

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY  
CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday January 20, 2009  
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**WORKSHOPS** None

**Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, the city clerk called the roll:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers, Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston  
Mayor Adams

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Smith

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston to excuse Councilmember Smith. Motion carried

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Strong, second by Councilmember Lessenevitch to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS** None

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Police Chief Colerick reported on the results of traffic study along Poppy Blvd. As a result of that study a stop and limit lines were painted at the Poppy Blvd. intersection with North Loop and Neuralia. After the current school year ends, staff will be bringing back to council, by resolution, request for lower speed limits on Poppy Blvd, with a 4 way stop at the described intersection.

**CIVIC / COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Toni Todd, Art Commission - selling calendars  
Chuck McGuire, Citizen's Advisory Committee - Meeting on 1/22/09 6pm @ City Hall  
Mary Ann LeBlanc, EDC - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dinner

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Public comment was received from Lou Peralta, Marv Sass and Pat Bohannon.

**CONSENT CALENDAR / PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CC 1.** Notice of Completion - Local Roads Improvements at Various Locations

**CC 2.** City Council check register dated through 01/14/09

**CC 3.** Adopt **“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A KERN COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT (KCAPCD) MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION REDUCTION PROJECT (MVERP) APPLICATION FOR A FORD ESCAPE HYBRID”**

Staff reported that Ck # 78918 included in the check register has been voided.

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston to approve the consent calendar. Roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston, Adams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Smith

**PUBLIC HEARING 1.**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Mayor Adams read the item and declared the hearing open at 7 pm.

Public Works Director Bevins presented the staff report. He reported that CDBG funding for previous years is being redirected from a water diversions project to a proposed Central Park Recreational Facility Improvement project. Staff is also seeking advanced allocation for FY 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 from CDBG for this project, bringing the total to \$220,770.

Council questions and concerns were discussed.

No communications were received by the City Clerk.

Public testimony was received in favor of the proposed project.

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Lessenevitch to adopt **“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA TO REQUEST AN ADVANCE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009-2010 AND 2010-2011 FOR THE CENTRAL PARK**

**RECREATIONAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** “Roll call vote as follow:

**AYES:** Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston, Adams  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Smith

**PUBLIC HEARING 2.**  
**Zone Permitted Use Ordinance**

Mayor Adams read the item and declared the hearing open at 7:13 pm.

Public Works Director Bevins presented the staff report. He reported that this is essentially a house keeping item. This ordinance will reinstate permitted uses originally in the Community Commercial (C2) Zone. This has been previously approved by the Planning Commission.

No council questions were received.

No communications were received by the City Clerk.

No public testimony was received.

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Strong to give First reading, by Title only, with further reading waived of  
**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CALIFORNIA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO PERMITTED USES IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C2) ZONE”** Roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston, Adams  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Smith

**NEW BUSINESS / COUNCIL**  
**NB 1. Joint Land Use R-2508**

Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston explained that this is the document that came out of the Joint Land Use Study that was conducted. Many federal, state and local agencies were involved. He further noted that Supervisor McQuistin and representatives from the cities involved in the study agreed to continue to oversee the use of the JLUS recommendations when

developing in our areas. We plan on meeting in the future see what may be done to protect our bases. Copies of the study are available for review. Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston requested that a resolution be drafted to reflect the city's support of the study.

## **NB 2. KernCOG - Lobbyist Expenses**

City Manager Lunsford reported that Kern Council of Governments has expressed a desire to procure lobbyist services at both the state and federal level in an effort to secure more legislative support for its regional projects and goals. They have directed their staff to solicit information regarding the potential for membership dues from each of its member jurisdictions for lobbying services. Because neither federal nor state funds may be used for those purposes, they have developed a set of three scenarios that rely to different degrees on three separate local funding sources: the Kern Motorist Aid Authority; the Transportation Development Act; and membership dues. Cost estimates for both state and federal lobbying services were reviewed. KernCOG has asked that the city evaluate each scenario and determine our willingness and ability to pay membership dues to support this single program.

Council questions and comments were noted.

Public received clarification to their questions.

Consensus was given by the council to support KernCOG under the membership dues emphasis scenario.

### **COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Councilmember Lessenevitch - [calcitymeetings.org](http://calcitymeetings.org) to view video of past council meetings; inquires as to when staff will be bringing water study for them to review; request update on Wonder Acres, staff and legal counsel gave brief report. Request for Priority Workshop

Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston - letters of concern from citizens regarding OHV

Mayor Adams - staff to schedule Priority Workshop; requesting any citizen that has a proposal for senior housing to bring it forward; attending the State of the County dinner on 01/21/09

**CLOSED SESSION** None

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

**AYES:** Smith, Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston, Adams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Councilmember Smith - Concerns with potholes and waterline to Wonder Acres

Councilmember Lessenevitch - Request recruitment process for City Manager position; calcitymeetings.com has received 2500 hits so far

Mayor Adams - Committee to help form Parks Commission meeting 2/19/09, 6:30 pm @ City Hall

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CS 1.** Per Gov't Code Section 54956.9; Confer with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation: Guy vs California City

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Lemieux reported that council discussed the item listed under closed session; no formal action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Lessenevitch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_**