

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Jenny Crosswhite, Councilmember Ginger Gherardi, Councilmember James A. Tovias, Vice Mayor Martin F. Hernandez, and Mayor John Procter responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney John C. Cotti and City Clerk Judy Rice were also present.

**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.

Mayor Procter recessed the City Council to a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened the City Council into the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Procter recessed the City Council at 6:40 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Reverend Maddie Sifantus led the invocation and Councilmember Crosswhite led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Jenny Crosswhite, Ginger Gherardi and James A. Tovias, Vice Mayor Martin F. Hernandez and Mayor John Procter 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 Presentation to the Morris Family for the Fillmore Area Transit Company's (FATCO) Years of Service to the Community.

Councilmember Gherardi presented the presented the proclamation to Chappy Morris on behalf of the City Council.

- B. Presentation of the Charlie Castro Award by Interim Community Services Director Ed Mount and Recreation Supervisor Dale Sumersille to the Youth Basketball Coach of the Year and a Token of Appreciation to the Fire Association for the Fund Raising Support of the Youth Basketball Program.

Interim Community Services Director Ed Mount presented the Charlie Castro Award to Carlos Mendez Youth Basketball Coach of the Year. Firefighters Macias and Kline accepted the token of Appreciation to the Fire Association for the fund raising support. Recreation Supervisor Dale Sumersille gave Council an update on all the old and new programs taking place at the Community Center.

- C. America in Bloom Presentation by Diane Davis.

Diane Davis and Gary Nazlroad gave a brief summary of the judging and recognition given to the City for America in Bloom contest.

Fire Chief Rick Araiza spoke on behalf of the fire department in gratitude to the County of Ventura for the donation of a fire engine.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Rudman, 1046 Corte La Brisa expressed his gratitude to the Police, Fire department and Streets for all they do.

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Lois Zsarnay, 502 E. Santa Paula Street and two neighbors, spoke regarding the continuous parking issues facing their neighborhood. She asked Council when this issue is going to be addressed.

Fred Robinson, 380 View Drive, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce inviting the Council to attend the Annual Awards Luncheon on March 18, 2015 at the Limoneira Visitor's Center.

Victor Espinosa, 233 Corte Linda, spoke on behalf of the Santa Paula Farmworkers. He invited Council to attend the Farmworkers Summit.

Steve Lazenby, spoke regarding the CERT Program. He shared with Council and the Community of the upcoming CERT class beginning March 17 at the Community Center Cultural Arts building from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. He also state that the duration of the meeting is six weeks. He invited the community to register for the class.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Fontes informed the Council that the calendar for the goal setting session will be ready in the next couple of weeks. He also reminded our Spanish speaking community the Council meetings are being interpreted in Spanish.

Vice Mayor Hernandez gave Council a brief update on the progress of the Homeless Task Force and thanked all who have been participating to work on short and long term goals.

Councilmember Gherardi spoke regarding the Valley Express ribbon cutting which took place today in front of City Hall. She informed the community that VCTC will arrange a "free ride day" when the weather gets better. She especially thanked Ralph Fernandez and Brian Yanez for all their work in getting this going. The Valley Express local phone number is 8058-933-2267.

### **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to approve final agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Procter continued Item 10C per applicants request to continue item. Items 10I and 10J were pulled due to public speakers for each item and Councilmember Tovias pulled Item 10G. It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi 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. 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 January 27, 2015. 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.
- D. Santa Paula Public Financing Authority’s Intention to Reimburse – It is recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) receive and file the report; (2) adopt Resolution No. 2015-1 (U) declaring the intention to reimburse expenditures relating to the purchase of the Wastewater Recycling Facility; and (3) direct staff as appropriate. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes and Assistant to the City Manager Elisabeth Paniagua’s report dated February 23, 2015.
- E. Transportation Development Act, Local Transportation, Revised Apportionment for Fiscal year 2014/2015 – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) adopt the attached resolution authorizing filing a claim for the additional Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds; (2) allocate additional Heritage Valley Transit Services; and (3) take such additional related action that may be desirable. **RESOLUTION NO. 6919** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS REVISED APPROTIONMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015. Finance Director Sandra K. Easley’s report dated February 23, 2015.
- F. Possible Action regarding the Housing Related Parks Program Grant – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) adopt Resolution No. 6920 authorizing the City’s grant application to the Housing Related Parks Program; and (2) take such additional, related action that may be

desirable. Elisabeth Paniagua and Ed Mount's report dated February 25, 2015.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS)**

- G. Fourth of July Fireworks Show - It is recommended that the City Council: (1) authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Zambelli Fireworks for July 4, 2015 in a form approved by the City Attorney; and (2) accept the Rotary Club's donation of \$15,000 to pay for the fireworks show; and (3) consider whether to co-sponsor the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show at the Rotary Club's request. Fire Chief Richard Araiza's report dated January 27, 2015.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovas, seconded by Councilmember Crosswhite to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Zambelli Fireworks for July 4, 2015 in a form approved by the City Attorney, accept the Rotary Club's donation of \$15,000 to pay for the fireworks show; and consider whether to co-sponsor the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show at the Rotary Club's request. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- I. Possible Action to Approve the Traffic Safety Committee - - It is recommended that the City Council: (1) adopt Resolution No. 6902 approving the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee; and (2) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. **RESOLUTION NO. 6902** - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez' report dated February 23, 2015

Jeanne Wade, 798 Foothill Road, spoke about concerns regarding the unsafe turn at Foothill and Peck Road and asked Council for the possibility of installation of a three-way stop sign heading north on Peck Road. She stated she will also be attending the County Board of Supervisor's meeting to get their assistance in this matter as well.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi to adopt Resolution No. 6902 approving the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- J. Update on Count of Ventura's Intent to Submit Application for Grant Funding for the Expansion of Todd Road Jail - It is recommended that the

City Council: (1) receive the report; (2) adopt Resolution No. 6921 withdrawing Resolution No. 6851 relative to the County of Ventura's application for grant funding under the construction of adult local criminal justice facilities construction financing program; and (3) take such additional, related, action that may be desirable. **RESOLUTION NO. 6921** – A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA PAULA CITY COUNCIL WITHDRAWING RESOLUTION NO. 6851 RELATIVE TO THE COUNTY OF VENTURA'S APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADULT LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated February 25, 2015

Devon Ciokowski, 1217 Woodland Drive, asked that Council provide more information regarding this item particularly the impacts it will have to our community and the scope of the project.

Fred Robinson, 380 View Drive, spoke in opposition of overturning the resolution that was previously adopted. He encouraged the Council not to overturn this resolution. He asked that Council advocate for this community.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovas, seconded by Councilmember Crosswhite to continue the until more information is gathered and deny adoption of Resolution No. 6921 withdrawing Resolution No. 6851. Under roll call vote Councilmembers Tovas and Crosswhite were in favor. Councilmember Gherardi, Vice Mayor Hernandez and Mayor Procter were opposed. The motion failed.

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to adopt Resolution No. 6921 withdrawing Resolution No. 6851 relative to the County of Ventura's application for grant funding under the construction of adult local criminal justice facilities construction financing program and direct the County to work with the City to resolve the issue regarding the water. Under roll call vote, Councilmember Gherardi, Vice Mayor Hernandez and Mayor Procter were in favor. Councilmembers Tovas and Crosswhite were opposed. The motion passed.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion and Possible Action to Create a Youth Advisory Committee -**

Assistant to the City Manager Elisabeth Paniagua's report dated February 22, 2015.

Alondra Navarro Santa Paula High School Senior co-founder of Junior State of America (JSA) gave Council a brief presentation of what the JSA represents. Also speaking for JSA was student Nicole Nays.

It was moved by Mayor Procter, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi to receive and file the report and to form an ad hoc with Mayor Procter and Councilmember Crosswhite to work with the Youth Advisory Committee. All were in favor and the motion carried.

B. Formation of Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Meet with the Measure "F" Committee -

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated February 25, 2015.

Ronda McKaig, 1332 Woodland Drive, spoke regarding the safety issues facing the community and thanked Council on behalf of the committee for the opportunity for the committee "Citizens for a Safer Santa Paula" to work with Council.

Vice Mayor Hernandez recommended Councilmember Crosswhite to serve on this committee and Mayor Procter volunteered to serve on the committee.

Councilmember Gherardi recommended Councilmember Tovias to serve due to his extensive work with the Measure F group.

Councilmember Tovias declined his involvement due to his commitment to other projects and therefore recommended Mayor Procter to serve on the ad hoc committee.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to appoint Mayor Procter and Councilmember Crosswhite to serve on Ad Hoc Committee to meet with the "Citizens for a Safer Santa Paula" Committee. All were in favor and the motion carried.

C. Update of Status of SAFER Funded Personnel -

Fire Chief Rick Araiza's report dated February 19, 2015.

Steve Smead, 145 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, stated in his opinion that the City cannot spend reserves due to the negative affect it will have for bond funding for the sewer plant sale. He also stated that he hoped the three newly elected Council not let that fact that Fire was there largest campaign contributor sway their decision. In his opinion paying money to the Firefighters from the reserves will cause

problem qualifying for the bond funds. He asked that Council keep the community informed of what is going on with the sewer plant and that Council.

Chris Mahon, VCPFA spoke on behalf of the firefighters and encouraged the Council to support an additional grant application, continue the bridge funding for the SAFER grant firefighters and to consider filling the vacant position.

Nick Bacigalupo, Firefighter Engineer steward for firefighters asked that Council not only consider supporting the gap funding but that Council see it as extending the level of service from the firefighters and the vital roles each one plays in the fire department.

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to allow the use of the surplus from the prior council action to be considered along with bridge funding through the end of the fiscal year including the vacant position. Under roll call vote all were in favor and the motion passed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Mayor Procter to request staff to return with status of railroad crossing repairs and CMAQ funding. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosswhite, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi to request staff return as soon as ready with an update on the Las Piedras Park playground equipment. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Mayor Procter to request a presentation by Dr. Levin regarding the transgender clinic. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Procter adjourned the Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Judy Rice  
City Clerk

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