, confidential employees; and (2) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. **RESOLUTION NO. 6874** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA ADOPTING FRINGE BENEFITS FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. Human Resources Director Lorena Alvarez’ report dated May 7, 2014.

CONSENT CALENDAR (SEPARATE ACTION ITEM)

- E. Award Landscape Maintenance Services Contract to Sunridge Landscape Maintenance – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with Sunridge Landscape Maintenance three years to provide landscaping services for gateways, water facilities, parks, public right of ways and business district landscaping in a form approved by the City Attorney and; (2) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. Interim Community Services Director Ed Mount's report dated May 14, 2014.

Steve Smead, 145 S. 8th Street, spoke in opposition to the selection for Landscape Maintenance Services. In his opinion, the contractor selected did not bid on the items correctly and feels the contractor will not be available when needed.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovias to pull item for the next Council meeting and request staff to review contract in more detail. All in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Update on 2014 SAFER Grant

Fire Chief Richard Araiza's report dated May 14, 2014.

Nick Bacigalupo for Santa Paula Fire Fighters asked that Council make efforts to retain the reserve fire fighters by bridging the funding until the SAFER grant is approve and to work on finding a solution to make these firefighters permanent employees.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to receive and file the report and ask that Chief Araiza return with other options to look at funding these five positions for a six month period and a cost estimate to fund the five firefighters for six months. 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 7:50 p.m.

RECONVENED TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cook reconvened the City Council at 8:05 p.m.

B. Continued 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 May 14, 2014.

Rhonda McKaig, spoke in support of the tax measure and regarding the crime issue in Santa Paula and in her opinion the inadequate police protection of our community. She asked that Council make this a priority.

Gabrielle Muratori, 1167 Say Rd, spoke in support of the tax measure she expressed her concerns of the crime in Santa Paula and requested that Council provide the adequate resources for the police department to serve the needs of our community.

Joe Duran, 309 E. Santa Paula, spoke in support of the ballot initiative for more funding for law enforcement.

Rob Cobos, 644 Ridgecrest Dr., spoke in support of the ballot measure for more funding for public safety including Police and Fire Department.

Lori Beyer, 1157 Say Rd., thank the City Manager for the report he share regarding the challenges the City faces; she asked that Council report to the community about they're doing to give the community direction.

Martha Brown, 811 Ojai Rd, spoke in support of the police department and in her opinion is very understaffed and underpaid.

Jim Procter, 1167 Say Rd., in support of the tax measure for a 1% sales tax and in his opinion it's the way the community can give back to support public safety.

Devon Cichoski, 1217 Woodland Dr., in support of adequately funding the police department for more public safety. She thanked Vice Mayor Tovias for taking the initiative to propose this measure.

Keith Beyer, 1157 Say Rd., in support of the tax ballot measure to provide funding for police officers for a safer city and for street repairs.

Nick Bacigalupo, Santa Paula Fire Fighters, in support of the tax measure for all public safety including police and fire and commends the Council for their support.

Shane Norwood, SPPOA, in support of the tax ballot for funding for all public safety; police and fire. He stated that the Fire fighters are underpaid. He asked that Council listen to the voices of the community. He stated that the Fire Association stands united with the Police Association.

Janice Dougherty, 1224 Forest Dr., in favor of the 1% sales tax ballot measure to support public safety in our community.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to direct City staff to prepare the necessary resolution to call for a Ballot Measure to increase the transaction tax and use tax as part of the November 4, 2014 election for a 1% specific sales tax 50% restricted for police and 50% for streets. Under Roll call vote, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Hernandez and Mayor Cook were opposed; Councilmember Fernandez and Vice Mayor Tovias were in favor. The motion was denied.

RECESSED TO A BREAK

Mayor Cook recessed the City Council to a break at 9:30 p.m.

RECONVENED TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cook reconvened the City Council at 9:47 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to pursue a special tax in the amount 1% with a sunset clause of 12 years with a formula driven by 50% to police 25% to fire and 25% to streets and a fiscal accountability and expenditures plan. Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Hernandez and Vice Mayor Tovias were in favor. Mayor Cook was opposed.

C. Designation of Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference – September 3-5, 2014, Los Angeles

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated May 9, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovias to select Mayor Cook as the voting delegate member. All were in favor and the motion carried. It was moved by Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to select Vice Mayor Tovias as the alternate. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

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

Laura Espinosa, 233 Corte Linda, spoke in support of La Terraza Restaurant banquet hall project and in her opinion; no other restrictions should be place on this business.

Gabino Aguirre, 1008 Hillside Dr., in support of la Terraza banquet hall project agreement. In his opinion la Terraza is a reputable business.

Jaime Sandoval, 600 Santa Barbara Street spoke on behalf of the Sandoval family and thanked Council for their support. He stated that the facility will only be used as a banquet hall for the entire community.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to authorize the City Manager to execute an enforcement agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, allowing for sale of beer and wine for an on-site consumption at the property located at 1000 & 1008 East Main Street. 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 10:45 p.m.

RECONVENED TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cook reconvened the City Council at 10:51 p.m.

E. Discussion and Possible Adjustment to the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget for the Hiring of Two Additional Police Officers

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated May 14, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to direct the City to begin the process for recruitment and hiring of two additional mid-level police officers to enhance the capability of the gang and drug units for the next three years from the Limoneira Police Grant Funds; direct the City Finance Director to allocate the funding through the City Grant funding account, and account for the monitoring of the expenses through the same; and direct the Finance Director to provide the Council with an annual report of the expenses and use of the grant funds. All were in favor and the motion carried.

F. Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Additional Allocation for LTF Funds

Finance Director Sandra K. Easley's report dated May 14, 2014

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tovas, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adopt Resolution No. 6873 authorizing filing for and allocation of additional Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. All were in favor and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6873

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS REVISED APPROPRIATIONMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014

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 Vice Mayor Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to request that staff return with an update on railroad crossings construction repairs. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to request that the City Manager bring a goal setting meeting for the council. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved Mayor Cook, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovias to request that the City Manager follow up the state tax that is owed to the City. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cook adjourned the Meeting at 11:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk