



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California
Tuesday, February 7, 2017

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and announced a recess until 6:15 pm.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Council Members present: Heuer, Campion, Lampson and Powers. Absent: Crews

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

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9.

City of Galt vs. Michael Cohen, Director of Department of Finance, State Court of Appeal, Third District, Case No. C075897

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4).

Initiation of litigation – one potential case

3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

Title: City Manager

4. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT** pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

Title: City Attorney

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: The Council reconvened to open session at 7:00 pm at which time the City Attorney announced there was no reportable action on Items 1, 2, and 4. Item 3 was continued to the next regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Mayor. Council Members present: Heuer, Campion, Lampson and Powers. Absent: Crews

Staff members present: City Manager Palazzo, City Clerk Settles, City Treasurer Farrell, City Attorney Rudolph, Community Development Director Erias, Finance Director Boyd, Human Resources Administrator Islas, Parks & Recreation Director Solis, Police Chief Sockman and Public Works Director Winkler.

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.

PRESENTATION:

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1. **SUBJECT**: Oath of Office Ceremony – Police Officer Lauren Kroger.

Sockman introduced Officer Lauren Kroger and Settles gave her the oath of office.

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.

Barbara Payne was disappointed City Council did not waive the entire fee for the Tiny Smiles Race.

Terry Carson, Chamber of Commerce, discussed the benefits to the community Tiny Smiles Race brought and was disappointed the fee waiver was not granted.

Gale Webber, Shop Local Committee and Galt Sunrise Rotary, was saddened the fee waiver was not approved for the Tiny Smiles Race.

Al Baldwin said it was challenging for him to make the City Council meetings held during the day. He asked City Council to consider accepting email questions that could be read during a City Council meeting.

PRESENTATION:

2. **SUBJECT**: Storm Updates and Emergency Alert System – Public Works.

Winkler gave the presentation. He introduced Brian Kalinowski, Police Lieutenant, who discussed the alert system for Sacramento, Yolo and Placer counties.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Consisting of Items 1 through 3.

1. **SUBJECT**: Minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2017.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the minutes as submitted.
2. **SUBJECT**: Receive and File Warrants.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file warrants for the period ending February 1, 2017.
3. **SUBJECT**: Second Amendment to the Agreement with NexLevel Information Technology, Inc., to provide Information Technology (IT) Technician Services.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 2017-04 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with NexLevel Information Technology, Inc. to provide IT Technician Services.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Campion, seconded by Heuer, the consent calendar was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of council members present. Absent: Crews

SCHEDULED MATTERS - PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **SUBJECT**: Zoning Ordinance Amendment to modify the formula for Dedication of Land – Population per type of Dwelling Unit.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 18.64.080B.04 of the Galt

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Municipal Code regarding the formula for dedication of land, waive the full reading of the ordinance, and continue to the next regular meeting for adoption.

Erias gave the agenda report.

Powers opened the public hearing and, hearing no comments, closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Campion, seconded by Heuer, introducing Ordinance No. 2017-03, amending the formula for dedication of parkland by adding an average number of persons per household for different dwelling unit types, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of council members present. Absent: Crews

REGULAR CALENDAR

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

1. **SUBJECT:** Treasurer's Report for period ending December 2016.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Farrell gave the report

ACTION: Upon a motion by Heuer, seconded by Lampson, accepting the Treasurer's Report for period ending December 2016 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of council members present. Absent: Crews and Campion

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

2. **SUBJECT:** Revisions to Galt Municipal Code regarding Alternate Members for Commissions and Committees.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Introduce Ordinance No. 2017-04 repealing and replacing sections 2.90.050, 2.95.050. and 2.97.050 of the Galt Municipal Code regarding alternate committee members, waive the full reading of the ordinance, and continue to the next regular meeting for adoption.

Rudolph gave the agenda report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Heuer, seconded by Lampson, introducing Ordinance No. 2017-04 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of council members present. Absent: Crews

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT:

3. **SUBJECT:** Senior Planner Position.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution revising Schedule VI of the approved budget by unfreezing the Senior Planner position and freezing the funded Principal Planner position.

Islas gave the agenda report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Campion, seconded by Heuer, adopting Resolution No. 2017-05 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of council members present. Absent: Crews

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

4. **SUBJECT:** Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation Options.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a presentation on options for forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and provide direction to staff on preferences for moving forward.

Winkler gave the agenda report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Heuer, seconded by Campion, directing staff to pursue Option 1, form a stand-alone Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the current City limits, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote by council members present. Absent: Crews

COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: Nothing.

COMMENTS BY STAFF: Solis announced the Parks and Recreation Commission would be discussing the Galt Community Park playground replacement options tomorrow night at their meeting. Sockman said two new police officers and new dispatchers were hired. Palazzo shared the new recreation, shopping and dining guide created to promote the City. He discussed the emails and correspondence the City Council had received from the Galt Herald. Palazzo shared his practice for sharing of public information and offered to meet with the Galt Herald to work through areas of concern to reach a mutual resolution.

Powers thought the discussion of emails and correspondence from the Galt Herald should have waited until it had been resolved. Heuer disagreed with Powers and said she was glad Palazzo addressed the email she had received. Campion commented there were no specifics in the email and said communicating was a good first step towards a resolution. Rudolph expressed his concern with the assertions detailed in the email. He reviewed the two primary laws that ensure transparency in the conduct of the City's business. Rudolph said he would follow up with the Galt Herald and report back to City Council as the information becomes available.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VICE MAYOR CREWS: Absent.

COUNCIL MEMBER HEUER: attended the Sacramento Public Library Authority meeting. She thanked Palazzo for sending out the information to City Council detailing the formation of the Shop local Committee. She needed to review the report and possibly discuss further at a future City Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPION: Nothing.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAMPSON: questioned the need to have an additional police officer attend the City Council meetings and she enjoyed the Winter Bird Festival.

MAYOR POWERS: Nothing.

There being no further business to come before council, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Settles
City Clerk