



CITY OF AZUSA

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008 – 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

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Margaret Davis for winning first place, in her age group, in the New York City Marathon was not held as she was unable to attend; the item was continued to the meeting of February 4, 2008.

Cert to M. Davis
Continued

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sess

The City Council recessed to Closed at 6:46 p.m. to discuss the following:

Recess

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9 (b)). Threat of litigation by Vulcan Materials regarding vested mining rights.

Conf w/legal
Vulcan Mat

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9 (a)). Case No. KC051952-G, City of Azusa v. Senior Care Partnership LP and Century Quality Management (Villa Azusa Senior Apartments).

Conf w/Legal
Cnsl Villa
Azusa

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9 (a)). Case No. CIT 07B04349, Kelly Sakata Moon v. City of Azusa.

Conf w/legal
Cnsl S. Moon

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code Sec. 54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager Delach and Assistant City Manager Person
Organization/Employee: CAPP

Conf w/Labor
Negot. CAPP

The City Council reconvened at 7:40 p.m. City Attorney Martinez advised that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session; item one continued to a future time.

Reconvened
City Attorney

Mayor Rocha called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

Ms. Alyssa Zamora led in the salute to the Flag.

Flag Salute

INVOCATION was given by Reverend Rick MacDonald of the Azusa House of the Nations

Invocation

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Also Present

City Attorney Martinez, City Manager Delach, Assistant City Manager Person, Captain Gonzalez, Director of Economic and Community Development Coleman, City Engineer Preble, Director of Information Technology Graf, Rosedale Project Manager Bruckner, Director of Recreation and Family Services Jacobs, Parks Superintendent Chavez, Urban Forester Montes, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Makshanoff, Assistant City Librarian Shaksavari, Library Director Tovar, Public Information Officer Quiroz, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pub Part

Mr. Mike Lee addressed Council thanking everyone involved with the success of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration; wished good luck and speedy recovery to Victor Subia and Jean Barteck; invited all to City Hall on the Move on Saturday, January 26th at the 100 block of Soldano Avenue, and urged all to vote in the Primary election in February. M. Lee Comments

Mr. Sal Martinez, President of the Azusa American Little League, invited Council to Opening Ceremony on March 8th; read comments regarding improvements at Zacatecas Park and thanked Council for their help; talked about fundraisers i.e. publish banners on the outfield fences, and asked for a donation of blue and white paint used at Park and Recreation to touch up additional areas at Zacatecas Park; for info on sign up and opening day: 665-4562. S. Martinez Comments

Ms. Alyssa Zamora, President of Slauson Middle School, addressed Council thanking them for the sidewalk installed along the school. A. Zamora Comments

Ms. Laura Jimenez, representative of Assemblyman Ed Hernandez, announced that he will be hosting a Cash for College on Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Basset High School, Little Theater, for further information call 960-4457, RSVP for lunch. L. Jimenez Comments

Mrs. Yolanda Peña addressed Council expressing her frustration on comments made at a prior meeting regarding the neighborhood she resides in and detailed the many improvements made in that area, i.e. new sidewalks, street lights, remodel of Gladstone park, relocation of the day labors, gas station clean up, etc. Y. Peña Comments

Ms. Sandra Rentschler of Azusa Sister City, announced Day at the Races at Santa Anita to be held on Sunday, April 13th, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Adult \$20 and under 18, \$7.00. For further information call 969-1166. S. Renstchler Comments

Mr. Mark Dickerson of the Canyon City Foundation addressed Council stating that one of the goals of the foundation is to help community organizations build their capacity and ability to serve the citizens of Azusa. He stated and detailed a project, which they are funding, to provide training, strategic planning assistance and one on one consulting with community organizations; he noted that additional information could be obtained from Azusa Chamber of Commerce. M. Dickerson Comments

REPORTS, UPDATES COUNCIL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-STAFF

Rpts/Updates

City Manager Delach announced that Target is continuing to locate its store in the City of Azusa; he provided details of the process and noted there will be a scoping session on February 7th which will be advertised in local newspaper, newsletter, marquee and at all local commission meetings. City Mgr Update Target Store

Moved by Councilmember Gonzales seconded by Councilmember Carrillo and unanimously carried to approve request for Proclamation for the Azusa Civitans in celebration of its 70th Anniversary, to be presented at the February 19, 2008 meeting. Proc for Azusa Civitans

Director of Recreation and Family Services Jacobs introduced Ross Montes, Urban Forester and Roy Chavez, Parks Superintendent who provided an update on Park Improvement Projects for 2007; the also introduced projects for 2008. Park Impvmt Projects

Assistant City Manager Person provided an update on speed bumps. R. Person

Rosedale Project Manager Bruckner provided a Quarterly Report on the project; he responded to questions posed by Councilmembers. R. Bruckner Update

Councilmember Macias requested a report on city policies on cars for sale on city streets. He asked that old shoes be removed from power lines, noting their meaning; City Manager stated Light and Water will remove them. Assistant City Manager Person responded to question regarding entryway monument on south Azusa Avenue, stating that he has made contact with the contractor who is looking for the appropriate replacement. Macias Comments

Councilmember Gonzales requested that staff look into the legality of the curb painters within the City to see if they are licensed, etc. He thanked City Manager and staff for sidewalks at Slauson school; asked about disaster preparedness meetings, and the feasibility of catastrophe boxes at local parks and about Mountain Cove residents. City Manager will look into the matter. Gonzales Comments

Councilmember Carrillo introduced Mr. Steve Juarez, President of the Azusa National Little League who invited all to opening day on Saturday, March 8th at 11:30 a.m.; he also noted the free Veterans breakfast to be held at their facility on that day. Mr. Carrillo congratulated the Human Relations Commission for honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and all who organized and attended the event. He talked about the promotion of water conservation. He also asked that any in-kind services that are allocated to the American Little League be allocated to the Nation Little League and that it be agendized at the next meeting; City Manager responded that he would provide estimates to Council.

Carrillo
Comments

Mayor Rocha thanked all for the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration; thanked Ross Montes for the Tree Planting Event; announced the City Hall on the Move on Saturday, January 26th, the Joint Meeting with the City of Duarte on January 29th at 6:00 p.m.; asked all to let City Managers office know of a date in February to talk about use of the Armory; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Matilda Barrios, Sappi Fonoimoana and Jose Margarito Luna.

Rocha
Comments

The **CONSENT CALENDAR** consisting of Items C-1 through C-8 was approved by motion of Councilmember Macias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried with the exception of item C-7, which was considered under the Special Call portion of the Agenda.

Consent Cal
Items

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2008, were approved as written. Min appvd
2. **Human Resources Action Items were approved as follows:** HR Action
Items
Merit Increase and/or Regular Appointments: M. Bertelsen, J. Adams, B. Bommarito, and S. Smith.
3. Formal sealed bids were waived and the purchase and contract for library EnvisionWare software, hardware and services was approved in the amount of \$56,815.44. EnvisionWare
Services
4. Authorization was given to approve the grant agreement between the City of Azusa and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the amount of \$293,283.00 and authorize the Director of Recreation and Family Services to execute an agreement with Amigos De Los Rios allowing them to design, construct and manage Phase II of the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center Project utilizing at-risk youth from the San Gabriel Valley California Conservation Corps. RMC & Agmt
w/Amigos De
Los Rios
5. Approval was given for the amendment of the 2007-08 budget to re-appropriate \$13,250 from gas tax reserves to fund the removal of (53) ficus street trees throughout the city. Remove ficus
Trees
6. Approval was given to award a contract to Leighton Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$54,000, for the removal and closure of two (2) underground storage tanks. Leighton
Rmv strge tnks
7. SPECIAL CALL ITEM. Spec Call
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. Res. 08-C4
Warrants

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS

Special Call

Councilmember Macias addressed item, agreement with Lilley Group for temporary senior level planning service, asking if the intent was to have service through the end of June and what the rationale was for not taking the lowest bidder. Economic Development Director Coleman responded that yes the contract would go to the end of June and that the second lowest bidder was the best match and most qualified for the position; all thirty hours would be used.

Lilley Plng Grp
Planning svcs

Moved by Councilmember Macias, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Lilley Planning Group for temporary senior level planning consultant services.

Lilley Plng Grp
approved

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONVENEED AT 8:53 P.M.
THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:00 P.M.**

CRA convene
Cncl rcnvd

Moved by Councilmember Carrillo, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hanks and unanimously carried to adjourn in memory of Matilda Barrios, Sappi Fonoimoana and Jose Margarito Luna.

Adjourn in
Memory of
M. Barrios,
S. Fonoimoana,
& J. Luna

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 26, 2008, (Saturday) City Hall on the Move – 12 noon (100 block Soldano Avenue)
January 28, 2008, Utility Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Light and Water Conference Room)
January 29, 2008, Joint Meeting with Duarte City Council – 6:00 p.m. (Auditorium)
February 4, 2008, City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

Upcoming
Meetings

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:01 P.M.

CITY CLERK

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-C5.

NEXT ORDINANCE NO. 2008-O1.