

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY
CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday June 16, 2009
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

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

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

ABSENT: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

Citizens Advisory Board presented letters of appreciation to various city departments and employees/

Ron Brumment, Kern COG provided a presentation to the council regarding SB 375 Energy Watch Program

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Lunsford reviewed the Water Billing Questionnaire that is now available to the public

CIVIC / COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cecile Campbell, Desert Rose Garden Club - Rededication of "Pocket Park" at the corner of Conklin and Heater, 6/30/09 10:30am

Ed Waldheim - Introduction of staff from Department of State and Parks

Mary Ann LeBlanc, EDC - Breakfast Thursday 6/18 @ Foxy's 8am

Jake Mullenix - California City High School Golf Team update

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Public comment was received from Jake Mullenix, Kim Collins, Cecile Campbell and Wally Melendez.

CONSENT CALENDAR / PUBLIC COMMENT

CC 1. City Council check registers dated through 6/10/09

CC 2. Council give Second Reading, by Title only, with Further reading waived and adopt **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY AMENDING THE CALIFORNIA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO WATER DISTRIBUTION”**

Councilmember Edmiston requested CC2 be pulled for discussion.

CC1. Questions were addressed regarding Ck # 79806 payable to Helt Engineering

CC 2. Concern was raised regarding Sec. 7-1.433 Irrigation Practices. Consensus was to make a change in (b), replacing the words “land division” to “site plan”. City Attorney Lemieux advised second reading and adoption of the ordinance could still take place.

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

AYES: Smith, Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston, Adams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Smith Ck # 79787

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Fire Station RFP

Captain Paris reported that the department is currently seeking a non-matching grant to replace the existing fire station and add an additional seasonal fire station for the second community. The grant is 100% federally funded through the ARRA Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station and the City meets all the requirements of the grant to apply. One of the stipulations of the grant is that an RFP must be acquired by the City utilizing approved Project Managers/Contractors that specialize in fire station construction. Captain Paris provided the pros and cons of getting awarded the grant. He also stated that if the grant is not funded the RFP would become null and void and would incur no cost or liability to the City.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Strong to approve applying for the grant and to put out an RFP as outlined. Motion carried 5-0

NB 2. Lease Agreement / Fire Dept Patrol Vehicle awarded through Sate of California Grant

Captain Paris reported that DIRT Grant funding has been awarded from the State of California for the annual payment on a lease purchase of a 2009 4x4 Crew Cab Patrol Unit. It is stipulated in the grant to enter into a lease agreement. He further explained that this new unit will replace the

current Patrol Unit that has multiple mechanical issues and is severely overloaded. The DIRT Grant also includes funding for vehicle maintenance and fuel. The proposed lease agreement with Oshkosh contains a Non Appropriations Clause that allows the City to return the Patrol without penalty if funding for the annual payment becomes available.

Council questions were addressed.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Strong to approve application for the lease. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Smith, Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston, Adams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NB 3. Parks Commission Formation Committee

Rhonda Vasquez and Chuck McGuire outlined the Formation Committee proposed Ordinance for establishing a Parks and Recreation Commission. Their recommendation to the council is to accept their proposal as is.

Mayor Adams inquired if the committee had had a chance to review Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston's detailed comments on their proposed ordinance. He stated that there appears to be a need to take the council's comments and have the committee get together and mesh the two processes. In concept he feels the council fully supports the concept. Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston explained he made alterations to the committee's proposed ordinance based on the city's code for establishing a committee / commission. City Attorney Lemieux also commented that he does feel the proposed ordinance is lengthy.

Mayor Adams again emphasized that the council does support the hard work of the formation committee. Consensus was for the committee to be given Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston's written comments and for them to meet with staff so that the proposed ordinance can be given to the attorney for his review.

NB 4. Reassignment of Land Lease for Airport Hanger 5 and 15

City Manager Lunsford reported that a letter had been received from Charlie Sprout and Rose Coen requesting a re-assignment of the land leases for hangers 5 & 15 to Michael and Kathy Sellard. They have previously sold the privately owned hangers 5 & 15 to the Sellards. The term of the lease is 30 years and both have a one time 5 year option. Hanger 5 30 years began October 1986, while hanger 15 - 30 years began February 1, 1989. Rent has been and will continue to adjust every 5 years to reflect any changes in the Consumer Price Index. Recommendation from staff is to approve the re-assignment.

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston to approve the reassignment of the Land Lease for Airport Hanger 5 and 15. Motion carried, 5-0.

NB 5. Tierra del Sol Golf Pro Contract

Councilmember Strong abstained due to potential conflict of interest and stepped down from the dais.

City Manager Lunsford reported that per his agreement with the City, Golf Pro Bob Dacey has exercised his right, in writing, to extend his contract for the two additional five-year periods. She further explained that recent economic conditions have affected the golf course maintenance cost. Therefore Mr. Dacey is requesting an increase in the budget from the current \$100,000.00 to \$140,000.00 per year. Mr. Dacey emphasized that the increase does not get paid to him directly; it goes towards the increased cost of the maintenance of the golf course.

Mr. Dacey addressed the council. Possible rate increases were mentioned as a way to help offset maintenance costs. The history was given on how this course, as well as most municipality courses, historically run in the red. Also explained was that if for whatever reason the City does not use this property for a golf course it is reverted back to Silver Saddle.

Public comments were received. Most citizens were not in favor of the proposed increase for the golf course. Concerns were voiced over the lack of a business plan being included in the proposal as well as aspects of the current agreement not being fulfilled. Mr. Dacey stated that there are a lot of things not being done, or done differently at both his course and the Par 3 due to rising costs.

Council members voiced their concerns especially in regards to the need for auditing of the golf course's financial records on a quarterly basis. Also there is a need to know exactly what the costs are for water and electricity.

Mr. Dacey stated that per his contract he has asked for an extension. He is not due to receive any more money from the City for three months. Perhaps that time could be used for auditing the course's books and getting answers to other councilmembers concerns.

The Council agreed that it is necessary to be able to see outlined the expenses entailed for the running of the golf course. Direction was given to have Mr. Dacey provide financial data to staff including the cost of seed fertilizer and the cost of the water, etc and then pass that information onto the Council.

COUNCIL AGENDA

Councilmember Smith - Inquiry on response on letter previously received from Wonder Acres resident

Councilmember Lessenevitch - Concerns regarding Helt Engineering

Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston - Thanks to Formation Committee

CLOSED SESSION None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Smith to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk

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commission. Linda Wilson also felt like the commission was always beating their heads against the wall and would like to see the commission dissolved.

Public comments were received and addressed.

Consensus of the council to direct staff to prepare ordinance dissolving the California City Beautification Commission.

COUNCIL AGENDA

Councilmember Smith - Request for employee freeze on salaries
Mayor Adams - Hotel is sold; thanks to those who helped

CLOSED SESSION

CS 1. Per Gov't Code Section 54957; Public Employee: City Manager
CS 2. Per Gov't Code Section 54956.9: Confer with Legal Counsel -
Potential Litigation

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Lemieux reported that in Closed Session no formal was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Smith to adjourn at 9:12 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk

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