

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2010

The regular meetings of the San Gabriel City Council and the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency convened on July 20, 2010 at 7:34 p.m. with Mayor/Chair Huang, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Gutierrez, Council/Agencymembers Costanzo, De La Torre, Sawkins, City Manager/Executive Director Preston, Deputy City Attorney/Deputy General Counsel Wallin, and Deputy City Clerk/Agency Secretary Castruita present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

Attendance

RECESS AGENCY MEETING

Recess Agency Meeting

Agencymember Costanzo moved to recess; seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

PRESENTATION: Proclamation – National Night Out 2010

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The City Council presented the National Night Out 2010 proclamation to Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Council at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND ENACTED IN ONE MOTION UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR AUDIENCE REQUESTS SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Consent Calendar

[Consent Calendar Item #D was pulled for separate discussion]

A. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 6, 2010

Minutes Approved

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the last Council meeting.

Recommended Action: Approval

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS 83900-84033 INCLUSIVE \$2,620,682.47

Material Demands Approved

This is the presentation of the "Register of Demands and Warrants" for the payment of City expenditures.

Recommended Action: Approval

C. REQUESTS FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY

Block Party NNO Approved

Two requests for temporary street closures have been submitted for the purpose of holding a block party for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 as follows:

- 200 block of Bradbury Drive from Hermosa to Gurdon Avenue from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 500 block of W. Coolidge Drive from Milton to the dead end of Coolidge from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Recommended Action: That the City Council approve the requests subject to the following conditions:

- (1) A minimum width of 20 feet of one side of the street shall remain unobstructed for access by public safety vehicles.
- (2) Fire hydrants shall remain unobstructed at all times.
- (3) There shall be no consumption of alcohol within the public right-of-way.
- (4) There shall be no fireworks or other pyrotechnic displays.
- (5) A resident shall be identified as the responsible party for all contacts by City agencies and for installing and removing the street barricades.
- (6) Parties are subject to disturbing the peace laws.
- (7) The street closure shall be between the hours as indicated on the request form.
- (8) Applicant is responsible for moving the barricades when City officials arrive at the event.

[D. SURPLUS STREET NAME SIGNS]

Surplus Street Name Signs
Approved

During fiscal year 2009-2010 the Public Works Department was awarded CIP funds to move forward with the replacement of street name signs throughout the city. Since beginning the replacement project, the Public Works Department has received a number of calls from citizens interested in purchasing the old street name signs.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Approve the program as contained in the staff report.
2. Increase the Estimated Revenue Budget, Account #121-3920 by \$875.00 from donations for surplus signs.
3. Increase the Public Works Street Services Expenditure Budget, Account #121-800-02-21-000 by \$875.00 from donations for surplus signs, which will be used to fund the installation of additional unistrut or equivalent structures for sign structures that may need to be replaced during the retrofit program.

Councilmember De La Torre had questions for staff concerning funds received from surplus signs, then moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Sawkins and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

**E. USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM
RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 10-11; ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.
10-26**

Used Oil Payment Program
Approved

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 10-11 on April 20, 2010 authorizing staff to file grant applications for up to five years without the need for individual grant resolutions. All documents were properly submitted to CalRecycle. Staff was recently notified that Resolution No. 10-11 was not in compliance with the new program name and that the "Whereas" clauses of the resolution needed to be revised.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Rescind Resolution No. 10-11; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 10-26; and
3. Authorize staff to submit the new resolution to CalRecycle.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to approve items A,B,C, & E of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Sawkins and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

(A request was made to move the following item to be heard before the Public Hearing)

GOLDEN MILE BRANDING FOR VALLEY BOULEVARD

Golden Mile Branding for
Valley Boulevard Approved

The business community has expressed great interest in branding Valley Boulevard as the "Golden Mile" district. Particular topics of interest to a group of Valley Boulevard Stakeholders have been Business Improvement District formation, place identity, streetscape enhancements, public safety, parking and traffic, and cooperative advertising and marketing. Such a designation would allow marketing and promotion of the business district to visitors and tourists which will also help distinguish Valley Boulevard in San Gabriel from neighboring cities.

Recommended Action: That the City Council designate Valley Boulevard as the Golden Mile district and use this district name on promotional materials to give visibility and identity to the commercial corridor.

Acting Economic Development Manager Scherr presented the staff report.

The following introduced themselves and supported the Golden Mile Branding:

Public Speakers: Without Cards

John Wu, Chair, Valley Boulevard Stakeholder Group

Johnny Lu, Architect, Tag Design Works,

Roman Tsarovsky, Website Designer- mygoldenmile.com

Tony, DNA Marketing – Magazine Editor for Stakeholder news and history of San Gabriel

With Cards:

Anna Jung, Fortune Court Plaza

Caren Lin, Hing Wa Lee Jewelers

Huy Trieu, General Manager of San Gabriel Superstore

Stephen Chan, GE Properties

Councilmember De La Torre moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Sawkins and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF 2010 CONFORMANCE SELF-CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION NO. 10-23 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Public Hearing: Adoption of
2010 Conformance Self-
Certification Reso 10-23 CMP
Approved

Pursuant to the requirements contained in the Traffic Congestion and Spending Act of 1980, the City must monitor and report on the status of its congestion management program each year.

Recommended Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 10-23 and direct staff to submit the resolution and report to the LACMTA.

Associate Engineer Cheng presented the staff report

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2009-2010 WEED CLEARANCE CHARGES

Public Hearing: 2009-10
Weed Clearance Charges

The City contracts with Los Angeles County to perform annual weed abatement services. Pursuant to Resolution 10-05, the City Council held a public hearing on February 16, 2010 regarding those properties identified as vacant or unimproved properties in the City that require inspection services. Property owners were duly notified and abatement services have been rendered as necessary for the 2009-10 Weed Abatement program. The County is requesting Council approval of the costs to be assessed to property owners.

Recommended Action: After holding the public hearing, that the City Council confirm the charges as presented.

Deputy City Clerk Castruita presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to open the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Council at this time.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Councilmember De La Torre moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Items

City Manager Preston gave an update on the Council Strategic Priorities list. Of 113 projects on the list, 33 have been completed, and the list has been changed to a condensed version.

A request was made for a future discussion between the City and Mr. Norberg regarding the Roses Road property.

The City of San Gabriel has requested to join ventures with the City of Rosemead concerning painting bridges along the 10 FWY.

A request was made for cooperation from CalTrans to maintain and improve landscaping along the 10 FWY.

A meeting with Dr. Parks took place to discuss the District's participation in the Centennial celebration, Fourth of July Parade, with either a band or drum corps, and a banner for the ACE program.

A study session has been proposed for a future date with the Communication Task Force.

The City Manager has requested input from the City Council concerning the City Manager evaluation process.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Council comments and
conference/meeting reports

Each Council Member addressed the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. Also, the Council gave reports on meetings they had attended.

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENE AGENCY MEETING

Recess Council meeting and reconvene Agency meeting

Councilmember Costanzo moved to recess council meeting and reconvene Agency meeting; seconded by councilmember De La Torre. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Agency Meeting

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2010

Minutes Approved

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to approve the subject minutes; seconded by Agencymember De La Torre. The motion passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Agency at this time.

C. BUDGET INCREASE AND CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR CASTLEROCK ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. RELATED TO DEMOLITION OF AGENCY-OWNED PROPERTIES AT 1266-88 E. LAS TUNAS DRIVE

Budget increase and contract amendment for Castlerock Environmental Inc. related to demolition of agency-owned properties at 1266-88 E. Las Tunas Dr. Approved

On May 4, 2010, the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency (SGRA) approved a contract with Castlerock Environmental, Inc., to perform demolition services on the Agency-owned buildings at 1266-88 E. Las Tunas Drive. The contract did not provide for prevailing wage rates in accordance with State law. The Agency is being asked to appropriate \$11,459 in additional redevelopment funds and amend Purchase Order No. 6508 with Castlerock Environmental, Inc. for this amount to pay prevailing wages for the demolition.

Recommended Action: That the Redevelopment Agency:

1. Authorize \$11,459 of unallocated RDA funds to be appropriated to Account Number E-122-945-54-96-514; and
2. Amend Purchase Order Number 6508 with Castlerock Environment, Inc. for demolition services for the buildings located at 1266-88 E. Las Tunas Dr. in the amount not to exceed \$61,789, an increase of \$11,459 for the payment of prevailing wages.

Acting Economic & Housing Development Manager Scherr presented the staff report.

Agencymember Sawkins moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

D. RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE OF RDA FUNDS AND CONTRACT WITH ASBESTOS INSTANT RESPONSE (AIR, INC.) FOR ABATEMENT AND DECONTAMINATION SERVICES OF AGENCY-OWNED PROPERTIES AT 1266-88 E. LAS TUNAS DRIVE, REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Ratification of expenditure of RDA funds and contract with Asbestos Instant Response (Air, Inc.) for abatement and decontamination services of agency-owned properties at 1266-88 E. Las Tunas Dr. redevelopment project area . Approved.

Recent events and corrective actions related to the demolition of 1266-88 E. Las Tunas Drive require that the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency ratify the expenditure of \$138,500 and a contract with Asbestos Instant Response (AIR, Inc.) for abatement services. This work was determined to be a public emergency and the Agency is being asked to ratify the actions taken by staff.

Recommended Action: That the Redevelopment Agency:

1. Authorize \$138,500 of unallocated RDA funds to be appropriated to Account No. 122-954-54-96-514; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract documents.

Acting Economic & Housing Development Manager Scherr presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Agencymember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

E. ADJOURN AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn Agency Meeting

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to adjourn the agency meeting; seconded by Agencymember Sawkins. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

Reconvene Council meeting

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION

Recess Council meeting to Closed Session

At 9:06 p.m., City Council recessed Council meeting to closed session.

A. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council will meet in Closed Session with the city's labor negotiator, pursuant to Government Code §54957.6.

City negotiator: Steve Filarsky

Employee organizations: All recognized City labor organizations

Deputy City Attorney Wallin responded with no reportable action.

AT 9:50 P.M., COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING IN MEMORY OF JOHN RAYA, CECILIA MONTALVO, AND BEATRICE ALVA, TO AUGUST 3, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE MISSION PLAYHOUSE PARKING LOT, 320 SOUTH MISSION DRIVE, SAN GABRIEL, AT WHICH TIME THE CITY COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT.

Adjourn

SAN GABRIEL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

Nina Castruita, Agency Secretary

Nina Castruita, Deputy City Clerk

Albert Y. M. Huang, Chair

Albert Y.M. Huang, Mayor