

**REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA CITY CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, July 17, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Mayor Evans opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, the city clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: Councilmembers, Schafer, Strong, Mayor Pro Tem
Lessenevitch, Mayor Evans

ABSENT: Councilmember Edmiston (excused)

Also Present:

City Manager William Way; City Attorney Wayne Lemieux; Police Chief Lunsford; Fire Chief Ken Mylander; Airport Manager James Valdez; City Clerk Denise Hilliker

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Schafer, second by Councilmember Strong to find that the need has arisen, subsequent to the posting of the agenda to add CS #3; potential litigation Green vs City of Cal City and the addition of three checks intended on being included in CC #1 check register and adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

City Engineer Jerry Helt presented information to the council on a sewer backbone lines project and the sewer service system. Councilmember Schafer reported that he, along with Councilmember Edmiston, would be bringing back to the council on August 21 a detailed report on where they see the sewer going in the future.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

Mr. Way introduced James Valdez, new Airport Manager and Ken Mylander, new Fire Chief.

CIVIC/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Stafford, Chamber, 11/3/07 Community Clean up
Ed Waldheim, EDC, monthly breakfast at Foxy's 7/19/07; National Nite Out 8/7/07; Pioneer Days 9/28 - 9/30/07; Renaissance Fair 10/20 - 10/21/07

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

David Stafford - Animal shelter conditions

Ed Waldheim - Request for Park Commission
Rhonda Vasquez - Thanks for City responding to her concerns
Kim Collins - Inquiry on water/sewer rate; request stop sign at Neuralia leaving high school.
Tom (?) - Desert Jade pet deposit policy
Don Weaver - Orange mesh hazard along new elementary school site

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Budget workshop that was held last night went very well.

NEW BUSINESS 1:

Letter of Endorsement

Mr. Way reported on a meeting he attended with Kern County Sheriff Dept and other law enforcement agencies. It addressed the issue of gang activity in Kern County. The letter presented to the council tonight is an endorsement from all the communities to the Governor supporting his efforts to fund gang related intervention efforts in the County.

Motion by Councilmember Strong, second by Councilmember Schafer to approve. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS 2:

Proposed Crosswalks

Mr. Way reported that a "Citizen Advocate" form was received by the city from Allen Vasquez requesting sidewalks be put in at all corners at the intersection of CCB and North Loop.

Chief Lunsford commented on a small change to the design, otherwise public and council comment was positive.

Motion by Councilmember Schafer, second by Councilmember Strong to approve. Motion carried.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

Councilmember Strong - Welcome to James Valdez and congratulations to Ken Mylander. Attended AltaOne ribbon cutting ceremony. Neighborhood Watch has a website:calcitywatch@yahoo.com

Councilmember Schafer - Inquiry on agenda item

Mayor Pro Tem Lessenevitch - Request street department to inspect road erosion at Redwood at Neuralia and Redwood at Airway

CONSENT CALENDAR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

CC 1. Check register dated 07/06/07; adding Ck # 75617, 75618 & 75619

CC 2. Approve "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 8-96-1739

RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS”

CC 3. Proclamation supporting Childhood Cancer Awareness Week

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Strong to approve the Consent Calendar. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Schafer, Strong, Lessenevitch, Evans
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Edmiston

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Felix Gomez voiced concerns with Randsburg signage and drainage issues.
Ed Waldheim inquired about recycling grants

CLOSED SESSION:

CS 1. Per Govt. Code Section 54957.6, confer with Labor Negotiator regarding Misc. Union, CCPOA, CCFA
CS 2. Per Gov't Code Section 54957; Public Works Director
CS 3. Per Govt. Code Section 54956.9, confer with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation; Green

City Attorney Lemieux reported that the council heard a report on the Public Works Director recruitment. No action taken The Council also heard a report on the claim filed by Mark Green. Further direction was given to the City Manager in regards to negotiations.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Schafer to deny the Green claim. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Strong second by Councilmember Schafer to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk