



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California
Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 5:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Payne, Heuer, Campion, Powers and Crews.

Staff members present: City Manager Behrmann, City Clerk Settles, and City Attorney Rudolph.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT** pursuant to and under the authority of Government Code Section 54957.

Title: Police Chief

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Agency representative: Jason Behrmann

Unrepresented employees: Police Chief, Police Lieutenants

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: The council reconvened to open session at 7:00 pm at which time the city attorney announced there was no action taken.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Council Members present: Payne, Heuer, Campion, Powers and Crews.

Staff members present: City Manager Behrmann, City Clerk Settles, City Attorney Rudolph, Community Development Director Stewart, Finance Director Kiriou, Parks & Recreation Director Solis, and Public Works Director Winkler. Absent: Human Resources Administrator Islas, Police Chief Bowen.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. New Employee Introduction - Kiriou introduced Greg Lucido, Deputy Finance Director.
2. Commission on Aging Annual Report to Council – Alvin Roberts gave the annual report.
3. Purpose of the K9 Program – Police Department – Officer Nathan Meyerduck gave an overview of the program.

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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 five minute time limit to speak.

Leesa Klotz gave a report on the 2015 Galt Winter Bird Festival.

Rick Walters asked when was the mock billing would be sent out. Winkler said the mock billing would begin this summer and live billing in the fall. Walters complained about paying for water he was not using. Campion asked to have a workshop to explain the new water meter billing system. Heuer agreed with Campion. Campion suggested a report come back to council on the new water meter billing system and council agreed.

Dennis Weiss distributed a letter asking for use of the firing range for the Boy Scout Program. He said the new agreement prohibited the use of the firing range. Crews asked Rudolph if it was a liability issue and Rudolph said yes. Rudolph reviewed the history and the requirements for use of the firing range facility.

Todd Kimerer asked to continue the use of the firing range for the Boy Scouts.

Rudolph reminded council they were under public comment. He said if further discussion and debate was needed, to agendize the item for a future meeting. Council agreed by consensus to bring back the use of the firing range by private parties for further discussion at a future meeting.

Frank Shaw was in support of the Boy Scouts continued use of the firing range.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Consisting of Items 1 through 3.

1. **SUBJECT**: Minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2015.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the minutes as submitted.
2. **SUBJECT**: City of Galt Warrants.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the warrants as submitted.
3. **SUBJECT**: Destruction of Records.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-19 authorizing the destruction of city records pursuant to the City's Records Retention Policy.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Campion, seconded by Powers, the consent calendar was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

SCHEDULED MATTERS - PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **SUBJECT**: Public Hearing and Consideration of Refuse Collection Fee Increases.
STAFF: Winkler
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Conduct a public hearing on proposed refuse collection fee increases; 2) Receive the report on the tabulation of written protests; and 3) In the absence of a majority protest, adopt a resolution approving the proposed refuse collection fee increases effective March 1, 2015.

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Winkler introduced Anne Dennis, Administrative Analyst, who gave the staff report.

Crews opened the public hearing. Behrmann said the increase was due to the increase cost to the City of Galt. Hearing no comments, Crews closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Heuer, seconded by Campion, adopting Resolution No. 2015-20 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

CITY COUNCIL'S OFFICE:

1. **SUBJECT:** Discretionary Funds – Crews.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the allocation of \$700 from Mayor Crews' discretionary funds in the FY 2014-2015 budget to go towards the Military Banner Program.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Campion, seconded by Powers, allocating \$700 from Mayor Crews' discretionary funds in the FY 2014-2015 budget to go towards the Military Banner Program was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. **SUBJECT:** Discretionary Funds – Heuer.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the allocation of \$1,000 from Council Member Heuer's discretionary funds in the FY 2014-2015 budget to go towards the Police Activities League (PAL) Program.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Campion, allocating \$1,000 from Council Member Heuer's discretionary funds in the FY 2014-2015 budget to go towards the PAL Program was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. **SUBJECT:** Ad Hoc Committee regarding Animal Control.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution establishing an ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing the City animal control regulations and the animal control regulations of similar communities, and making recommendations to the City Council.

Rudolph gave the staff report and handed out the amended resolution.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Campion, adopting the amended Resolution No. 2015-21 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Heuer, seconded by Payne, appointing Powers and Crews to the Ad Hoc Committee was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

4. **SUBJECT:** Governor's Budget Proposal Affecting Redevelopment Dissolution (RN#15 08847).
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in opposition to the Redevelopment Dissolution Bill.

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Behrmann gave the staff report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Powers, authorizing the mayor to sign a letter in opposition to the Redevelopment Dissolution Bill was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

CULTURE AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

5. **SUBJECT:** Use of Controlled Sports Facilities by the Public.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and direct staff to: 1) Open the Walker Park natural turf soccer fields and Veterans Soccer Field to the general public when not otherwise reserved for use by local sports organizations, private rental and weather permitting during the months of May through October and 2) Enforce all rules related to trespassing at controlled sports facilities.

Solis gave the staff report. Campion suggested opening the fields beginning in April.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Heuer, seconded by Campion, opening Walker Park natural turf soccer fields and Veterans Soccer Field to the general public when not otherwise reserved for use by local sports organizations, private rental and weather permitting during the months of April through October and enforcing all rules related to trespassing at controlled sports facilities was approved as amended by a roll call vote with Payne dissenting.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

1. **SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint a community member to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill a vacant position and remaining term in accordance with City practice.

Settles gave the staff report.

Payne appointed Wesley Cagle to the Parks and Recreation Commission with the term ending December 31, 2016.

COMMENTS BY STAFF: Stewart reminded council there was a March 10 workshop in council chambers regarding the Zoning Code Update. Winkler said the new fences at Harvey Park would be done in time for baseball opening day. He said the stove configuration was complete and was going out to bid but would be a few more months out. Rudolph said effective this Thursday the marijuana ordinance was in effect and it would be unlawful to cultivate marijuana indoors or outdoors in the City of Galt.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VICE MAYOR PAYNE: excited about the fencing around the Galt Community Garden at Harvey Park and Eggstravanza was on March 28.

COUNCIL MEMBER HEUER: attended the new campus scoping meeting presentation at Delta College.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPION: Nothing.

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Nothing.

MAYOR CREWS: Nothing.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Settles
City Clerk