

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Jenny Crosswhite, Councilmember Ginger Gherardi, Councilmember James A. Tovias and Mayor John Procter responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney John C. Cotti and Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco were also present. Vice Mayor Hernandez arrived at 5:15 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 Procter recessed the City Council to a closed session at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened the City Council into the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Procter recessed the City Council at 6:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Deacon Al Guilin led the invocation and Vice Mayor Hernandez 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 and Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco were also present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Presentation to Mr. Robert Gainer

Mayor Procter presented Mr. Gainer a proclamation on behalf of the City Council and the City of Santa Paula for his dedication in maintaining Santa Maria Street clean.

B. Presentation by Nina Danza regarding Students Encouraging Social Political and Environmental Action (SESPEA).

Nina Danza introduced a couple of the students involved in SESPEA and she gave a brief presentation of the program.

Vice Mayor Hernandez presented the SESPEA Group on behalf of the City Council, with a Certificate of Appreciation for their volunteer work.

C. Presentation of Police Explorers by Chief McLean.

Chief McLean introduced the explorers who participate in the Santa Paula Explorer Program and gave a brief presentation of what the program entails and the jobs and tasks the explorers are involved in.

Explorers Sergio Gutierrez and Rachel Vazquez shared what being an explorer means to them and all they've learned in the explorer program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don McIntyre, 500 W. Santa Maria #145 asked the Council if the City would assist owners of businesses with the expense of removing lawns and replanting drought resistant landscape.

Maria Ventura, Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Gas Company spoke briefly regarding the Advanced Meter Project and anticipates returning to a future Council meeting to provide a more detailed power point presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes briefly shared regarding the upcoming Items coming before Council such as status of mandatory water reduction and incentives for residents and CMAQ funding for the railroad crossings. He also shared and applauded Chief McLean for the tremendous reduction in crime in our community. He informed the community that the video of the Heritage Valley Express kickoff will be on channel 10 and he informed the Council that an updated schedule of Las Piedras Park progress was recently sent to them.

Councilmember Gherardi informed Council regarding staff's meeting with Caltrans Director Carrie Bowen regarding the 10th Street Project issues. She informed Council that Caltrans will begin a two year project paving Highway 150 this summer. Councilmember Gherardi also asked for Council's approval to send a letter to Ventura County Transportation Commission asking them to place the railroad crossing at 10th Street and Highway 150 into their transportation plans. She stated that the City did not apply for the CMAQ funding for the Heritage Valley Transit System and that the Commission will discuss this at the May meeting to possibly allow an application to be submitted.

Mayor Procter informed Council regarding his attendance at the League of California Cities Division Dinner meeting in Santa Maria and shared his thoughts regarding a video shown by the Santa Maria Police Department on gang violence.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Councilmember Tovas to approve final agenda as presented. 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 March 2, 2015 and the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting of March 16, 2015. Deputy City Clerk, Lucy Blanco’s report dated March 31, 2015.
- C. Award Well 12 Rehabilitation Project to Weber Water Resources CA, LLC – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) Allocate \$179,366.00 from the approved FY14/15 Capital Improvement Program budgets for the Well 12 Rehabilitation Project; (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Weber Water Resources CA, LLC for \$163,060.00 in a form approved by the City Attorney; and (3) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable. Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez’ report dated March 26, 2015.
- D. Notice of Completion for the Well 13 Rehabilitation Project- It is recommended that the City Council: (1) accept the work performed by Bakersfield Well & Pump Company; (2) authorize City staff to file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder; and (3) take such additional action that may be desired. Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez’ report dated March 27, 2015.
- E. Execution of Right of Way Certifications Required for Projects Administered by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) – It is recommended that the City Council: (1) adopt Resolution No. 6923 Authorizing and Directing the Public Works Director or Its Designee to Execute Right of Way Certifications Required for Projects Administered by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and (2) take such additional, related action as may be desired.
RESOLUTION NO. 6923 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR ITS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE RIGHT OF WAY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS). Interim Public Works Director Brian J. Yanez and Capital Projects Engineer John L. Ilasin's report dated March 4, 2015.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED AS SANTA PAULA UTILITY AUTHORITY AND CITY COUNCIL

A. Issuance of Wastewater Enterprise Revenue Bonds -

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes and City Attorney John C. Cotti's report dated April 1, 2015.

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to approve Resolution No. 2015-2 (U) authorizing the issuance of wastewater enterprise revenue bonds. All were in favor and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2 (U)

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA PAULA UTILITY AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS IN AN INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA'S WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF AN INDENTURE OF TRUST AND CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE SALE OF BONDS, APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AND AUTHROZING OTHER RELATED ACTIONS.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Crosswhite to approved Resolution No. 6925 authorizing and directing execution of certain financing documents and directing certain related actions in connection with financing the acquisition of certain improvements to the City's Wastewater Enterprise. All were in favor and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6925

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN FINANCING DOCUMENTS AND DIRECTING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS

IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Allocate Funding for the Do It Better By
Suggestions (DIBBS) Program from the Fiscal year 2015-2016 Budget -

Assistant to the City Manager Elisabeth Paniagua's report dated March 30,
2015.

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Mayor Procter to direct
the City Manager to allocate funding from the FY 2015-16 Budget to fund the
Do-It-Better-By Suggestion (DIBBS) Program and include as part of the goal
setting process. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

Mayor Procter recused himself at 7:45 p.m. due to conflict of interest.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Limoneira Police Grant -

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated April 2, 2015.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovas, seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to
authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement that
memorializes the Limoneira Police Grant. Under roll call vote, Councilmember
Crosswhite, Councilmember Tovas and Vice Mayor Hernandez were in favor.
Councilmember Gherardi was opposed. Councilmember Gherardi stated she is
not in opposition to the grant only in the lack of equity of payment to all police
employees. The motion carried.

RECESSED TO A BREAK

Vice Mayor Hernandez invited Mayor Procter back to the dais and recessed the
Council to at break at 8:07 p.m.

RECONVENED TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Procter reconvened the regular meeting at 8:12 p.m.

D. Goal Setting and Budget Planning Workshop -

City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated April 1, 2015.

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Mike Sedell gave a summary on the goal setting progress. He stated he met with City Council, various employees, union representatives and key community people. He stated Mr. Frank Catania will be working on a financial analysis of the city to provide an objective overview of city funds. Mike Sedell asked that Council focus on short term and long term goals. He suggested that they focus on five major areas in the next few weeks which include Public Safety, Fiscal Stability & Sustainability, Infrastructure & Utility, Economic Development and Transparency.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi to receive and file the report, direct the City Manager to come up with two or three dates either as special meetings, evenings or weekends and cost estimates for these meetings. All were in favor and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Mayor Hernandez shared regarding his attendance at the Santa Clara Watershed Committee meeting with regards to the discussion on lawn replacement rebate program. He stated there is funding coming available through the Department of Water Resources that is drought related of which 16 million dollars will be available to our region. He also stated that the City of Ventura may be applying for the grant money for replacing lawns with drought tolerant landscapes and Santa Paula may be able to partner up with City of Ventura and possibly use their template program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Procter adjourned the Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk

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