

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Moorpark, CaliforniaFebruary 7, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Moorpark was held on February 7, 2007, in the Council Chambers of said City located at 799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Deborah Traffenstedt, City Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. and requested the Council select a presiding officer in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to select Councilmember Mikos to preside over the meeting in the absence of both the Mayor Pro Tempore, who is in Washington D.C. on Metrolink business, and Mayor Hunter, who is ill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Joseph Montes, City Attorney, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mikos, Parvin, and Van Dam.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Millhouse and Mayor Hunter.

Staff Present: Steven Kueny, City Manager; Joseph Montes, City Attorney; Mary Lindley, Parks/Recreation and Community Services Director; Barry Hogan, Community Development Director; Johnny Ea, Finance Director; Yugal Lall, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Captain Jeff Matson, Sheriff's Department; Deborah Traffenstedt, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk; and Maureen Benson, Deputy City Clerk.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

A. Proclamation Recognizing February 1, 2007, as National Earned Income Tax Credit Day.

Councilmember Mikos presented Miguel Orosco, Senior Manager with the County of Ventura Business Services Department, which participates in the Ventura County Financial Empowerment Partnership, with a proclamation recognizing February 1, 2007, as National Earned Income Tax Credit Day.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cynthia Chambers spoke about the continued need to implement promised traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Campus Park Drive and Collins Road.

Mr. Lall stated a dispute between M&M Development and their contractor delayed construction of the improvements, and the new completion date should be by the end of March 2007.

6. REORDERING OF, AND ADDITIONS TO, THE AGENDA:

None.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Mikos announced, as the City's representative, she had attended a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) on January 22, 2007, where there was a presentation on anti-coagulant poisons and how they kill wildlife. She requested a future agenda item to discuss adopting a formal policy to prohibit the use of anti-coagulant rodenticide on City property.

Councilmember Mikos announced SMMC presented a draft plan for developing the Los Angeles River Urban Wildlife Refuge, which, in many ways would be applicable to one of the City's top priorities to enhance the Arroyo Simi.

Councilmember Mikos announced at this same SMMC meeting a presentation was made by the California Native Plant Society reporting that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and the California Native Plant Society created a manual on how to best plant native plants while conserving water. She requested the City staff contact the MWD to obtain one free copy of the manual to give to the City's landscape professionals.

Councilmember Mikos gave an update on the SMMC's report on the Coastal Slope Plan, allowing some overnight camping, eventual construction of the trail overlooking the ocean, and work towards improving the local trail systems.

Councilmember Mikos announced she had attended a meeting of the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County on January 8, 2007, where there were reports on the status of the ground water basins.

Councilmember Mikos announced that, in the aftermath of the recent freeze with its impacts on farm workers, help is available to those farm workers who have lost jobs as a result of the freeze. She stated many organizations are working to provide rental, utility, and food assistance to these farm workers who may call 211 to find out which agency may assist them. Donations are welcome and the public may call 436-4028 for information.

Councilmember Mikos announced household batteries contain dangerous chemicals and it is against State law to dispose of them in the trash. Free drop-off locations for batteries are at Moorpark City Hall, the Active Adult Center, Moorpark City Library, Arroyo Vista Recreation Center, and Radio Shack. For additional information call 517-6257.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Consider Proposals for \$187,378 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007/2008. Staff Recommendation: 1) Open the public hearing, receive public testimony, and close the public hearing; 2) Refer these matters to the Council's Finance, Administration, and Public Safety Committee for preparation of a recommendation for final appropriations for City Council consideration at the regular meeting scheduled for March 7, 2007; and 3) Continue this item, with public hearing closed, to the meeting of March 7, 2007.

Mr. Hogan gave the staff report.

Councilmember Mikos opened the public hearing.

Jennifer Ruskin, Director of Client Services for Women's Economic Ventures, described their program to assist women and requested consideration for funding.

Helen Gabon, Executive Director of Many Motors, described their vehicle donation program, low interest loans to enable the needy to obtain a vehicle, and requested consideration for funding.

Rosie Craig described the RAIN project to end homelessness and requested consideration for funding.

Kristy Pollard, representing Food Share, requested consideration for funding to continue the Brown Bag program providing groceries to low income seniors once a week.

Jim Stueck, President of the Board of Ventura County Ombudsman Program, described the Hospice and Assisted Living facilities in Moorpark and requested consideration for funding.

Martha Zeiher, Executive Director of Loving Heart Hospice Foundation, requested consideration for funding to help terminally ill residents of Moorpark.

Pat Esseff, representing Catholic Charities, described the services provided by the Food Pantry program, which distributes food to the needy and requested consideration for funding.

Lupe Gonzalez, representing the Coalition to End Family Violence, described the services available to families and requested consideration for funding.

A discussion followed among the Councilmembers focusing on not making it a requirement for applicants to be party to a Joint Powers relationship.

MOTION: Councilmember Parvin moved and Councilmember Van Dam seconded a motion to: 1) Refer these matters to the Council's Finance, Administration, and Public Safety Committee for preparation of a recommendation for final appropriations for City Council consideration at the regular meeting scheduled for March 7, 2007; and 2) Continue this item, with public hearing closed, to the meeting of March 7, 2007. The motion carried by voice vote 3-0, Mayor Pro Tempore Millhouse and Mayor Hunter absent.

9. PRESENTATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION:

- A. Consider Appointment of One City Representative to the Air Pollution Control District Advisory Committee. Staff Recommendation: Appoint one City representative to serve on the Air Pollution Control District Advisory Committee for a term ending January 2011.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to continue this item to February 21, 2007, due to the absence of the Mayor who is the appointing authority.

- B. Consider Name for the New Parks/Public Works Maintenance Facility. Staff Recommendation: Approve the name "Moorpark Public Service Facility" for the new maintenance facility.

Ms. Lindley gave the staff report.

Mr. Kueny stated the correct name should be "Moorpark Public Services Facility".

In response to Councilmember Mikos, Ms. Traffenstedt stated there were no speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Parvin moved and Councilmember Van Dam seconded a motion to approve the name, as amended, to be "Moorpark Public Services Facility" for the new maintenance facility. The motion carried by voice vote 3-0, Mayor Pro Tempore Millhouse and Mayor Hunter absent.

- C. Consider Amending the Moorpark Municipal Code Section 15.26.010 (Construction Activity Restricted to Certain Hours), Subsection A, by Allowing the Community Development Director to Permit Changes in Construction Hours on Private Property. Staff Recommendation: Introduce Ordinance No. 349 for first reading, waive full reading, and schedule second reading and adoption for February 21, 2007.

Mr. Hogan gave the staff report.

In response to Councilmember Mikos, Ms. Traffenstedt stated there were no speakers.

Mr. Montes read the title of Ordinance No. 349.

MOTION: Councilmember Parvin moved and Councilmember Van Dam seconded a motion to waive further reading, declare Ordinance No. 349 read for the first time, and scheduled second reading and adoption for February 21, 2007. The motion carried by voice vote 3-0, Mayor Pro Tempore Millhouse and Mayor Hunter absent.

- D. Consider Scheduling of the Summer Meeting Recess. Staff Recommendation: Direct staff to post a notice of meeting cancellation for the selected summer recess date(s).

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to continue this item to February 21, 2007, to allow Mayor Pro Tempore Millhouse and Mayor Hunter to participate.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR: (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

MOTION: Councilmember Parvin moved and Councilmember Van Dam seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by roll call vote 3-0, Mayor Pro Tempore Millhouse and Mayor Hunter absent.

- A. Consider Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2007. Staff Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
- B. Consider Approval of Warrant Register for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 – February 7, 2007. Staff Recommendation: Approve the warrant register.
- C. Consider Resolutions Initiating Proceedings Related to the Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2007/2008. Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolutions Nos. 2007-2562 and 2007-2563 and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with SCI.

- D. Consider Design and Specifications for New Playground Equipment at Tierra Rejada Park and Waiver of the City's Purchasing Procedures. Staff Recommendation: Approve the design and specifications for the replacement playground equipment for Tierra Rejada Park; waive the City's purchasing procedures; and authorize purchase of Miracle play equipment from the California Multiple Award Schedule list.
 - E. Consider Surety Refund for Urban West Communities (TR4792). Staff Recommendation: Authorize the Cit Clerk to refund the surety deposit for monuments in the amount of \$875.03.
 - F. Consider Resolution Ratifying Appendix VII of the Ventura County Fire Protection District Ordinance 25 Pertaining to Building Standards for Application within the City of Moorpark Pertaining to Fire Sprinklers. Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2007-2564, which allows the Ventura County Fire Protection District to enforce certain building standards within the City of Moorpark.
 - G. Consider Award of Contract for Professional Services Agreement to Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc. Certified Public Accountants for City and Redevelopment Agency Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. Staff Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Teaman, Ramirez & Smith Inc, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney.
 - H. Consider Noise Study for State Route-23 Freeway Soundwalls Adjacent to Tract 4975. Staff Recommendation: Direct staff to negotiate a professional services agreement with Wieland Associates for up to \$16,250 for a noise study.
 - I. Consider Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Grant Application for Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Use to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2007-2565.
11. ORDINANCES: (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)
- None.
12. CLOSED SESSION:
- None was held.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilmember Parvin moved and Councilmember Van Dam seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried by voice vote 3-0, Mayor Pro Tempore Millhouse and Mayor Hunter absent. The time was 8:42 p.m.

Patrick Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt
City Clerk