

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY
CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday December 15, 2009
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:45pm

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the deputy city clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Smith, Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston
Mayor Adams

ABSENT: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

PRESENTATIONS None

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Public Works Director Bevins provided a report on zero-scaping ideas for City Hall (handout)

CIVIC / COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck McGuire, Citizens Advisory Committee - Next meeting will be held on Jan 28th, 2010. Also services for Chuck Flores will be held on 12/19, at 1pm @ First Assembly Church. Potluck at Strata Center to follow the services.

MaryAnn LeBlanc, EDC - Breakfast meeting to be held Thursday 12/17, 8am @ Foxy's; Grand Opening/ Ribbon cutting at Farmer's Grove Market, Sunday 12/20

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Public comment was received from Kim Collins, Lori Hayes, Wally Melendez and Don Weaver

City Manager Weil reported on staff's meeting in Sacramento with CEC, regarding Beacon Solar Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR / PUBLIC COMMENT

CC 1. City check registers dated through 12/10/09

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Councilmember Strong to approve the consent calendar. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Smith, Strong, Lessenevitch, Edmiston, Adams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Smith Ck #80788

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Safer Grant

Captain Paris reported that staff is asking Council's approval to apply for a Safer Grant through the Department of Homeland Security. Grant monies would be used to fund 3 firefighters, at 100% for salaries and benefits, for a three year period. There are no matching funds requirement, other than the City's commitment to furnish uniforms, safety equipment, medical exams and training fees. Estimated costs for these fees is \$15,000 for the first year and \$7,500 for the second and third years. There is no requirement to continue to employ the three firefighters following the three year period.

Council received clarification on staffing standards as required by NFPA.

Public was informed that awarding of the grants could take up to 12 months.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Smith to approve the application for the Safer Grant. Motion carried 5-0

NB 2. USDA Sewer System Application

Public Works Director Bevins reported that staff is asking for approval to file a pre-application with USDA, for an approximate 10.32 miles of new street main sewer lines, laterals, etc at various city locations. This project is part of the City's sewer infrastructure improvement program. The City qualifies for this funding due to its population size. Following the completion of the 2010 Census the City will no longer qualify. Mr. Bevins provided details of the loan and that repayment would come from new sewer connections that would be brought in as part of the Beacon Solar Project. This is just the first step in the process with no financial commitments being asked for at this time.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston, second by Councilmember Lessenevitch to adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE USDA SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I, THROUGH THE USDA WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE GRANT/LOAN” Motion carried 5-0

COUNCIL AGENDA

Councilmember Smith - request for monthly reports pertaining to water/trash collections

Councilmember Strong - request status report on Code Enforcement; vacant property registrations

Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston - Thanks to staff and everyone who participated in the Tree Lighting Ceremony

Mayor Adams - Thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston and his wife Mary for all their work on the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Condolences to the Peru, Flores, Cato and Shaw families on their recent losses. Acknowledged Linda Lunsford on her last council meeting, and holiday greetings to everyone.

CLOSED SESSION

CS 1. Per Gov't Code Section 54957; Public Employee: Fire Captain

CS 2. Per Gov't Code Section 54956.9; Potential Litigation

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Lemieux reported the council discussed and approved a job title change and gave direction to staff in the settling of a claim

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Lessenevitch, second by Mayor Pro Tem Edmiston to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Hilliker, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON _____