

**REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA CITY CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, April 18, 2006, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

OPENING CEREMONIES: Mayor Adams opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Frank Bachara, Desert Song Foursquare, provided the invocation. The clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: Council members, Lessenevitch, Schafer, Adams.

ABSENT: Councilman Edmiston, Vice Mayor Dempsey (Excused)

Also Present:

City Manager William Way; City Attorney Wayne Lemieux; Finance Director Terry Hicks; Acting Fire Chief Chris Hayes; Police Chief Linda Lunsford; Public Works Director Dan Allen; City Clerk Denise Hilliker

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion to adopt agenda by Councilman Lessenevitch, second by Councilman Schafer; carried.

PRESENTATIONS: None

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CIVIC/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Campbell - Special tax Committee Update

Ed Fuller - Secretary for the Edwards Community Alliance. Distributed DVD's, which covers the capabilities of EAFB, to Council and City Manager

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

John Poplett - Expressed concern over ongoing problem with Benz not picking up his trash. Mayor Adams assured him that he would look into it personally.

John Minor - Stated that the drainage project on Ives Court has again been put on the back burner. He is possibly considering some action to get this moved to the front burner. He further explained that they want to sell their

home during this prime time and feels this will be difficult with sand bags along his property. He is asking for the council's assistance.

Kim Collins - Thanked all those opposing the Cantil Landfill

Mike Curtis - Inquired about the possibility of Forest roads being repaved

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

CB 1. Council reconsider approving Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Zone Change 174, General Plan Amendment 06-02 and Tentative Tract Map 6632 - City Manager

Mr. Way explained that this project was originally brought before the Planning Commission and City Council as a multi-use project including commercial and residential. After some discussion, the proponent understood that if the project was totally residential that it might receive a more favorable response from the City. At this time, all of the lots have been re-designated as residential. He explained that it is necessary for this to go to the Planning Commission first for recommendation, without receiving any action from the Council tonight.

Mayor Adams agreed that this project is now going in the right direction.

City Attorney recommended that the council receive and file report,

referring to Planning Commission. Council accepted recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Mayor appoint three members to the California City Planning Commission and three members to the Airport Advisory Board with concurrence of the City Council - Mayor Adams

CORRECTION There are only two members being appointed for the Airport Board

Mayor Adams verified that all five were present and requested they come up to the front after their names were called.

Planning Commission - Marv Sass

Ed Fuller

Alfred Greer

Airport Advisory Board - Bruce Biresch

Linda Lunsford

The City Clerk administered the oath of office. Mayor Adams thanked them for their service to the City.

NB 2. Council consider Dial a Ride rate increase - Public Works Director

Mr. Allen first noted that the farebox revenue projected at 6/30/06 on the staff report should read \$19,706 instead of \$18,706. He went on to explain that with the rising cost of fuel and maintenance, he is proposing a 35% increase in fares. Currently seniors, the disabled, and children rate is \$.75 with the general public having a charge of \$1.25. The increase would bring the rates to \$1.00 and \$1.70 respectively. It was also explained that it is our obligation to meet a 10% threshold farebox requirement.

Councilman Lessenevitch asked for history of ridership. Mr. Allen noted that it has increased 25-30% over the last three years, but it has cost us probably 70% in gas and equipment failures.

Councilman Schafer was concerned that the increase has to be that drastic. Mr. Hicks added that we have been able to meet the 10% without raising fees up until fuel prices soared. Mr. Allen added they would try and be more vigilant with forecasting needed increases in smaller increments. It was also noted that we were allowed to supplement the farebox with Special Tax monies. We do not want to start the cycle of being audited, as it could affect future funding of Dial a Ride.

Motion by Councilman Schafer, second by Councilman Lessenevitch to accept proposed rate increase; Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Lessenevitch, Schafer, Adams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edmiston, Dempsey

ABSTAIN: None

NB 3. Council consider accepting lowest bid received from Sierra Cascade Construction for road & water improvement project for SDI Tracts 3060 & 3140 - Public Works Director

Mr. Allen stated this project was brought before the council before and approved to go out to bid. Two bids were received; Nichols Construction \$899,391.00 and Sierra Cascade Construction \$764,972.55. The City Engineer has reviewed and qualified the lowest bidder. 75 working days are needed for construction, with the beginning date of May 8, 2006.

Councilman Lessenevitch inquired as to the quality of road being constructed. Mr. Allen replied that it would be gravel due to the MOU of the SDI. Mr. Lemieux added that perhaps we can go back to the SDI judge next year and request an upgrade.

Motion by Councilman Schafer, second by Councilman Lessenevitch to adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY TO ACCEPT THE BID AND TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SIERRA CASCADE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE SDI TRACT 3060 & 3140 ROAD AND WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT"; Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Lessenevitch, Schafer, Adams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Edmiston, Dempsey
ABSTAIN: None

NB 4. Council consider crushing of asphalt and concrete next to City yard -
Public Works Director

Mr. Allen explained that this is actually a bi-annual event that the City puts on. We have an estimated 10,000 tons of rock on our portion that we will crush up and utilize for street base around the City.

Mayor Adams asked if we could encourage local contractors to get surplus concrete out to the yard now. Councilman Schafer inquired if concrete tiles could be accepted at this time. Mr. Allen replied yes.

Mr. Hicks explained, as requested by Councilman Schafer, that there has been some un-forecasted revenues that have come in this month that will help cover the costs. Also Fund 25 has some remaining monies.

Motion by Councilman Lessenevitch, second by Councilman Schafer to authorize staff to enter into agreement with Service Rock for crushing operations; Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Lessenevitch, Schafer, Adams
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Edmiston, Dempsey
ABSTAIN: None

COUNCIL AGENDA:

Councilman Schafer - Request to City Manager for update on 50 acre parcel on 20 Mule Team; request for timeline regarding Ives Cr. drainage project; thank you to all who stood up against the proposed landfill

Councilman Lessenevitch - Reminder that Desert Tortoise Days is coming May 5, 2006 through May 7, 2006; inquired as to who is taking on the duty of economic development (City Manager along with Merle Jung); inquiry on Charter and availability of high speed internet cable; article in the LA Times regarding off road initiatives in San Bernardino and Riverside counties

forwarded to staff; the 14/CCB interchange is the first money for a major project coming to Cal City that hasn't come from Cal City. First direct benefit to the City with no obligations from the City.

Mayor Adams - Quality of picture and sound has been improved by Charter, still need other improvements; thanks to Desert Rose Club and Councilman Shafer for the new City signs that have been installed.

CONSENT CALENDAR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

CC 1. Check Register dated 4/07/06

CC 2. Minutes of April 4, 2006, regular meeting

CC 3. Minutes of March 25, 2006, special meeting

CC 4. Approve revised salary schedule and updated new or revised job descriptions.

CC 5. Council adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY REQUESTING COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE MEASURE L SPECIAL TAX FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007"

CC 6. Council adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY REQUESTING COLLECTION SERVICES FOR ASPEN AVENUE SEWER DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007"

CC 7. Council adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY DECLARING THURSDAY MAY 4, 2006 AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY"

City Manager requested that CC 4 be removed.

Kim Collins inquired if the City would be having something on the front lawn in observance of National Day of Prayer. Mayor Adams replied that we should coordinate with the Ministers Association. Everyone is invited.

Julie Phelps provided letters to the council inviting citizens of Cal City and Mojave to come together for a prayer breakfast being held on Thurs. May 11, at the Mariah Country Inn in Mojave.

Motion by Councilman Edmiston, seconded by Councilman Lessenevitch, to approve Consent Calendar. Roll Call vote as follows:

AYES: Lessenevitch, Schafer, Adams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edmiston, Dempsey

ABSTAIN: None

CLOSED SESSION:

CS 1.Pursuant to Gov't Code Sec. 54956.9, confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation of McMiheik vs City of California City

City Attorney cancelled the Closed Session stating there is nothing new to report.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Schafer inquired if there is another motorcycle run in the City at the end of this month.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Lessenevitch, second by Councilman Schafer, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk