



CITY OF AZUSA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Azusa met in regular session at the above date and time in the Azusa Auditorium, located at 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, CA, 91702.

CEREMONIAL

Ceremonial

Certificates of Recognition were presented to Joet Gonzalez and Jousce Gonzalez of the Azusa Boxing Club who won in the “Silver Gloves District” competition at the Regional and State level.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sess

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss the following:

Recess

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL CLAIM AGAINST AZUSA (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9(b))** - Natural Resources Defense Council v. County of Los Angeles, LA County Flood Control.

Conf w/legal
Cnsl

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9 (b & c))**. One Case Watt Genton

Conf w/legal
Cnsl

Moved by Councilmember Hanks, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Carrillo and unanimously carried to add the following to Closed Session:

Add to Closed
Session

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9 (b&c))**. Atlantis Gardens.

Conf w/legal
Cnsl

The City Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m. City Attorney Carvalho advised that there was reportable action on item one of the Closed Session item; on a 5-0 vote the City declined to enter into a tolling agreement. There was no other reportable action taken.

Reconvened

Mayor Rocha called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

Kayleen led in the Salute to the Flag.

Flag Salute

INVOCATION was given by Reverend LeRoy of the First Assembly of God Church

Invocation

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, HANKS, ROCHA

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Also Present

City Attorney Carvalho, City Manager Delach, Assistant City Manager Makshanoff, Azusa Police Captain Gonzalez, Administrative Services Director-Chief Financial Officer Kreimeier, Assistant Community Development Director McNamara, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes, Director of Recreation and Family Services Jacobs, City Treasurer Hamilton, Public Information Officer Quiroz, Library Director Tovar, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pub Part

Mr. Mike Lee addressed Council wishing candidates good luck; expressed his opinion regarding the right to vote; urged all to vote and sent out well wishes and announcements to his friends who have been ill.

M. Lee
Comments

Mr. Ernesto Duenas addressed Council stating that he has a problem in his apartment regarding second hand smoke, he submitted a petition requesting that he have a smoke free apartment house.	E. Duenas Comments
Ms. Patty Gonzales addressed Council inviting all to Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit the Azusa High Marching Band and Pageantry Core, be held on Saturday, March 7 th from 6-9 p.m., at 240 N. Cerritos; cost is \$6 adults, \$3 children 3-11 years old, and family ticket for 25 dollars.	P. Gonzales Comments
Ms. Peggy Martinez addressed Council providing updates on (DBA), Downtown Business Association, stating that Miss Azusa Pageant will be held on March 21, 2009 at Citrus College Performing Arts Center and the Annual Membership Meeting will be held on March 19, 2009; for more information call 812-5818.	P. Martinez Comments
Mr. Paul Naccachian addressed Council congratulating all candidates running in the election and stating that this has been a great and wonderful journey; he thanked staff, volunteers and all who supported him.	P. Naccachian Comments
Mr. Sal Martinez addressed Council thanking them for support of Azusa American Little League and invited all to Opening Day on March 7 th . He announced the completion of registration; thanked the community for their continued support; dedicated their season to the John Littlefield Family and talked about their donations; April 4 th Little League Dance at the Azusa Woman's Club from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. and wished good luck to all candidates.	S. Martinez Comments
Mr. Eddie Alvarez wished all candidates good luck in the upcoming election; encouraged all to vote; advised that another Navy Unit has been activated out of Moreno Valley and requested that all support the troops.	E. Alvarez Comments
Ms. Stephanie Mills urged all to vote; wished all good luck; and thanked Mayor Joseph Rocha for running in the election.	S. Mills Comments
Mr. Arthur Vasquez Jr. announced that there will be an important meeting on March 3, 2009, at 7 p.m. at Foothill Middle School regarding Azusa Unified School District and decisions that have to be made regarding the budget.	A. Vasquez Comments
Mr. Art Morales wished good health to Murray Hirota, Walter Harville, and Art West; announced the election; thanks to all who vote absentee; announced his selection for candidates and talked about the lack of sign for the bus routes from the old Ranch Market.	A. Morales Comments
Ms. Suzanne Avila of California Resource Connections invited all to a Smart Gardening Workshop to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at the Azusa River Park, the old El Encanto Restaurant. She talked about the current drought conditions and thanked City leaders as well as Azusa Light and Water Department for being ahead of the game.	S. Avila Comments
Mr. Tom Gonzales addressed Council wishing good luck to all the candidates; thanked Mr. Eddie Alvarez for allowing him to work on his campaign; urged all to vote, and named the candidates of his choice.	T. Gonzales Comments
<u>REPORTS, UPDATES COUNCIL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-STAFF</u>	Rpts/Updates
Staff responded to questions asked as follows: City Council has no authority to ban smoking in private buildings; only landlords can mandate; the polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m., and shuttle signs have been put up, call 812-5248 for more information. City Manager Delach announced that the City has received an award in the Light and Water Department for Tree Line USA Utilities.	City Attorney Comments
Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo and unanimously carried to approve request for a proclamation for Adam N. Verharst in honor of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.	Eagle Scout Award
Mr. Ron White, on behalf of the Azusa High School 60's Reunion Committee, presented a check in the amount of \$500 to the Azusa City Library, Library Director Albert Tovar to be used in the Children's Library.	Ron White Present check To Library
Ms. Elisa Clifford of the Southern California Edison, addressed Council regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, advising that it's a California Public Utilities Commission mandated project where all the utilities in the State of California have their renewable fuel mix be at least 20% by 2010 and advised what Edison is doing by choosing the Tehachapi wind power.	E. Clifford Comments
Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo congratulated Councilmember Hanks on being reappointed to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).	Carrillo Comments
Councilmember Macias relayed his experience with local theater and music performance at schools and urged all to vote in the upcoming election.	Macias Comments
Councilmember Hanks also urged all to vote in the upcoming election.	Hanks Comment

Councilmember Gonzales urged all to vote in the upcoming election; relayed a message from Joe Guarrera Jr. thanking the Azusa Police Department for saving the life of his mother last week; and on behalf of Louie Carrillo he asked the public to help send used baseball bats and gloves to Mexico by donating them, call (626) 253-4958, Tanya or Louis Carrillo, for more information.

Gonzales
Comments

Mayor Rocha advised that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Marina Pedroza, lifelong resident of Azusa. He reiterated that opening day for American Little League is March 7th at 10 a.m.; March 14th at noon the Azusa National Little League will be having their opening day ceremonies; March 11th will be the celebration of the Azusa Library Bookmobile; Friday, March 6th at 7 p.m. at APU, the Homework House will be having a fundraiser; March 11th there will be a fundraiser at Max's Restaurant for Donate A Life Walk from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m.; thanked all who helped clean American National Little League for opening day; directed persons interested in volunteering to Azusabeautiful.com. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the problem of huffing on aerosol cans with plastic bags in several areas of Azusa. Mr. Rocha advised that there will be a meeting regarding the issue on March 11th at Lee school, to let parent know what can be done to prevent the behavior.

Rocha
Comments

SCHEDULED ITEMS

Sched Items

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE METRO BOARD AMEND THE DRAFT 2009 LRTP TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE FOOTHILL EXTENSION

Res amend draft
LRTP

Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes addressed the issue stating that the current draft of the LRTP lists the Gold Line Foothill Extension funding for operation by 2017; the Gold Line is ready to be built and can be operational by 2013; he explained problems that would occur if the process was delayed. He responded to questions posed. Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo requested to add additional language which included the following: "economic stimulus is the choice phrase of the time, the immediate funding of the Foothill Extension project would stimulate the entire county in job creation faster than any other Metro rail project".

T. Haes
Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo offered a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA REQUESTING THAT THE METRO BOARD AMEND THE DRAFT 2009 LRTP TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE FOOTHILL EXTENSION PROJECT.

Res. 09-C23
Amend Draft
LRTP Foothill
Extension

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Macias to waive further reading and adopt. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, HANKS, ROCHA
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

The CONSENT CALENDAR consisting of Items D-1 through D-6 was approved by motion of Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo and unanimously carried with the exception of items D-4 and D-6, which were considered under the Special Call portion of the Agenda. Staff advised of typographical error in the HR Action item which was noted.

Consent Calendar
Approved D-4 &
6 Spec Call

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2009, were approved as written.
2. Human Resources Action Items were approved as follows:
Merit Increase and/or Regular Appointments: E. Vazquez, D. Bobadilla, J. Prado, R. Cabildo, S. Sahr, II, C. Wilkins.
New Appointments: M. Beato, and J. Peek.
Flex Staffing: C. Williams, and S. Hall.
3. The City Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2009, was received and filed.
4. SPECIAL CALL ITEM.
5. Notice of Completion for the City Hall Basement Remodel was approved and staff was authorized to file the Notices of Completion with the Los Angeles County Clerk.
6. SPECIAL CALL ITEM.

Min appvd

HR Action Items

Treas Rpt

Spec Call

NOC City Hall
Basement
remodel

Spec Call

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS

Spec Call Items

Councilmember Gonzales addressed the Notice of Completion for playground equipment at Northside and Zacatecas Park, commending and thanking staff for doing a great job at Zacatecas Park. He also commended both Little Leagues for doing a great job with the Leagues.

Gonzales
Comment

Moved by Councilmember Macias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried to approve the Notice of Completion for the construction of playground equipment at Northside and Zacatecas Park in the amount of \$74,913.00 and authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

NOC Northside
Zacatecas
Playground equip

Councilmember Macias addressed the resolution authorizing payment of warrants asking if the funds to Irwindale were a reimbursement of a utility user tax; staff responded that they would look into the matter.

Macias
Comment

Councilmember Macias offered a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID.

Res. 09-C24
Warrants

Moved by Councilmember Macias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to waive further reading and adopt. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, HANKS, ROCHA
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONVENE AT 8:52P.M. THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 8:53 P.M.

CRA Convene
Cncl reconvened

It was consensus of Councilmembers to adjourn in memory of Marina Pedroza.

Adjourn in
Memory of M.
Pedroza

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Upcoming
Meetings

March 16, 2009, City Council Meeting Re-organization Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)
March 23, 2009, Utility Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Light and Water Conference Room)
April 6, 2009, City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)
April 20, 2009, City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 P.M.

CITY CLERK

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-C25.

NEXT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-O2.