

CITY OF GALT



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALT PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 380 CIVIC DRIVE GALT, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016 – 7:00PM

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Chairperson: Janice Reuthinger

Commission: Joe Bitondo, Wesley Cagle, Kelly Keagy, Bill Parkin

A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Staff members present were:

Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Reuthinger, Bitondo, Keagy

Commissioners Absent: Cagle (late), Parkin (no longer a commissioner)

Staff Members Present: P&R Director Armando Solis, Public Works Director Steve Winkler and Interim Administrative Assistant Crystal Cervantes.

B. **AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

C. **CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF AGENDA**

H1 to be presented after Public Comment.

D. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** - Under Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public may address the commission on non-agenda items. Speakers may also address the commission on any agenda item during consideration of the item. Speakers shall restrict their comments to issues that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the commission and limit comments to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Please fill out a speaker sheet located on the table inside the entrances to the council chambers and forward the completed speaker sheet to the commission secretary. Please state your name and city of residence prior to making your comments.

H1. **SUBJECT:** Lighting and Landscaping Districts
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Public Works Director, Steve Winkler Presenting

Presentation: Slide of Galt vicinity map. Explanation of two first districts were created in the early 90's and are not under Prop 218, they are frozen and cannot be altered upwards in fees. One option to change would be to hold a ballot election process.

Winkler addressed the following questions with answers and explanations that Commissioner Keagy submitted:

1. **Q:** Do any funds collected from the sports teams for lighting go back into the l&l funds or does it all stay in the parks and rec's budget? **A:** Money collected goes back into the L&Ls it is under. Included Pavilion rentals and field rentals.
2. **Q:** Why did the \$35,000+ consulting fee come out of the l&l districts and not the city's general fund? If these fund balances are in jeopardy, why would we take more money out for this type of service? **A:** Explained that this is a special benefit district and enhances property value. Not a general benefit, general taxes do not cover this.
3. **Q:** Why was the consultant hired? Why wasn't our own city staff assigned to look at these districts and determine cost cutting measures? **A:** Initial intent was to have PW do the work, but PW has a very small crew. Prop 218 is expansive with many technical specifications to gather all the while regular staff duties would still be expected. Also, benefit of having a 3rd party – outside consultant have a transparent/neutral point of view.
4. **Q:** I would like to see all of the income and expenses in a budget year to see if we can spot where cuts could be cut or question expenses. **A:** Explained that this information is public record.
5. **Q:** how is the amount collected calculated? My guess is this is based on the original sales price of the home. If we decide an increase is warranted, can we propose that there be a flat fee to even the amount that the homeowners are paying? (Knowing any increase would have to be voted on) **A:** Amount is based on engineer report – also public record.
6. **Q:** have there been any funds used that did not pertain to l&l districts? For some reason, I thought some of the funding for the roundabouts on the east side came out of one of those districts, but I could be wrong. **A:** Under lay can only use funds from a special district to benefit that district.
7. **Q:** what costs have we made recently to help reduce our expenses? **A:** the starting fund was \$312,000 based on 2 years of assessments. Projecting as expected for July 1, 2016 there should be a balance of \$3,000.

The question of Deadman's Gulch was brought up of who is responsible for cleanup. Winkler explained that it is City maintained, but it is considered a "wetland" and designed to be overgrown. Question if broken limbs need to stay in gulch or if they can be cleaned up? Answer: if it is not a flood or safety concern and if funds are available would it be removed.

E. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept minutes

Commissioner Keagy motioned for acceptance of minutes, Commissioner Bitondo seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

F. PRESENTATIONS

SUBJECT: Monterey Park

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Informational Only

Presenter Armando Solis: Monterey Park is a "Feature Park"

Question asked of how big is the park. Armando will have the information included in the next presentation.

G. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

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H. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

2. **SUBJECT:** Energy Efficient Lighting
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Informational Only
Replacing with LED when the Ballast goes out. Boom rented for light replacements, but cannot get on the fields due to we field conditions. Rental for one day and will all be replaced in one day. Question was asked how much it is to replace. It is \$7000. Flouresco has replace some lights (with a regular boom).
3. **SUBJECT:** AB 1234 Mandatory Ethics Training Notice
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Informational Only
All of the commissioners stated that they were aware of this training.

I. UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

J. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Eggstravaganza – March 19, 2016

K. COMMENTS BY STAFF

L. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Commissioner Bitondo
- b. Commissioner Keagy
- c. Commissioner Parkin
- d. Commissioner Reuthinger
- e. Commissioner Cagle

Item Added by Commissioner Cagle:

Not happy with the school district for the eastview plan
No Parking
School facing Walnut Ave.

Commissioner Cagle asked if this met the Parks Master Plan. Armando Solis not sure, will attend special session to gather further information.

Will the park fees be raised?

Armando answered: No. Once finalized can come back with more information.

Will there be private parks?

Armando answered: there will be some that are privately run.

Subject of Hotchfield & Kost was brought up:

Armando informed that the property was sold and helped fund Walker Park.

Subject of charging for parking at Market to bring in revenue

Armando informed that it was attempted previously and it was a bad experience.

Question of how the T-Ball and youth softball leagues were going

Armando informed that we had very low registrations for the 6 year old boys group and may not offer next year.

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M. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

ARMANDO SOLIS, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR: The agenda for this Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was posted in the following listed sites before 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.

1. City Hall Lobby, 380 Civic Drive
2. U.S. Post Office, 600 N. Lincoln Way
3. Galt Parks and Recreation Department, 610 Chabolla Avenue