



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California
Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 6:30 p.m.**

***Teleconferencing location:
Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the mayor. Council Members present: Payne, Clare, Meredith and Shelton. Teleconferencing: Haines.

Staff members present: City Clerk Aguire and City Attorney Rudolph.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The clerk announced that under Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the audience could address the council on any agenda item before or during the council's consideration of the item. 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 had a five minute time limit.

ADJOURN TO SPECIAL CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The council reconvened to open session at 7:00 p.m. at which time the city attorney announced that there was no reportable action and council would reconvene back to closed session after the regular meeting.

ADJOURN TO SPECIAL CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:45 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The council reconvened to open session at 9:18 p.m. at which time the city attorney announced there was no reportable action.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire
City Clerk



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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 7:00 .m.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the mayor. Council Members present: Payne, Clare, Meredith, Shelton. Teleconferencing: Haines.

Staff members present: Assistant City Manager Behrmann, City Clerk Aguire, Community Development Director Campion, Public Works Director Halladay, City Attorney Rudolph, Chief of Police Cattolico, Finance Director Kiriu, Human Resources Administrator Islas, and Parks and Recreation Director Jeffries. Absent: City Manager Anderson.

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 – Shelton asked that the presentation of the certificates of recognition be moved to just after the consent calendar.

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.

Dave Dahlgren thanked everyone for the Hazardous Waste Event and the Shred-It Event.

Al Baldwin asked about the mobile home park rent control ordinance. He asked for a brief description of the points in the ordinance that could be distributed to those affected by the ordinance. Haines said something could be prepared.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Consisting of Items 1 through 6.

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the special and regular meetings of October 6, 2009.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council accept the minutes as submitted.
2. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt Warrants.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council approve the warrants as submitted.
3. **SUBJECT:** Thanksgiving baskets 2009.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council approve: 1) usage of the Littleton Community Center on Friday, November 20, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; and 2) waive all fees for the “Thanksgiving Baskets 2009” coordinated this year by St. Christopher’s Church.

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4. **SUBJECT:** Health benefit renewal for 2009-2010.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council adopt Resolution No. 2009-107 approving the recommended changes to health benefits and authorize the city manager or his designee to sign agreements with Health Net and Kaiser.
5. **SUBJECT:** Appropriation of Measure R funding for patrol vehicle.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council adopt Resolution No. 2009-108 appropriating funds to purchase and outfit a marked patrol unit under the Measure R program.
6. **SUBJECT:** Transfer of salary savings into capital for police vehicle replacement.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council adopt Resolution No. 2009-109 approving the transfer of funds within the police department budget to purchase and outfit a marked patrol unit.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Clare, the consent calendar was approved by a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS: The mayor presented certificates, with the help of Evelyn Moore, chairman of the Beautification Committee, to students and representatives from the post office recognizing their efforts in improving the landscaping at the post office.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCES

1. **SUBJECT:** Proposed ordinance amending the title of Chapter 9.12 of the Galt Municipal Code and amending Section 9.12.025 of the Municipal Code pertaining to the curfew at City parks.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the city council introduce Ordinance No. 2009-15, waive the first reading and read by title only an ordinance amending Chapter 9.12 pertaining to the curfew at City parks.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Meredith, Ordinance No. 2009-15 was introduced by a unanimous vote.

2. **SUBJECT:** Proposed ordinance amending Section 14.10.100 of the Galt Municipal Code pertaining to maintenance of sanitary sewer connections.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the city council introduce Ordinance No. 2009-16, waive the first reading and read by title only an ordinance amending Section 14.10.100 of the Galt Municipal Code.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Payne, Ordinance No. 2009-16 was introduced by a unanimous vote.

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REGULAR CALENDAR

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

1. **SUBJECT:** City council procedural guidelines; resolution and ordinance.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the city council consider the draft city council procedural guidelines, prepared under the direction of the city council ad hoc committee. If the city council desires to adopt these guidelines, then it is further recommended that the city council: (1) adopt a resolution repealing Resolution No. 2002-104 and adopting the new city council procedural rules, and (2) introduce and waive the full reading of an ordinance repealing and readopting Section 2.12.010, and repealing Section 2.12.030 of the Galt Municipal Code, pertaining to rules and procedures for the conduct of city council meetings.

Rudolph gave a staff report and reviewed the last set of changes. Payne asked about majority issues with other cities and Rudolph said policy resolutions and ordinances were usually a majority of the full body and contracts and simple issues were majority of council members present. Clare suggested the possible inclusion of a provision addressing the issue of a reduced number of council members due to unforeseen circumstances.

Meredith agreed with the one-year term for mayor and Clare thought it should be a two-year term. Haines agreed with a one-year term. Shelton said he signed-on for a two-year term for mayor. Haines and Meredith said it had nothing to do with the job that Shelton was doing. Shelton asked staff to look into a measure for the mayor to be elected at large to serve a four-year term. Payne said she thought the mayor should be a rotating position. She suggested allowing the current mayor to serve out his two-year term, and then implement a rotation basis of a one-year term. There was a consensus to change the provision so the current mayor could serve a two-year term, and then implement the change.

Al Baldwin had questions on 1.5.9 regarding citizenship; 3.3.1, conduct of council members; and 4.7.5, disruptive conduct of the public or council. He then said the mayor should be a minimum of a two-year term. Shelton indicated he was not in support of a one-year term for mayor.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Payne, the completion of the current two-year term of the mayor and vice mayor and the implementation of a one-year term thereafter was approved with Clare and Shelton dissenting.

Clare reiterated that certificates would not take council action and a council member could create and present certificates at city council meetings.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Haines, the presentation of certificates of recognition by individual council members at council meetings was approved by unanimous vote.

Meredith asked for approval of his suggested change to 1.6.8, thereby striking city council and inserting appointing city council member in the first line; and in the second line striking everything after "by" and inserting appointing city council member.

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ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Payne, Meredith's suggested changes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Haines commented on 3.3.1 which addressed council conduct. Haines said it was a gray area. He said he would speak out and would not tolerate lies. Payne said people could defend their selves, but in a professional way.

Meredith asked about 1.5.9 in regard to citizenship. Rudolph stated the language was legal and explained the differences between committees and boards and commissions and council would have discretion regarding qualifications for appointment.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Payne, leaving the language as presented in section 1.5.9 was approved by unanimous vote.

Rudolph recommended ordinances and policy matters be acted on by a majority of the full body; and administrative items such as contract by a simple majority.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Clare, Rudolph's recommendation was approved by a unanimous vote.

Rudolph said he would make the changes and bring it back on consent for approval at the next meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

2. **SUBJECT:** Budget update.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the city council receive the report.

Behrmann reviewed the last fiscal year budget, as well as numbers for this fiscal year.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

3. **SUBJECT:** Proposition 1A Securitization Program
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the city council adopt Resolution No.2009-110 approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a purchase and sale agreement and related documents with respect to the sale of the City of Galt's Proposition 1A receivable from the State; and directing and authorizing certain other actions in connection therewith.

Kiriu gave a staff report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Clare, Resolution No. 2009-110 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN AND RECONVENE TO THE GALT CITY COUNCIL.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: Aguire gave some reminders.

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COMMENTS BY STAFF: No comments.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

VICE MAYOR PAYNE attended the CERT exercise in Elk Grove and said it was very impressive. She commented on the success of the shop local event, "Cruising the 50s", held at the newly renovated Stop 'n Shop Center. Payne said she and Shelton attended the Sacramento Board of Supervisors meeting held that day in support of the senior nutrition program. She reported that no changes were made but the issue would be revisited in December.

COUNCIL MEMBER CLARE said he was in Washington DC last week and sat in on House deliberations; checked in with Lungren's office; and met with Pete Evich. SACOG was tracking water issues and encouraged everyone to be aware of what was happening with the legislation. He said they were not just water decisions, but regional sanitation and land use decisions and affected owners of land near the water in the Delta.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAINES had no comments.

1. **SUBJECT:** Police Report – Grid 39

COUNCIL MEMBER MEREDITH said he was hosting a town hall meeting with representatives from United Way and SMUD. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for getting the fields ready after the big storm. He said the staff did an amazing job.

MAYOR SHELTON attended the quarterly Chamber of Commerce luncheon with a speaker from WalMart and also attended the opening of the Stop 'n Shop Center. He attended the CERT exercise in Elk Grove and attended the County Board of Supervisors meeting to show support for the nutrition program. He then asked staff to research the process for putting the question of a ballot measure of electing the mayor at large to serve a four-year term.

Halladay thanked the members of the public works staff for their hard work during the storm last week.

2. **SUBJECT:** Recognition certificates. This item was moved forward on the agenda.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire
City Clerk