

**REGULAR MEETING  
CALIFORNIA CITY CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, November 21 2006, 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.  
MINUTES**

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** Mayor Adams opened the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Frank Bachara, Desert Song Foursquare, provided the invocation. The clerk called the roll:

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

**ABSENT:** None

**Also Present:**

City Manager William Way; City Attorney Wayne Lemieux; Finance Director Terry Hicks; Police Chief Lunsford

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion to adopt agenda, with the addendum of NB2, by Councilman Edmiston, second by Councilman Schafer; carried.5-0

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Tom McCutcheon of Kern Co. Waste Management Dept gave a presentation on the proposed rate increase relating to land fill fees. The increase is \$4 yearly.

Mike Sprague, Code Enforcement Officer, gave an in-depth report on cases he has been working on. Also an update on cases he has been able to resolve and different issues he has been dealing with.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Manager Way reported that he has requested staff to prepare two budgets; one showing how they will continue should the public pass a special tax, the second reflecting the necessary cuts in all departments across the board as a result of losing \$3.2 million dollars in revenue. These budgets will be brought to the council in late February for their consideration.

**CIVIC/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Cecile Campbell wanted to remind everyone of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Sat, 12/2/06 at 6pm in front of city hall.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Charlie Sprout - believes that the inspector should not be doing any inspections period, unless there is a trash bin and porta potty on site. He also feels that the City should not be continually grading the easements because of the problem with blowing dirt.

Rhonda Vasquez - voiced her concerns about contractors not having a port a potty on site. There has been many times where those contractors building next to her property are relieving themselves out in the desert. She is very disturbed and feels this situation is only getting worse.

Kim Collins - explained his views on why the special tax did not pass

Chuck McGuire - City's website is out of date. Also concerned with the additional duties that certain managers are being tasked to do, i.e. running dual departments. Mr. Way explained that given the failure of the special tax he does not intend, unless he is otherwise directed, to recruit for a Fire Chief. He explained that we are in the process of recruiting a Public Works Director.

Judy Smith - Voiced concerns about rumor circulating that homeowner's fire insurance premiums are already going up.

**NEW BUSINESS 1:**

TEA Project - City Engineer

Mr. Helt explained that this is a master agreement, which the City is required to execute with CalTrans. It is required for the acquisition of the funds for all FHAW projects. The specific project, as defined in the resolution, is a TEA sidewalk project and is currently out to bid.

The council was assured that there was funding all ready in the budget for the required match.

Motion by Councilmember Edmiston, second by Councilman Schafer to approve and adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY APPROVING A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR CITY ENGINEER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT" and adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. M007 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. RSTPLE-09-5399(011) FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACT PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK ON CALIFORNIA CITY BLVD. FROM 700 FEET WEST OF CONKLIN BLVD. TO RANDSBURG-MOJAVE RD. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF CITY ENGINEER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT" Roll Call vote as follows:

**AYES:** Edmiston, Schafer, Adams

**NAYS:** Lessenevitch, Dempsey  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS 2:**

**Revenue Experts, Inc. Agreement - City Manager**

Mr. Way reported that this comes as a recommendation from the City's code enforcement officer that we hire the suggested company to do the follow up on the collection of citations issued.

There was a consensus among the Council to take more time to review proposed agreement and to place on the next agenda.

**COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Councilman Edmiston - Expressed concern on those construction sites where port a potties are not being used.

Councilman Schafer - Request to Chief Lunsford to follow up on graffiti offender doing community service after his release. Questions were also asked and answered in regards to Sierra Cascade's project, the status on the Sludge machine that was previously purchased, as well as upgraded computer equipment for the code enforcement officer.

Councilman Lessenevitch - Would like to see progress on the City's ability to have the council meetings available on the internet.

Mayor Pro Tem Dempsey - Wanted to thank the citizens of the community and City staff for all their support through the years.

Mayor Adams - High school will have equipment on site next Monday. He also expressed his best wishes and good luck to the City for the future.

**CONSENT CALENDAR/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- CC 1.** Check register dated 11/14/06
- CC 2.** Approve minutes of Regular Meeting held on 10/3/06
- CC 3.** Approve permit to the American Legion to hold weekly Bingo games as recommended by the C.O.P. with periodic inspections pursuant of the Municipal Code.
- CC 4.** Adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 04-73-570 RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF MOBILE HOME PARK REGULATIONS"
- CC 5.** 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 MUNICIPLE CODE AS IT RELATES TO CODE MAINTENANCE"
- CC 6.** Adopt "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY TO ESTABLISH A NEW

**PROJECT ENTITLED "RANDSBURG-MOJAVE ROAD  
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT" AND SUBMIT AN  
APPLICATION FOR \$78,000 IN KERN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2007-08"**

Councilman Edmiston requested that CC4, CC5, CC6 be pulled and put on the agenda as new business items for 12/5/06. Council agreed.

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**CS 1.** Per Gov't Code Sec. 54956.9, confer with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation, Fitzpatrick vs City of California City

Council recessed at 7:35pm for closed session. Upon return at 7:42pm City Attorney Lemieux reported that the labor negotiator was given direction and there was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by duly made and seconded to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk