



CITY OF AZUSA

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR/SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009 – 6:07 P.M.

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

Mayor Rocha called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

Members of the Amvets Post Number 113 led in the salute to the Flag.

Flag Salute

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Eddie Valasquez of the Jesus Is Lord 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 Chief Garcia, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes, Economic Development Director Christianson, City Treasurer Hamilton, Director of Recreation and Family Services Jacobs, Library Director Tovar, Library Adult Service Supervisor Shahsavari, Director of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer Kreimeier, Assistant Community Development Director McNamara, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo offered a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY ON MARCH 3, 2009, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF LAW.

Res. 09-C25
Declaring the
Results of the
Election

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Macias and unanimously carried 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

City Manager Delach administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Clerk Vera Mendoza. Mrs. Mendoza thanked all the citizens of the City and her family in hopes that the next four years are very fruitful.

Oath of Office
V. Mendoza

City Clerk Mendoza administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Treasurer Marcene Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton thanked all for the support she received from the community as well as her family.

Oath of Office
M. Hamilton

City Clerk Mendoza administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Keith Hanks. Mr. Hanks thanked all who supported him.

Oath of Office
K. Hanks

Ms. Kathryn Gonzales administered Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Robert Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales thanked all in the community with special thanks and enduring love to his family.

Oath of Office
R. Gonzales

Mrs. Linda Rocha administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Joseph Romero Rocha. Mayor Rocha introduced his family who shared in his success and he thanked the community for their support.

Oath of Office
J. Rocha

The City Council recessed for light refreshments at 6:44 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m.	Recess Reconvened
Mayor Rocha called the meeting to order.	Call to Order
<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	Pub Part
Mr. Mike Lee addressed Council regarding the low voter turnout and urged all to get out and vote in the next election in May; he talked about the fundraiser for Azusa High School Band; wished all Council Members, City Clerk and City Treasurer good luck in their next term, and thanked Chief of Police Garcia for being a guest speaker at the Library during lunch.	M. Lee Comments
Mr. Jesse Avila congratulated all incumbents for winning the election; announced the 40 th Anniversary of the Helping Hand on April 17 th at the Woman's Club where they will be honoring founding leaders. He also announced the Helping Hand Day at the Races to be held on March 29 th at 12:30 p.m. For more information call him at (626) 482-6218.	J. Avila Comments
Ms. Peggy Martinez congratulated the Council incumbents on being re-elected. She announced the Downtown Business Association meeting on Thursday, March 19 th at the Senior Center which the Redevelopment Agency and Lewis Homes will be guest speakers. 2008 Miss Azusa Wanda Perkins thanked Council and bid farewell as she is the outgoing Miss Azusa; she announced that the pageant will be March 21, 2009 at Citrus College Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m.; she thanked Mayor and City Councilmember for their support and kindness throughout her rein. Contestants for Miss Azusa and Miss Outstanding Teen introduced themselves to Council and audience.	P. Martinez Comments
Mr. Sal Martinez, President of Azusa American Little League congratulated all winners in the Council race and also all who sought the positions. He thanked all for their attendance at Opening Day ceremonies and invited all to attend the Little League Dinner/Dance on April 4, 2009, at the Azusa Woman's Club from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; tickets are \$13 presale and \$15 at the door; for additional information call (626) 665-4562.	S. Martinez Comments
Ms. Susanne Avila of California Resource Connections thanked all that were sworn in. She invited all to a free Composting Workshop on Saturday, March 28 th at 9:30 a.m., at the Azusa River Park. Sponsors include: Los Angeles County Public Works, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, California Conservation Corp, Rainbird, and the Neighborhood Wellness Center.	S. Avila Comments
Mr. Jeffrey Cornejo welcomed the new Council, City Clerk and City Treasurer into another term of office. He invited all to the 11 th Annual UMAPA Annual Scholarship Dance on Saturday, March 21, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Azusa Woman's Club. For further information call (626) 334-8904.	J. Cornejo Comments
<u>REPORTS, UPDATES COUNCIL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-STAFF</u>	Updates/cncl
Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Hanks and unanimously carried to approve request for proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day on April 16, 2009.	Proc Arbor Day April 16, 2009
Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes provided an update on Linda Demmers, Professional Library Building Consultant, who will be performing an assessment of the Library needs which will consider population in Azusa for the next thirty to forty years, recommend the proper size of a Library the community needs, etc. She will create a schematic outline of the size and make-up of the building, prior to obtaining an architect; the contract is under \$10,000 and can be approved by the City Manager. After discussion, staff was directed to move forward with the contract with Linda Demmers, Professional Library Building Consultant and look into the feasibility of working with Downtown North Developers to see if this is reimbursable or provide a share of the cost under their agreement.	Dir PW Haes Update on L. Demmers Professional Library Bldg Consultant
UPDATE ON RANCH MARKET SHUTTLE. Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes addressed the matter stating that the Ranch Market shuttle has been in operation for about a month, there have been no riders and it is costing the City \$100 per week to operate on Saturdays; he suggested that residents call Azusa Transit at (626) 812-5206 to schedule pick up at the site, and also recommended to cancel Saturday service. He advised that signage would be modified and announcements would be placed on cable television, City's website and advertised in the newsletter to residents.	Update and modification of shuttle schedule Ranch Mkt
Library Director Tovar introduced Mr. James Peek, newly-appointed Senior Librarian, Technology Services for the Library Department, and Mr. Peek addressed Council and audience with comments about his first few weeks of employment with the City.	Library Dir intro J. Peek
Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo congratulated all who won in the election and thanked the voters for re-electing all of the incumbents.	Carrillo Comments
Councilmember Macias congratulated all who were re-elected as well as all candidates who sought positions. He reiterated that March 20 th is the Helping Hand Day at the Races and on April 17 th is the 40 th Anniversary of Helping and invited all to participate.	Macias Comments

<p>Councilmember Gonzales expressed his appreciation to the community for placing him back in office for another four years. He announced that on Sunday, March 22, 2009, there will be a Spaghetti Luncheon for John Guardado who has recently had a serious trucking accident, the luncheon is from 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Rome Parish Hall at 5th and Dalton Street, the donation is \$8.00 per person; for additional information call George Garcia at (626) 392-6258. He requested that staff look into the feasibility of loosening up on the restrictions of the banner ordinance, temporarily, in light of economic times. City Attorney Carvalho responded that there is no need to amend the ordinance but perhaps seek options i.e. no aggressive enforcement for a time period, etc.</p>	<p>Gonzales Comments</p>
<p>Councilmember Hanks thanked all who have allowed him to continue in office for another four years; he talked about the challenges and disappointments in running in an election but encouraged all to continue to seek office as public service is very important.</p>	<p>Hanks Comments</p>
<p>Mayor Rocha congratulated to all who ran in the election. City Attorney Carvalho presented information on pending legislation, AB 1015, which would outlaw the ability of minors to purchase items with nitrite oxide. Mayor Rocha advised that he has contacted many local stores regarding the problem with minors huffing out of aerosol spray cans, and they have agreed not to sell aerosol cans to minors. He also advised that a community workshop was held on March 11th on the issue, where 50 parents were in attendance, and another would be held in April at Murray School. He thanked Steve Juarez and Sal Martinez of Azusa and National Little Leagues for their great opening day ceremonies; he congratulated Library Director Albert Tovar for the success of the Bookmobile Ribbon Cutting, with special thanks to Robert Donnelson for the idea of satellite Libraries.</p>	<p>Rocha Comments</p>
<p><u>SCHEDULED ITEM</u></p>	<p>Sched Items</p>
<p>Moved by Councilmember Hanks, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried to appoint Councilmember Macias to the position of Mayor Pro-Tem.</p>	<p>Macias Mayor Pro-Tem</p>
<p>The <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u> consisting of Items F-1 through F-9 was approved by motion of Councilmember Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried with the exception of items F-4, 5, and 7, which were considered under the Special Call portion of the Agenda.</p>	<p>Consent Calendar Approved F-4, 5, 7 Spec</p>
<p>1. The minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2009, were approved as written.</p>	<p>Min appvd</p>
<p>2. Human Resources Action Items were approved as follows: Merit Increase and/or Regular Appointments: F. Cawte, K. Godbey, J. Picazo, E. Cardoso, J. Sanchez, R. Zuniga, C. Davis, R. Sok, E. Harris and S. Salvatore</p>	<p>HR Action Items</p>
<p>3. Approval was given to award a contract to TSR Construction and Inspection Inc., in the amount of \$134,900 for construction services related to the Light Building Remodel project.</p>	<p>TSR Construct. Light bldg rmdl</p>
<p>4. SPECIAL CALL ITEM.</p>	<p>Spec Call</p>
<p>5. SPECIAL CALL ITEM.</p>	<p>Spec Call</p>
<p>6. Authorization was given to staff to enter into a professional services agreement with The Prizm Group for a “not to exceed” fee of \$19,910 to provide topographic survey and mapping services for Foothill Boulevard between Todd Avenue and Orange Avenue.</p>	<p>Prizm Group Mapping Svs</p>
<p>7. SPECIAL CALL ITEM.</p>	<p>Spec Call</p>
<p>8. The following resolution was adopted and 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.</p>	<p>Res. 09-C C27. Warrants</p>
<p>9. Authorization was give to the Mayor to sign the renewals of the General Services Agreement between the City of Azusa and the County of Los Angeles for a five-year period, commencing July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.</p>	<p>General Services w/Co of LA</p>
<p><u>SPECIAL CALL ITEMS</u></p>	<p>Spec Call Items</p>
<p>Councilmember Hanks addressed item regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for member in the Los Angeles Storm Water Quality Partnership expressing the importance of taking the pro-active approach to facilitate a collaborative working relationship with the Regional Board and NPDES; he praised staff for this action.</p>	<p>Hanks Comments Storm Wtr Partnership</p>
<p>Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes responded to questions regarding the fiscal impact stating that the cost of \$2,500 per month and may be reduced if other cities join the Partnership.</p>	<p>Dir Pub Wks Comments</p>

<p>City Attorney Carvalho advised that since the MOU is not attached the motion could authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. City Manager of Monrovia and Chair of the Los Angeles Storm Water Quality Partnership Scott Ochoa addressed Council and congratulated all incumbents.</p>	<p>City Attorney Comments</p>
<p>Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Macias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for membership in the Los Angeles Storm Water Quality Partnership.</p>	<p>MOU LA Storm Water Quality Partnership</p>
<p>Councilmember Gonzales addressed item regarding award of the contract for the City Yard Block Wall asking if staff is seeking companies based in Azusa to submit bids for projects; Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes responded that they did and the bid is being awarded to a local company; further, in the future, he will note on staff report addresses of bidders.</p>	<p>Gonzales Comments</p>
<p>Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Macias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried to amend the 2008/2009 Capital Improvement Plan to change the scope of project # 66107A – “1st Street Dump Site Block Wall” to reflect “City Yard Block Wall”; and award a contract to C.R. Arbayo Construction in an amount of \$18,600 for the construction of the block wall.</p>	<p>City Yard Block Wall Approved</p>
<p>Mayor Pro-Tem Macias thanked City Manager Delach for the temporary continuation of benefits and salary for employees called to military duty; City Manager responded stating that the deployments are now longer and there is a need to change the policy to carry benefits for longer periods of time.</p>	<p>Macias Comments</p>
<p>Mayor Pro-Tem Macias offered a Resolution entitled:</p>	
<p>A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS AND SALARY FOR EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY IN SUPPORT OF “OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM”.</p>	<p>Res. 09-C26 Continuation Benefits & Sal Military Employees</p>
<p>Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Macias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to waive further reading and adopt. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:</p>	
<p>AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, HANKS, ROCHA NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE</p>	
<p>THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONVENE AT 8:28 P.M. THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 8:46 P.M.</p>	
<p>The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss the following:</p>	<p>CRA Convene Cncl reconvened</p>
<p><u>CLOSED SESSION</u> <u>REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.8)</u></p>	
<p>Agency Negotiators: City Manager Delach and Assistant City Manager Makshanoff Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment</p>	
<p>Address: 236 N. Viceroy, Azusa, CA</p>	<p>Negotiator: Carmen Holthe</p>
<p>ATLANTIS GARDEN a. 606 Glenfinnan Avenue, Azusa, CA b. 618 Glenfinnan Avenue, Azusa, CA c. 629 Glenfinnan, Azusa, CA d. 641 Glenfinnan Avenue, Azusa, CA e. 644 Glenfinnan Avenue, Azusa, CA f. 601 N. Cedarglen Avenue, Azusa, CA g. 615 N. Cedarglen Avenue, Azusa, CA h. 616 N. Cedarglen Avenue, Azusa, CA i. 627 N. Cedarglen Avenue, Azusa, CA j. 628 N. Cedarglen Avenue, Azusa, CA k. 630 N. Cedarglen Avenue, Azusa, CA l. 627 E. Lime Street, Azusa, CA</p>	<p>Martha & Filemon Barrientos Ramirez Gilbert Trust Edgardo and Neneth S. Arce Gonzalo Cruz Judy & Darrol Holm Lupe Rubio Lupe Rubio Louis P. Roman E R Cedarglen LLC Guillermo Martinez Lupe Rubio Augustine A. Juarez</p>
<p>The City Council reconvened at 9:36 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session. It was consensus of Councilmembers to adjourn.</p>	<p>Reconvened No Action Adjourn</p>
<p>TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:36 P.M.</p>	

CITY CLERK

**NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-C28.
NEXT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-O2.**