



## CITY OF GALT

### MINUTES

#### REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Singleton, Payne, Campion, Crews, Powers.

Staff members present: City Manager Behrmann, City Clerk Aguire, City Attorney Rudolph, Chief of Police Bowen, Finance Director Kiriu, Human Resources Administrator Islas, Community Development Director Kiriu, and Special Projects Administrator Solis.

**OPENING CEREMONIES** - Silent prayer was observed, the flag salute was recited and the video statement was read by the city clerk.

**AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS** – Payne pulled E-3 and E-4.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Code Enforcement: Vacant and Foreclosed Homes on the decline in Galt. Rusty Hughes gave a presentation.
2. Presentation of Military Banners to Shawn Sullivan and Joshua Brooke.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - The clerk announced that members of the audience could address the council on any matter which is not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction. She advised the location of the speaker sheets, asked that speaker sheets be presented to the clerk prior to addressing council and advised that each person would have a three minute time limit to speak.

Al Baldwin was concerned about the homeless problem in town. He said there was a problem at the VFW Hall, Methodist Church and the dentist office. He asked what they could do about the problem and added that they called the police department. Mr. Baldwin said that the city needed laws regarding this problem. Campion asked staff to look into the situation and get back to council in a memorandum. Discussion ensued regarding work that has been ongoing regarding the issue.

Denis Barry, FGL Environmental Laboratory, said they bid on a project and were unsuccessful. He asked the council to establish a committee to investigate the award of bid. Winkler said it was not a low bid situation, but qualifications awarding the bid to the most qualified consultant. He said they had three licensed professional engineers screen the proposals, two of which were not city staff.

Frank Gayaldo, thanked council for the temporary fee reductions and said that for every 100 homes building, 320 jobs were created. He said jobs made Galt great and reminded everyone how important construction was to the City.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** - Consisting of Items 1 through 6, excluding items 3 and 4 which were pulled for discussion.

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1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the special and regular meetings of June 18, 2013.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Accept the minutes as submitted.
2. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt Warrants.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the warrants as submitted.
5. **SUBJECT:** Treasurer's Report for period ending May, 2013.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Accept the treasurer's report as submitted.
6. **SUBJECT:** Capital Improvement Program Project Update.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive the fourth quarter CIP status update.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Crews, seconded by Payne, the consent calendar was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM E-3**

3. **SUBJECT:** Social Media Policy.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the proposed City of Galt Social Media Policy.

Payne asked how departments would be posting to Facebook. Islas said the police applied to a variety of social media avenues. She said each department would create a page and post classes, events, etc. to get information out to the public. Islas said departments over each page would check posts to make sure everything was appropriate. Payne asked how much time it would take to monitor everything and Islas said probably just a few minutes. Singleton asked IT to look at a delay in posting in case anyone posts something inappropriate. Marcotte said they could require moderator approval for posts.

Al Baldwin said he would prefer not to have council members post on Facebook.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Campion, Resolution No. 2013-51 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM E-4**

4. **SUBJECT:** Policy regarding Parks and Recreation Facility / Program Sponsorships.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution approving the Parks and Recreation Facility / Program Sponsorship Policy.

Payne asked if there was any input from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Rudolph said there was no input. Council asked that it go back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Campion, seconded by Crews, sending the issue to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS - PUBLIC HEARING**

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1. **SUBJECT:** Northeast Galt Landscaping and Lighting District – Public Hearing, Approval of Engineer’s Report and levying of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Conduct a public hearing regarding the levy of proposed assessments for the Northeast Galt Landscaping and Lighting District for fiscal Year 2013-14 and related Engineer’s Report; and 2) Upon closing of the public hearing, adopt a resolution approving the Northeast Galt Landscaping and Lighting District Engineer’s Report and levying of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Forrest gave a staff report. The mayor opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the mayor closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Singleton, seconded by Payne, Resolution No. 2013-52 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt Landscaping and Lighting District No. 3 – Public Hearing, Approval of Engineer’s Report and levying of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Conduct a public hearing regarding the levy of proposed assessments for the City of Galt Landscaping and Lighting District No. 3 for fiscal Year 2013-14 and related Engineer’s Report; and 2) Upon closing of the public hearing, adopt a resolution approving the City of Galt Landscaping and Lighting District No. 3 Engineer’s Report and levying of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Forrest gave a staff report. The mayor opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the mayor closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Singleton, seconded by Payne, Resolution No. 2013-53 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. **SUBJECT:** Westside Galt Lighting, Landscaping and Maintenance District 1990-2 – Public Hearing, Approval of Engineer’s Report and levying of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Conduct a public hearing regarding the levy of proposed assessments for the Westside Lighting, Landscaping and Maintenance District 1990-2 for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and related Engineer’s Report; and 2) Upon closing of the public hearing, adopt a resolution approving the Westside Lighting, Landscaping and Maintenance District 1990-2 Engineer’s Report and levying of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Forrest gave a staff report. The mayor opened the public hearing.

Rick Walters said on “A” Street, the hedges were labor intensive. He suggested removing the hedges if the city wanted to save money. Hearing no additional comments, the mayor closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Singleton, Resolution No. 2013-54 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

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**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**CITY COUNCIL'S OFFICE:**

1. **SUBJECT:** Strategic Plan.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive the report.

The City Council read the new Strategic Plan.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

2. **SUBJECT:** Results of Regional Development Fee Comparative Analysis Prepared by the San Joaquin Partnership (SIP).  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** No action required. The report is to summarize the results of a recent study comparing Galt's development fees to selected jurisdictions in the region for single family residential, multifamily residential, office, retail, manufacturing and warehouse land developments. A more detailed power point summary of the report will be presented at the Council meeting.

S. Kiriu gave a staff report.

3. **SUBJECT:** Temporary Fee Reduction Incentive Program for non-residential development.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution approving the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption, authorizing the initiation of a temporary fee reduction incentive program to encourage construction of new non-residential buildings such as retail, office, or industrial manufacturing space, and authorizing the City Manager to determine the eligibility of projects based on the criteria noted in the staff report.

S. Kiriu gave a staff report.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Champion, seconded by Crews, Resolution No. 2013-55 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

4. **SUBJECT:** Extension of the 2007 Collection Services Agreement with California Waste Recovery Systems.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Authorize the city manager to exercise an option for a three (3) year extension of existing contract terms and conditions for the current agreement with California Waste and Recovery Systems; 2) Authorize the city manager to negotiate supplemental terms and conditions for consideration of a longer contract extension and a potential transfer station agreement for subsequent council consideration; 3) Establish a council subcommittee to provide direction to staff regarding potential terms for a collection services agreement extension greater than three (3) years and a potential transfer station agreement.

Dolores Martinez and Steve Winkler gave a staff report. Champion said he would like to serve on the subcommittee and Powers said she would like to serve as well.

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**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Campion, seconded by Singleton, authorizing the city manager to exercise an option for a three (3) year extension of existing contract terms and conditions for the current agreement with California Waste and Recovery Systems and authorizing the city manager to negotiate supplemental terms and conditions for consideration of a longer contract extension and a potential transfer station agreement for subsequent council consideration was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ACTION:** Payne nominated Campion and Powers which was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. **SUBJECT:** Consideration of options for the Installation of Water Meters and related payment and billing issues.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Finalize contract negotiations with Global Water Resources for the Turn-Key Fixed Network Advanced Metering Infrastructure System and Meter Install/Retrofit Project; 2) Proceed with planning to charge unmetered customers for the cost of a new meter (excluding those that have already paid for their meter); 3) Develop an incentive program for duplex owners who elect to modify their on-site plumbing; and 4) Develop an implementation schedule that provides for a comparative bill notice for newly metered customers prior to charging based on meter readings.

Winkler introduced Rich Prima who gave the staff report.

Campion asked about phasing in the project which was the prior recommendation. He was concerned about advancing the timeframe. He said the state mandate was for the users who use the least amount of water and was concerned about accelerating a program that should be left to the local level. He liked the contract with Global but wanted to stay with the original implementation schedule and meet the deadline of 2026. He thought the issue should have been heard at a special study session. He would like to see estimated costs of phasing in the program that was planned for the last ten years.

Mark Clarkson gave a report on implementing the water meter program in the next year or schedule to 2016. He said water meters were an asset to a community regarding water leaks, usage of water, etc. Winkler said if council wanted to do half the project, they would need to go back out with an RFP. Powers said the City needed to start conserving water and the water meters would help.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Crews, seconded by Payne, finalizing contract negotiations with Global Water Resources for the Turn-Key Fixed Network Advanced Metering Infrastructure System and Meter Install/Retrofit Project was approved by a roll call vote with Campion dissenting.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Singleton, seconded by Crews, proceeding with planning to charge a flat rate for unmetered customers for the cost of a new meter (excluding those that have already paid for their meter) was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Crews, seconded by Payne, developing an incentive program for duplex owners who elect to modify their on-site plumbing was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Payne asked that this be done over the summer. Winkler said it would probably be over the summer and added that they would be doing an outreach program to adjust behavior to avoid sticker shock.

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**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Crews, developing an implementation schedule that provides for a comparative bill notice which would include summer months, for newly metered customers prior to charging based on meter readings was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

1. **SUBJECT:** National Night Out -- Reschedule the meeting of August 6, 2013 to Wednesday, August 7, 2013.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Reschedule the meeting of August 6, 2013 to August 7, 2013 so council members can attend neighborhood gatherings for National Night Out.

Aguire gave a staff report.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Powers, moving the August 6, 2013 meeting to Wednesday, August 7, 2013, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMENTS BY STAFF:**

**COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**VICE MAYOR SINGLETON:** Thanked everyone involved in the Independence Day Celebration and asked to bring back his discretionary funds at the next meeting.

**COUNCIL MEMBER PAYNE:** Said she attended the First 5 meeting. The program provided car seats to take children to the dentist. For Galt, contact your local family resource which is Valley High Family Resource on Franklin Blvd.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPION:** Announced the Historical Society Sip and Snack event on July 27<sup>th</sup> at McFarland Ranch.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CREWS:** Thanked everyone for the Independence Day Celebration and added that he loved the fireworks.

**MAYOR POWERS:** Asked to bring back her discretionary funds to the next meeting. She then thanked everyone for the Independence Day Celebration and said the 5K run and the fireworks were great.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 10:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire  
City Clerk