

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY  
CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday July 21, 2009  
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Strong

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Smith to excuse Councilmember Strong. Motion carried

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston to adopt the agenda including Addendum 1 and 2. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Dave Haws - FormulaRallyX Presents CalCity eXtreme RallyX (handout)

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

City Manager Lunsford reported that since June 1, approximately \$77,000 in delinquent water bills have been recovered

**CIVIC / COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Stafford, Chamber; clean up successful with a huge amount of youth participation

MaryAnn LeBlanc, EDC; 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dinner 7/30/09 Community Center; Welcome to California City to Tokyo Tuna, Saturday @ 10am

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Public comment was received from Buford Land, Linda Wilson, Lou Peralta and Kim Collins

**CONSENT CALENDAR / PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CC 1.** City check registers dated through 07/16/09

**CC 2.** Approve minutes of meetings dated 05/05/09 and 05/19/09

**CC 3.** Council adopt **"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2-93-1492 AS IT RELATES TO TRAFFIC STOP SIGNS"**

**CC 4. Council adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2009, TO THE CITY’S CONTINGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT, AFFIRMING INVESTMENT POLICY, APPROVING THE CITY’S BUDGET, AND ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2009”**

**CC 5. 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 THE CREATION OF A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION”**

**CC 1.**

Councilmember Edmiston and Smith both had numerous checks that they received clarification on. Councilmember Smith did not receive adequate information in regards to ck # 80032, therefore asked that it be pulled from the consent calendar.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Smith to approve the consent calendar, excluding Ck # 80032. Roll call vote as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Smith Ck # 79957

**ABSENT:** Strong

**CONTINUED BUSINESS (ADDENDUM 2)**

**CB 1. Beacon Solar/Cal City Joint Water Exchange Project**

Public Works Director Bevins reported that the two water exchange options for Beacon Solar, Rosamond’s and California City, are still on the table. There has however been a couple of changes to both options in response to both Beacon and the State. The City’s project is now a more refined proposal. Dollar amounts remain the same, essentially the plan is for Beacon Solar to install main sewer trunk lines and street sewer connections to the edge of properties in a particular section of the city. 2277 households would be brought online for sewer, an upgrade would be done to the wastewater plant, and recycled water would go north to the Beacon Solar Plant. The City is still in the number 2 position behind Rosamond.

Consensus by council to continue to support the California City water exchange project with Beacon Solar.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NB 1. Abandoned, Accessible and Distressed Real Property Ordinance**

City Attorney Lemieux reported that a couple of years ago the state legislature amended the civil code to give cities greater power over insisting on maintenance of foreclosed properties. The proposed ordinance implements that law and deals with foreclosed or tax deeded property. Mr. Lemieux outlined the details of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Edmiston asked that the term "gravel" be removed from Sec. 5-1.1A03, subsection (d). Councilmember Smith asked that the term "asphalt" and "mulch" be removed from the same referenced section.

Public comments were received and addressed. Members of real estate community voiced their concerns with dealing with out of state banks and that it will take longer to sell these homes.

The council agreed on the definite need for this type of ordinance.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Lessenevitch to give First Reading, by Title only, with Further Reading waived of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY AMENDING THE CALIFORNIA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO ABANDONED, ACCESSIBLE AND DISTRESSED PROPERTY" Roll call vote as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Strong

### **NB 2. Municipal Code Title 2 Review**

City Attorney Lemieux reported that after receiving written comments from both staff and council regarding Title 2, he requests that the item be removed and brought back at a subsequent meeting. Request granted.

### **NB 3. California City Beautification Commission (ADDENDUM 1)**

Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston reported that he has previously been approached by members of the Beautification Commission about discussing the need to continue with this commission.

Cecile Campbell, Chair of the Beautification Commission, stated that they have only been somewhat successful in their efforts. There has been ongoing issues that have kept them from doing what they have wanted to do for the city. She voiced her desire to no longer serve on the

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

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