

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, City Clerk Judy Rice and Human Resources Specialist Raquel Arreola were also present. Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez arrived at 6:00 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 5:02 p.m and reconvened the City Council into the Regular Meeting at 6:23 p.m Mayor Cook recessed the City Council at 6:23 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:38 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 Human Resources Specialist Raquel Arreola were also present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation by Students Encouraging Social, Political and Environmental Action (SESPEA) For Health Food Access in Santa Paula

Students gave a brief presentation with information for our community to increase health food access and knowledge to improve healthy living by having an economical Farmers Market in Santa Paula. They invited the City Council to join in their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Luna, 634 N. 9th Street, thanked Mayor Cook for his service to the city. He also spoke regarding the City's water quality. In his opinion the water ruins the applicances and need to be replace sooner than later, place a report on agenda regarding water quality, what part of the statement for water is set aside for water quality in the future. Sewer, rates are supposed to stay the same for 5yrss. There wasn't supposed to be an increase.

Robert Moon, Ventura Regional Santitation District, drppoing documents off for VRSD members.

Victor Espinosa, 233 Corte Linda, Chair for Santa Paula Farmworkers Committee, stated that the committee was never noticed as an interested party for the in lieu fees regarding east area 1, he he also stated in his opinion that there was no transparency on how the money was allocated. He expressed that staff and Council use a more transparent method to ensure all members of this community have equal access to housing and their needs. The Santa Paula Farmworkers Committee would like to be a part of how this money is allocated.

Mireille Vargas, 251 Atmore Dr., spoke regarding Las Piedras Park and the need of a playground for the children in the area. She asked Council to provide update on plans of the parks restoration.

Nikki Dryden, 411 E. Santa Barbara St., shared experience on water meeting, felt that speakers questions were not been taken and language opaque and repetative. Felt eveving at the meeting was wasted. The mayor was condesending. Anticipate the next meeting will be an interactive meeting.

John Wisda, 550 Monte Vista, spoke regarding his concerns on water drought and the fact that we have used more than our allocation of water from our Santa Paula aquifer.

Victor Carlos Espinoza, representing the Friendly Neighborhood Action Committee asked that Council and local Latino groups take a stand and boycaught divestment and sanctions in our own community.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Tovias spoke regarding his trip to the Sylmar Spears Manufacturing plant last week; he stated that it's a first class operation and that it will possibly bring many jobs to Santa Paula. He stated that Spears will be taking over the old Whyerhauser building and most of the jobs will be given to Santa Paula residents.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Cook pulled Item 10D. Councilmember Hernandez asked that for the record, the minutes of May 5 and May 19 adjournment should be corrected to reflect Mayor Cook. It was moved by Councilmember Vice Mayor Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales 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. Minutes - It is recommended that the City Council approve the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meetings of April 21, May 5 and May 19, 2014. Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco's report dated August 13, 2014.
- F. 2014-CUP-02 - It is recommended that the City Council: (1) authorize the City Manager to execute an enforcement agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, allowing the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at the property located at 250 Harvard Blvd., Suite D; and (2) take such additional related action that may be desirable. Deputy Planning Director Stratis Perros' report dated August 6, 2014.
- G. Approval of Contract with Meridian Consultants for Environmental Work related to the Santa Paula West Business Park (Project No. 13-CDP-04) - It is recommended that the City Council: (1) authorize the City Manager to execute a standard professional services agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney with Meridian Consultants, Inc.; and (2) take such additional related action that may be desirable. Planning Director Janna Minsk and Deputy Director Stratis Perros' report dated August 7, 2014.

CONSENT CALENDAR (SEPARATE ACTION ITEM)

- D. Planning Commission Action Report - It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Planning Director's report regarding Planning Commission actions taken on June 24, 2014. 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.

John Wisda stated that in his opinion, the minutes presented are not from the planning commission; he stated that it is the Planning Director's report and in his opinion is incomplete.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Cook to receive and file the Planning Director's report regarding Planning Commission actions taken on June 24, 2014. All were in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program -

Upon Verification of posting by the City Clerk, Mayor Cook opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Chief of Police Steve McLean's' report dated August 8, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to approve the allocation of the FY 2014-2015 COPS funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 and all interest earnings towards the continued operation of the Las Piedras Community Policing Building, continued maintenance of the Firearms Training Program, for part time Records Unit and Evidence Management Personnel and for Equipment/Technology for the Police Department. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. California HERO Energy Program

Assistant to the City Manager Elisabeth Paniagua's report dated August 10, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to adopt Resolution No. 6897, approving an Amendment to the WRCOG Joint Powers Agreement to add the City as an Associate Member in order to authorize the City's participation in the California HERO Program, which will enable property owners to finance permanently fixed renewable energy, energy and water efficiency improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure on their properties. Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Fernandez, Vice Mayor Tovas and Mayor Cook were in favor. Councilmember Hernandez was opposed. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6897

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION IN THE CALIFORNIA HERO PROGRAM TO FINANCE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO A CERTAIN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RELATED THERETO

B. Habitat for Humanity Street Name Change Request

Planning Director Janna Minsk and Deputy Planning Director Stratis Peros' report dated August 11, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to adopt Resolution No. 6896 to approve the project. All were in favor and the motion carried.

C. Police Vehicles

Chief of Police Steve McLean's report dated August 8, 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 the City of Visalia for contracting with McPeek's Dodge of Anaheim, CA and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney with McPeek's Dodge to purchase of Dodge Charger vehicles. 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 7:57 p.m.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Establish a Parking District in the Residential Neighborhoods Surrounding Santa Paula High School

Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez and Fire Chief Rick Araiza's report dated August 13, 2014.

Vice Mayor Tovias recused himself from the remainder of the meeting due to he lives within 500 feet of the school.

Jonathan Reyes, 425 N. 6th Street, spoke regarding the parking issues surrounding the high school parking and the neighborhood. He stated that he has concerns about the parking and feels there should be some type of parking enforcement.

Frank Ursitti, 320 E. Santa Paula Street, spoke regarding his concerns over a parking district. In his opinion, the vision of Santa Paula will be destroyed with signs designating a parking district. He is opposed to a parking district. He stated that Council should take the lead and help the School District find alternative means of transportation for the kids.

Ray Luna, 634 N. 9th Street, asked that Council delay any implementation of a parking district until the construction is completed.

Alfonso Gamino, 1208 Grantline Street, stated that the school district has the same concerns as the residents in the area. He thanked staff for working with School District and informed them that they will report all updates on possible solutions that will benefit both agencies and more important the community. He asked that Council hold off on making a decision until the School District can make possible recommendations so that the issue can be mutually resolved.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez to waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1254 authorizing the designation of permit parking districts; schedule second reading and adoption for September 2, 2014; and adopt Resolution No. 6898 Establishing a Residential Permit Parking District for the Residential Neighborhoods Surrounding Santa Paula High School and Establishing Administrative Policies and Procedures for the Issuance and Use of Parking Permits

The motion died due to lack of a second.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to continue this item and allow the Santa Paula Unified School District to come up with a solution after action is taken at their meeting and to submit it in writing to the City to present at the next Council meeting. Under roll call vote,

Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Fernandez, Vice Mayor Tovas and Mayor Cook were in favor; Councilmember Hernandez was opposed. The motion carried. Listen to video at 3:24 for motion and second.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Fernandez stated that he will not be in attendance for the next meeting, September 2 due to conflicts with his teaching schedule

Councilmember Gonzales wished his mother Helen a Happy 91st Birthday today.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Cook to request a review of the in-lieu fees that are coming to the City possibly with the 20% and to create an advisory board with a broader stakeholder group that can be involved on what's going to be funded with that money. Under roll call vote, Councilmember Hernandez and Mayor Cook were in favor. Councilmember Gonzales and Councilmember Fernandez were opposed. The motion failed.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to request staff to review the agreement between the City and the School District regarding the parking lot on Main Street and Steckel Dr. He also requested that staff review the agreement on the gift of 5th Street from the City to the School District. All in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cook adjourned the Meeting at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk