



**CITY OF AZUSA**

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR/SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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

The entire City Council presented a proclamation to lifelong resident, Grace Ruelas Ayon in celebration of her 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Proc G. Ruelas  
Ayon 99<sup>th</sup> BD

Adrian Martinez, Sr. Recreation Leader/Program Coordinator announced and presented the proceeds from the Kids Come First Golf Tournament as follows: Free Swim-4th of July Weekend and Labor Day, Memorial Park-scoreboard, donation to Azusa High School and Gladstone High School golf teams \$500 each.

Checks Azusa &  
Gladstone

Fellow servicemen presented Sergeant Ricky Sotela with a certificate which promoted him to Staff Sergeant; he recently re-enlisted in the Army for a twenty year term.

R. Sotela  
Military Promote

Certificates of Recognition were presented to Candyce Vaughns, Andrea Del Toro, Joanna Serna, and Trisha Barney, participants of the 2008 Relay For Life.

Cert of Rec  
Relay For Life

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Sess

Mr. Mike Lee addressed Council expressing his opinion in favor of the Azusa Health Clinic and thanked Congresswoman Solis for donating funding toward it.

M. Lee  
Comments

Ms. Benita Duran on behalf of Congresswoman Solis, addressed Council reading a letter into the record urging continuance of the partnership with the City and El Proyecto Del Barrio in hopes the City will sell the property at 150 N. Azusa Avenue to them. She provided and detailed statistics on health care in the San Gabriel Valley and Azusa and the role of the Azusa Health Center.

B. Duran  
Comments

Ms. Peggy Martinez addressed Council in favor of the sale of the Azusa Health Clinic to Proyecto Del Barrio, stating that it has been a source of health care for her.

P. Martinez  
Comments

Mr. Jorge Rosales addressed the issue of the Health Center stating that he has read the deed of the sale of the health center and it will remain a health center or be returned back to the City; he urged Council to proceed with the sale of the clinic to El Proyecto Del Barrio.

J. Rosales  
Comments

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss the following:

Recess

1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code Sec. 54957)**

Title: City Manager

Performance  
Eval CM

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

Agency Negotiators: Administrative Services Director-Chief Financial Officer Kreimeier  
Organizations ACEA, AMMA, and APMA

Conf w/Labor  
Neg ACEA,  
AMMA, APMA

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9 (b).** One Case.

Conf w/legal  
Cnsl

**Special Meeting Item:**

Spec Mtg Item

4. **REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.8)**

Real Prop Neg

Address: 150 N. Azusa Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702  
Negotiating Parties: El Proyecto Del Barrio – Corinne Sanchez, President/CEO  
City Negotiators: City Manager Delach and Assistant City Manager Makshanoff  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

150 N. Azusa

The City Council reconvened at 7:39 p.m. City Attorney Carvalho advised that with regard to the health clinic item, direction was given to place on the agenda for the next meeting for approval. Mayor Rocha advised that persons wishing to speak can come back in two weeks or could comment today.

Reconvened  
City Attorney

Mayor Rocha called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

Mr. Kyle Nava 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

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City Attorney Carvalho, City Manager Delach, Assistant City Manager Makshanoff, Police Chief Garcia, Library Director Tovar, Assistant City Librarian Shahsavari, Director of Recreation and Family Services Jacobs, Recreation Supervisor Gonzales, Economic and Community Development Director Christianson, Assistant Community Development Director McNamara, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Pub Part

Ms. Ginny Dadaian provided an update on City Links stating that both residents and students of Azusa Pacific University worked hard last Saturday removing bushes at Sierra Madre and San Gabriel and will return next Saturday to work on other scheduled projects. She invited the community to a football game at APU where Bryan Clay, Gold Medal winner, will be recognized during half time; it will be called Azusa and Glendora day.

G. Dadaian  
Comments

Mr. Mike Lee expressed condolences to the family of Martin Solorio and urged all to wear helmets when riding bikes. He urged all to register to vote by October 20<sup>th</sup> in order to vote in the November election, and invited all to a meeting regarding the issues in Covina on Second street Tuesday.

M. Lee  
Comments

Executive Director of the Azusa Chamber of Commerce Irene Villapania provided a report on the Chamber which included but were not limited to membership, events, ICSC Conference, networking breakfast, LA County Fair, National Guard Family Symposium, and Taste of the Town.

I. Villapania  
Comments

Mr. Sammy Zaribaf, owner of Il Forno addressed Council with concerns regarding parking on Azusa Avenue, the disarray of Heritage Court and the Breezeway next to his place of business. He also questioned the functions of the Downtown Business Association and Chamber of Commerce with regard to addressing problems in the downtown area.

S. Zaribaf  
Comments

Ms. Jane Beesley of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy invited all to the celebration of the acquisition of the Canyon Inn property 26 acres to be added to the Azusa Wilderness Park on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

J. Beesley  
Comments

Ms. Suzanne Avila of California Resource Connections announced the Smart Gardening Workshop to be held at the El Encanto parking lot on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The workshop will include instructions on drought tolerant yards; composting bins will be given away.

S. Avila  
Comments

Ms. Sherisse Tuk and Lyn Lewis of the Adult Soccer League addressed Council submitting a petition to request to open Encanto Parking on the west side of the street from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays due to the parking problems on those days. City Manager Delach advised them that the City has granted the City of Duarte to allow parking there and they will have to place signs allowing the parking.

S. Tuk &  
Lyn Lewis  
Encanto parking

Mr. Eddie Alvarez on behalf of the Knights of Columbus invited all to a scholarship fundraiser entitled “Jakes Night” on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Saint Frances of Rome school. Jakes will be serving food and donate part of the proceeds. He expressed concern regarding the street sweeping schedule and problems on Angeleno.

E. Alvarez  
Jake’s Night  
Knights of  
Columbus

Ms. Gloria Calderon and Sylvia Contreras of the Azusa Golden Days Committee announced that the parade will be on October 11 <sup>th</sup> and events begin October 4 <sup>th</sup> ; Peggy Martinez introduced honored citizens Ramona Rubio and Josie Vera and provided a bio of each one.	G. Calderon & S. Contreras Golden Days
Ms. Barbara Dickerson, School Board Member, thanked the community for how they responded to the family who lost their little boy; she read the newspaper article regarding Martin Solorio. She talked about the list of students who will be attending schools college, etc. and the program she has been working with the City in recognizing these students suggesting alternative methods of recognition.	B. Dickerson Comments
Mr. Greg Ahern addressed Council complementing the City Links program as well as the many students of Azusa Pacific University who have been involved in it.	G. Ahern Comments
Mr. Art Morales announced the beginning of Spanish Heritage Month and thanked the Library for its recognition of the event; he displayed a Coat of Arms of Spain and talked about its significance.	A. Morales Comments
Ms. Alva Dominguez, on behalf of several members in the audience, expressed concern regarding the possible closure of the Azusa Health Clinic; she advised that they are health promoters who go to homes in Azusa and their base is the Health Center; she urged Council to approve the sale of the center to El Proyecto del Barrio.	A. Dominguez Comments
City Manager Delach responded to questions from speakers regarding Encanto Parkway parking; parking on Azusa Avenue; concerns regarding the Breezeway; and Director of Public Works Haes responded street sweeping citations/warnings questions.	City Mgr Comments
<b><u>REPORTS, UPDATES COUNCIL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-STAFF</u></b>	Rpts/Updates
Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo and unanimously carried that request for \$100 sponsorship to Jasmine Mendez of Gladstone High to attend cheerleading camp, be approved.	Sponsorship J. Mendez
Mayor Rocha addressed item regarding the feasibility of working with AUSD to enforce the use of helmets when riding bikes to and from school stating that he has contacted the Superintendent of Azusa Unified School District Cynthia Cervantes and she is willing to work with the City; every school will enforce that, if there is no helmet kids cannot ride a bike to school; he distributed a report to Council, City Attorney, and City Clerk which listed regulations governing bicycle safety; he talked about setting up a meeting with representatives of AUSD, Azusa Police, and Council representatives to discuss the subject and come back with options for safety.	City/AUSD Bicycle Helmet Program
Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Hanks and unanimously carried that request for certificate of recognition to the Azusa Civitans on receiving Statewide recognition for the most Civic projects be approved.	Cert of Rec Civitans
The update by El Proyecto Del Barrio Director Lorraine Gutierrez to on the Azusa Health Center was continued to the meeting of October 6, 2008.	El Proyecto Continued
It was consensus of Councilmembers to schedule the Board and Commission Interviews for Monday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:00 p.m. in the Azusa Light and Water Conference Room.	Interviews Brd & Com 9/29
Moved by Councilmember Hanks, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried that request for certificates of recognition to Michael Volanos, Stuart Goss, and Robert Augustine, for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, be approved.	Cert of Rec Eagle Scouts
Moved by Councilmember Hanks, seconded by Councilmember Macias and unanimously carried that request for proclamation to the Marine Corps in celebration of its 233 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday, be approved.	Proc Marine Corps
Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Macias and unanimously carried that request for certificates of appreciation for sponsors of the Summer Reading Program, to be awarded at the October 6th City Council Meeting, be approved.	Cert of Apprec Summer Rdg sponsors
Assistant City Librarian Shahla Shahsavari, and Ms. Julianne Smith of Center for Academic Service Learning and Research at Azusa Pacific University, announced this year's federal work-study participation in the Azusa Reads, Writes & Counts, and Azusa Calculates programs conducted at the Azusa City Library, they invited the residents to attend the programs and introduced tutors in attendance: Kirston, Hanna and Samantha.	Azusa Reads, Writes, Counts
Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and unanimously carried that request for proclamation for Ilean Ochoa in celebration of her retirement from the Human Relations Commission, be approved.	Proc I. Ochoa Svs to HRC

Moved by Councilmember Macias, seconded by Councilmember Hanks and unanimously carried that request for certificate of appreciation to Margaret A. Marston as she retires with ten years of service to the City of Azusa as reference librarian at the Azusa City Library, be approved.	Cert of Apprec M. Marston
Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Macias and unanimously carried to approve request for a proclamation declaring the month of October as 2008 Fire Prevention Month.	Proc Fire Prevention Mon
Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo wished Happy Birthday to his daughter, Sofia, in celebration of her 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday.	Carrillo cmt
Councilmember Macias thanked all for the support of Spanish Heritage month; asked that staff review a list of repairs/maintenance for the Breezeway and alleyway and requested (direction to City Manager) a proclamation for Ms. Frances Nelson for her 40+ years of service to Azusa Sister City.	Macias Comments
Councilmember Hanks talked about the importance of bicycle safety; reminded all to give thoughts and prayers to victims of hurricane Ike in Texas and victims of the train and Metrolink collusion in San Fernando Valley; and thanked staff and City Manager for the demonstration of low energy asphalt project.	Hanks Comments
Councilmember Gonzales reminded all to slow down when driving around schools; invited all to attend the Jr. All American Football Dance to be held on Saturday, September 27 <sup>th</sup> at the VFW; he invited all to attend the Celebrity Softball Game on October 5 <sup>th</sup> as part of Golden Days events and named many of the celebrities that will be playing.	Gonzales Comments
Mayor Rocha requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Martin Solorio, Larry Mathis, and all the victims of September 11 <sup>th</sup> . He thanked VFW, Costco, Loy Pai of State Farm, Home Depot, La Flor de Mexico, Max's Restaurant and Taco Bell, who have contributed to the success of City Links program.	Rocha comments
All Councilmembers expressed condolences to the Solorio Family on the loss of Martin Solorio, their son.	Solorio Family
The <b><u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u></b> consisting of Items C-1 through C-7 was approved by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Hanks and unanimously carried.	Consent Cal Approved
1. The minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2008, were approved as written.	Min appvd
2. Approval was given for the purchase of (2) sets of scoreboards to replace the existing Memorial Park Recreation Center scoreboard and to install new scoreboard in the former National Guard Armory in the amount of \$20,656.79 (per set) or a total of \$41,313.58 from Daktronics – Anaheim, CA.	Purchase Scoreboards Mem Pk/Armory
3. Approval was given for the purchase of thirty three Astro Digital XTS1500 handheld radios from Motorola Inc., c/o Communication Center. This purchase, which includes batteries, antennas, programmable software, remote microphones and battery chargers, totals \$45,077.50.	Purchase Handheld radios
4. Approval was given for the purchase of one 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe from Clippinger Chevrolet, 2000 E. Garvey Avenue South, West Covina, CA 91791, in an amount not to exceed \$33,365.96 and to approve the purchase of this vehicle based on a competitive bid process completed by the City of El Cajon in which they ordered two 2007 Chevrolet Tahoes, Order #88220.	Purchase 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe
5. Approval was given for two Off-Campus Federal Work-Study Program Agreements; one for AZUSA READS and another for AZUSA CALCULATES and the City Manager was authorized to sign.	Agreements Azusa Reads, Calculates
6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS.	Res. 08-C79 Employer-Emp
7. 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-C80 Warrants
<b><u>SPECIAL CALL ITEMS</u></b> None.	Special Call
<b>THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONTINUED AT 9:04 P.M. THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:05 P.M.</b>	Cncl Recess CRA Convene
The City Council recessed back into Closed Session at 9:05 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 10:12 p.m., there was no reportable action.	Closed Session

It was consensus of Councilmembers to adjourn in memory of Martin Solorio, Larry Mathis, and all the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn in  
Memory of  
M. Solorio,  
L. Mathis,  
Victims of  
September 11<sup>th</sup>

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Upcoming  
Meetings

September 22, 2008, Utility Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Victor Hodge School-700 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Azusa)

October 6, 2008, City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

October 20, 2008, City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

October 27, 2008, Utility Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Light and Water Conference Room)

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 10:13 P.M.**

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**CITY CLERK**

**NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-C81.**

**NEXT ORDINANCE NO. 2008-O11.**