

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 5:32 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.
- 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 Procter recessed the City Council to a closed session at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened the City Council into the Regular Meeting at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Procter recessed the City Council at 6:32 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Reverend Michael Fincher led the invocation and Councilmember Gherardi 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 Planning Assistant Tom Tarantino were also present.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

No reportable action.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lynn McReynolds, 925 Laurel Road, expressed her opinion of possible conflict of interest on behalf of Vice Mayor Hernandez with regards to his vote on Resolution No. 6921 which withdraws the resolution opposing the Todd Jail expansion.

Ann Reeves, Ventura County Civil Grand Jury, stated her visit was to encourage Santa Paula residents to apply for the opportunity to be a member of the Grand Jury. Applications are being accepted for jurors to serve from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. April 15, 2015 is the deadline for applications. She invited all interested to attend the Open House Wednesday March 8, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 646 County Square Drive, Ventura.

Bruce Lahey, 617 Acacia Road, spoke regarding his multiple concerns including the lack of speed limit signs on the north and south sides of Harvard Blvd.; the issue with the railroad crossing on 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Santa Barbara Street; the fact that residents in his neighborhood are not moving their vehicles for the sweeper and that many animals in his neighborhood appear to be unlicensed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

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City Manager Fontes briefly shared regarding the upcoming State of the City and regarding his meeting with Congresswoman Brownley regarding the chlorides issue and possible water funding.

Councilmember Gherardi shared about the upcoming Luna fest on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by the Soroptomist Club. All proceeds go to American Breast Cancer Fund. She also warned the Fire and Police regarding her concerns of the upcoming Edison outage 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Councilmember Gherardi expressed her concerns of the difficulty in the process of opening a business in Santa Paula after her visit to the opening of Denny's restaurant.

Mayor Procter shared his experience during his visits to the Vista Real Public Charter School and his visit and for the Children at Barbara Webster School for the "Read across America" program.

Vice Mayor Hernandez also share of his positive experience reading for the kindergarteners at Barbara Webster during the "Read across America" program.

### **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Crosswhite requested to pull Items 9C & 9G. City Attorney asked that Item 9H be pulled and continued to the April 6, 2015 meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Councilmember Tovias 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. Adoption of Minutes – It is recommended that the City Council adopt the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 2, 2015 and the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting of February 17, 2015. Deputy City Clerk, Lucy Blanco's report dated March 10, 2015.

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- D. **Six-Month Extension of the Extension of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721 Contract** - It is recommended that the City Council: (1) approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Extension of the SEIU, Local 721 contract; and (2) take such additional, related action that may be desirable.
- E. **Award Steckel Water Conditioning Facility Filter Media Replacement Project to ERS Industrial Services, Inc.** – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) allocate \$423,332.00 from the approved FY14/15 Capital Improvement Program budgets for the Steckel Water Conditioning Facility Filter Media Replacement Project; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with ERS Industrial Services, Inc. for \$384,847.15 in a form approved by the City; and (3) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez and Capital Projects Engineer John L. Ilasin’s report dated March 4, 2015.
- F. **Award March Street Fence Project** – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) allocate \$12,024.60 from the approved FY 14/15 Public Works Budget Account 100.5.5011.209; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Fence Factory for \$11,452.00 in a form approved by the City; and (3) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez and Capital Projects Engineer John L. Ilasin’s report dated March 4, 2015.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS)**

- C. **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1255** – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 1255; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement that certain funds be utilized to recruit, retain and equip police officers; and (3) take such additional, related action that may be desirable. **ORDINANCE NO. 1255** – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED EAST AREA 1 SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-3) AND FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco’s report dated March 6, , 2015.

Mayor Procter recused himself due to conflict. Vice Mayor Hernandez took over the meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovas, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 1255; authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement that certain funds be utilized to recruit, retain and equip police officers. Under roll call vote, Councilmember Tovas and Vice Mayor Hernandez were in favor; Councilmembers Crosswhite and Gherardi were opposed. The motion failed.

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Councilmember Crosswhite to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 1255; to not include the letter attached and to direct staff to return with what the former Council's original intent was and present this information to the current Council along with further documentation from Limoneira for this Council's consideration. Under roll call vote, Councilmember Crosswhite, Councilmember Gherardi, Councilmember Tovas and Vice Mayor Hernandez were in favor. The motion passed.

- G. **Approval of the Settlement Agreement, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Related documents required to Purchase the Wastewater Recycling Facility** – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) approve the settlement agreement with Santa Paula Water, LLC; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement, purchase and sale agreement and related documents in a form approved by the City Attorney; and (3) take such additional, related action as may be appropriate. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes and City Attorney John C. Cotti's report dated March 11, 2015.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosswhite, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi to approve the settlement agreement with Santa Paula Water, LLC and authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement, purchase and sale agreement and related documents in a form approved by the City Attorney. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **Update on Recovery of Costs for City Services -**

Finance Director Sandra K. Easley's report dated March 9, 2015.

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Councilmember Vice Mayor Hernandez to receive and file the report and direct staff to seek request for proposals for a fee study and to return with a draft of a written plan for full cost recovery. All were in favor and the motion carried.

B. Update on Accounting System -

Finance Director Sandra K. Easley's report dated March 9, 2015.

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Mayor Procter to direct staff to get on the waiting list for the current system upgrade (Version X) to consider contacting other Cities to help with recommendations and to seek request for proposals for both an upgrade and an entire new system. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Mayor Procter to work with the school district on a joint project to paint murals on City water tanks. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Procter adjourned the Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Judy Rice  
City Clerk