

**REGULAR MEETING  
CALIFORNIA CITY CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, October 17 2006, 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.  
MINUTES**

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** Mayor Adams opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor James Fuller provided the invocation. The clerk called the roll:

**PRESENT:** Council members Edmiston, Schafer, Dempsey, Adams

**ABSENT:** Lessenevitch

**Also Present:**

City Manager William Way; City Attorney Wayne Lemieux; Finance Director Terry Hicks; Acting Fire Chief Chris Hayes; Public Works Director Dan Allen

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Motion to adopt agenda by Councilman Edmiston, second by Councilman Schafer; carried**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Adams, on behalf of the City, presented Battalion Chief Hayes with a plaque honoring his years of service. Chief Hayes has taken a job with the Upland Fire Department.

Dan Allen, Public Works Director, updated the council on the slurry seal project.

Dan Ingram of KernCog, gave an overview of Measure "1" which will be on the upcoming ballot November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Manager Way reported that there is a community calendar available at [calendarwiz.com](http://calendarwiz.com)

**CIVIC/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

David Campbell - The Special Tax Committee for Measure "J" needs walkers to help go door to door. Meetings every Monday at 6pm.

Buford Land - Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a political candidate forum on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the middle school

Michelle Hornback - Renaissance Festival on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. at the park.

Ed Walheim, EDC, invite to breakfast on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 8am at Foxy's. Events committee will be meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am at the EDC building.

Cancer Walk is October 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at the tennis courts.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Alis Clausen, SCE, gave an update concerning their proposed rate increase. It has been postponed until Jan 1,07.

Michael Husarek in regards to letters he has been submitting to the AV Press in favor of Measure J.

Chuck McGuire expressed his strong objections to the City allowing a store to sell paraphernalia. He also is very feels the City itself is going backwards and is concerned with the number of department heads that have left the City for positions in other cities.

Cheryl Gober, IMC, commented on the number of positive businesses that they are in the process of bringing into our city.

**PUBLIC HEARING 1:**

Council consider proposed projects for CDBG Funds, F/Y 2007-08, select eligible project - City Manager

Mayor Adams declared the hearing opened at 6:35 pm.

City Manager Way explained that it is necessary to call a public hearing before we officially submit proposals to the County for CDBG projects in the future. Staff is proposing that council take the approximate \$86,000 designated for Calif. City, and set it aside for continuation of the Mojave Randsburg road extension. This would be an initial step in the process of continuing this project.

No additional communications were received by the City Clerk.

Buford Land voiced his support and expressed his concerns over the dangerous intersection at Randsburg Rd turning left on Mendinburu.

Ed Walheim also voiced his support for the project.

Motion by Councilman Schafer, second by Councilman Edmiston to close the public hearing at 6:39 pm; carried

Motion by Councilman Edmiston, second by Councilman Schafer to approve the CDBG funds for 07'-08' to be used for the Mojave - Randsburg extension project. Roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** Edmiston, Schafer, Dempsey, Adams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Lessenevitch

**PUBLIC HEARING 2:**

**Council consider approving Initial Study and Negative Declaration concerning Solar Farm - City Manager**

Mayor Adams declared the hearing opened at 6:40 pm.

City Manager Way explained that the proponent on this project is Jay Sprague and it is located on the southwest corner of Redwood Blvd. and Lehigh St. The property, 2.76 acres, is currently zoned ORA. This project is allowable with a CUP, which was approved by the Planning Commission. They recommend the council take public testimony and approve the Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

Councilman Schafer got clarification on the issue that there will be no hazardous waste on the site.

No additional communications were received by the City Clerk.

Alis Clausen, SCE, wanted to caution the council that there are interconnection agreements that need to be completed and many hurdles that need to be overcome in the permit process. Mr. Sprague replied that he had already completed the intense application and had forwarded it to SCE's Rosemead location.

Mr. Sprague also explained that the City will have first dibs on the electricity that this farm will produce.

Several citizens also voiced their support for this project as well as their concerns for the cost of electricity through SCE.

**Motion by Councilman Schafer, second by Councilman Edmiston to close the public hearing at 6:49 pm; carried.**

**Motion by Councilman Schafer, second by Councilman Edmiston to approve the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Roll call vote as follows:**

**AYES:** Edmiston, Schafer, Dempsey, Adams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Lessenevitch

**PUBLIC HEARING 3:**

**Council consider approving Initial Study, Negative Declaration and Vesting Tentative Tract Map 6864 for planned R-1/C-2 development on 60 acres - City Manager**

Mayor Adams declared the hearing opened at 6:50 pm.

City Manager Way explained that the proponent for this project is Ed Collins. The general location of the project is on the north and south sides of 20 Mule Team Parkway. It involves subdividing 60 acres into 30 lots, 28 R1 single-family residential lots, 1 commercial lot and 1 park basin. It is currently zoned R1 and C2. The Planning Commission has given its approval of the VTTM and recommends that the council take public testimony and approve the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. A visual was shown to the council in regards to this project's location.

Councilman Edmiston had clarification that the proponent was going to make provisions so that there would not be any wash outs and that they would address the flood zones at a later date, when that area was to be developed.

A communication was received by the City Clerk from the Cal. Regional Water Quality Control Board listing their staff's comments on the proposed project.

It was clarified that this project is located approximately 1+ miles from the city's existing cemetery.

Planning Commissioner Dennis commented that there is no actual "stream bed" associated with this property.

Public comment was also noted that the approval of this project should not be held up or conditions put upon it due to the letter received from the Control Board. Also that the Council should show trust in the review and actions taken by the Planning Commission in regards to this project.

Motion by Councilman Edmiston, second by Councilman Schafer to close the public hearing at 7:04 pm; carried.

Motion by Councilman Schafer, second by Councilman Edmiston to approve the Initial Study, Negative Declaration, and VTTM 6864 and take diligence in reviewing the comments submitted by the Cal. Regional Water Quality Control Board. Roll call vote as follows:

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

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR CONTINUED:**

Ms. Davis expressed her concern over her neighbor's unwillingness to keep her dogs confined on Campfire Drive. This has been an ongoing problem with no assistance from PD or animal control.

**NEW BUSINESS 1:**

Cal City Well #14 - City Manager

City Engineer Helt explained that the City currently has a well located on a piece of property that does not have a Deed of Record. This matter came to light when a title search was done for an applicant applying for a lot split. The deed will be corrected with the Certificate of Approval, showing the City as property owner.

Motion by Councilman Edmiston, second by Councilman Schafer to approve Certificate of Acceptance and authorize recording of Grant Deed.

Roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** Edmiston, Schafer, Dempsey, Adams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Lessenevitch

**NEW BUSINESS 2:**

Impact Fees - City Manager

With the unforeseen absence of Councilman Lessenevitch, it was the consensus of the Council to continue this agenda item at a future meeting.

**COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Councilman Schafer - Would like update on waterline replacement project as well as sports arena. (Public Director Allen gave a brief update on the waterline project)

Councilman Edmiston - Street sweeper issues. Inquiry if Dial A Ride was going to be changing their hours of operation. (Mr. Way replied not to his knowledge) Seniors have some complaints about not being given courtesy service by Dial A Ride employees. Also received complaints about the billboards that Mr. Ellison has had up along Hwy 14. Requested a presentation to be done by the Code Enforcement Officer at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Dempsey - Thanks to both Dan Allen and Chris Hayes for their year of service to the City.

Mayor Adams - Code enforcement issue at duplex on CCB. Would like the council/staff to look into Lancaster and Palmdale's aggressive stance on what is happening with housing abuse. They have been successful in canceling hundreds of vouchers. Also reported that the school district is planning on doing the ground breaking for the high school next week.

**CONSENT CALENDAR/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CC 1. Check Register dated 10/06/06**

**CC 2. Approve minutes of Regular Meeting held on 9/19/06**

**Motion by Councilman Edmiston, second by Councilman Schafer to approve Consent Calendar. Roll Call vote as follows:**

**AYES:** Edmiston, Schafer, Dempsey, Adams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Lessenevitch

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**CS 1. Per Gov't Code Sec. 54957.6, confer with Labor Negotiator William Way regarding C.C. Firefighters Assoc. and CCPOA**

**CS 2. Per Gov't Code Section 54956.9; confer with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation, Guy vs City of California City**

**CS 3. Per Gov't Code Sec. 54956.9, confer with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation, McMihelk vs City of California City**

**CS 4. Per Gov't Code Section 54956.9; confer with Legal Counsel regarding Verizon Claim**

Council recessed at 7:33pm for closed session. Upon return at 8:23pm City Attorney Lemieux reported that in respect to negotiations with the Fire and Police Associations, the City's labor negotiator was given further instructions. No other action was taken or reportable. There was nothing to report on existing litigation, as no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Councilman Schafer, second by Councilman Edmiston to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk