

**REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA CITY CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, October 16, 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 Edmiston, Schafer, Mayor Pro Tem
Lessenevitch, Mayor Evans

ABSENT: Councilmember Strong (excused due to illness)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Edmiston to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

California City Police Officer Dunn explained their Explorer program and introduced its members.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

Fire Chief Ken Mylander provided the council with an update on the new fire truck.

CIVIC/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Renaissance Fair October 20-21 Dinner Oct 19

Cancer Walk October 27

EDC & Chamber to meet on 10/30 @ City Hall – Funding for Police Canine
Community Clean 11/3/07

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ed Waldheim - Would like to encourage the council to get involved in getting the fence on Conklin taken down

CONSENT CALENDAR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

CC 1. Approve check register dated 10/10/07

CC 2. Adopt a “**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**”

Councilmember Schafer asked that check # 76111, 76134 and 76140 be pulled from CC 1. for discussion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Edmiston to approve the Consent Calendar, excluding the three aforementioned checks. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilmember Schafer received clarification from staff on the three checks pulled for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Schafer, second by Councilmember Edmiston to approve check # 76111, 76134 and 76140. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS 1:
Code Maintenance Ordinance

Mr. Way gave the staff report on this item. He informed the council that this ordinance specifically relates to section 2-3.103 of the municipal code. For a number of years we have listed in the code a number of positions which we classified as "exempt positions". Under the Fair Labor Standards Act there are certain of those positions which are not qualified to be exempt. This maintenance ordinance eliminates those positions. In paragraph © he explained that there are certain positions, those relating to labor negotiations, that are classified as "confidential positions"

Council questions were answered.
No public comments received.

Motion by Councilmember Edmiston, second by Councilmember Schafer 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 RELATES TO CODE MAINTENANCE" Roll call vote as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS 2:

Discussion on off-road vehicle fees

Mayor Pro Tem Lessenevitch gave the staff report on the history of this item. He emphasized that the extreme number of off roaders that flock to our community places severe demands on the city's public safety agencies. Even though the police department's "dirt team" is funded solely by state grant monies this funding has become endangered. As the city is feeling the impact of these tourists' activities the off road committee has been working on reducing the negative impacts in our community. It is now time to move forward in collecting a fee to allow these vehicles to come into our community. This will also allow us to help guide them in these activities.

Sergeant Hurtado provided information gathered from other areas within the state of California that charge fees. He also briefed the council on what information and ideas the off road committee had been working on.

Public comments and concerns were received.

Council received clarification on their questions and concerns and offered their views.

It was the consensus of the council to direct staff to move forward with this project.

CONTINUED BUSINESS 1:

Council consider authorizing PERS 2-year golden handshake early retirement incentive to eligible employees

Mr. Way gave the staff report on this item. He explained this item was more of an information item rather than an item requiring action. The Pers cost for the 4 eligible employees to take was explained. Also the buyout costs for this offer are payouts totaling \$82,842. in leave balances. Pers requires that these costs be presented in a public meeting. A resolution will be brought back at the next council meeting which in turn will open up a 180 day window period for early retirement to these employees.

Council questions were answered.
No public comments were received.

CONTINUED BUSINESS 2:
Waste Management Ordinance

Councilmember Edmiston explained that since the last meeting numerous items had been added/changed within the body of the ordinance due to concerns of staff and the community.

Additional Council concerns were voiced.

Additional public comments and concerns were received.

After lengthy discussion it is the consensus of the council to have Councilmembers Edmiston and Strong meet with the City's franchise hauler for their input and bring back for first reading.

COUNCIL AGENDA:

Mayor Evans and Councilmember Edmiston recognized city employee Cindy Beckwith for going beyond her normal job duties by assisting a citizen whose home was on fire.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION:

CS 1. Per Gov't Code Section 54956.9; confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation, Grey vs California City

City Attorney Lemieux reported council was given update and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Schafer second by Councilmember Edmiston to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk