



## CITY OF GALT

### MINUTES

#### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California Tuesday, May 25, 2010

**\*Teleconferencing location:  
255 Auto Center Drive, Corona, CA 92880**

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

Staff members present: 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.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** The flag salute was recited and the video statement was read by the city clerk.

**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.

Rudolph said the city was served with litigation late in the afternoon and therefore needed to add it to the agenda for closed session.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Clare, adding two closed session items was approved by a unanimous vote.

#### **ADJOURN TO SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION:**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to and under the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
  
Galt Citizens for Sensible Planning, et al. v City of Galt, et al., Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 2010-80000546
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to and under the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).  
  
City of Galt v. Galt Wellness Center, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-000078752
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to and under the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).  
  
Galt Wellness Center, Inc. v. City of Galt, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-000078791.

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**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** The council reconvened to open session at 7:01 p.m. at which time the city attorney announced that there was no reportable action on closed session item number one, and that council would be reconvening back to closed session on items two and three.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** - Consisting of Items 1 through 2. These items were addressed separately.

1. **SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Van Scoyoc Associates for Federal lobbyist services.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2010-42 authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Van Scoyoc Associates for Federal lobbyist services.

Payne asked about the benefits received by the City through the efforts of Van Scoyoc. Behrmann reviewed the funding received for the WWTP Upgrade and the Central Galt Interchange Project. He also stated that the cost had been reduced to \$2,000 per month. Meredith recommended suspending the agreement for the time being. Haines and Clare said they felt the agreement should be continued.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Clare, Resolution No. 2010-42 was approved by a roll call vote with Meredith dissenting.

2. **SUBJECT:** Approval of contract with Sacramento County Environmental Management Department for implementation of cross connection control program.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2010-43 authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department for implementation of cross connection control program on behalf of the City.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Haines, Resolution No. 2010-43 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REGULAR CALENDAR:**

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

1. **SUBJECT:** 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Program.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive the Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2010-2015 and provide direction to staff regarding the proposed projects and funding.

Behrmann gave an overview of the long range capital planning document. He said he would bring back the CIP and budget for adoption at the June 1, 2010 meeting. Meredith said the quiet zone study prospects of putting money to make the improvements would be low and the study would be a careless use of tax payer money. He said the city hall generator was more pressing. Shelton agreed. Behrmann said if council did not wish to fund the project, it could be removed. He said the CDBG funds could not be used for a generator or city facilities but could be used for street light retrofits, or other improvements to the "C" Street corridor or the railroad improvements. Meredith felt like the city needed to look at the generator. Behrmann said there were no projects to shift and use for the generator. He said there were no general fund projects in the second year. Payne asked if the money

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could be used for the water meter retrofit and Behrmann said he would have to check with the County.

Behrmann said they could come back with ideas for CDBG funds. Clare asked if the study was done, there would be a better position to go after funding. Behrmann said that was one of the considerations for the study for potential grant funds in the future. Clare said a lot of citizens had interest in quiet zones. Haines wanted other options and Shelton agreed. Behrmann said he would bring back options along with the quiet zones and remove quiet zones from the CIP document.

2. **SUBJECT:** 2010-2012 Bi-Annual Budget

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Receive the 2010-2012 recommended bi-annual budget, solicit public input and ask questions; 2) consider the funding requests from South County Services and the Galt Area Historical Society and provide direction to staff; and 3) provide direction to staff on any proposed changes or modifications to the recommended budget.

Behrmann gave a staff report.

Al Baldwin said the McFarland Ranch Restoration Project has been a huge benefit to the City of Galt and asked council to continue the funding.

Genie Olson talked about the benefit of the Ranch to the kids in Galt and surrounding areas. She thanked council for making it happen.

Marylou Power talked about how South County Services helped the community and discussed the reduction of staffing levels and services due to budget cuts. She said they have given out over \$91,000 worth of goods to the community. She asked council for \$25,000 to help pay for services to citizens with a hardship. Payne asked that any non-profit the city gives money to be required to provide an audit and financial statements to the city twice per year. Behrmann said if council approved any outside funding, a funding agreement would come back to council for approval with all the information regarding audits, etc.

Ron Jacobson talked about McFarland Ranch and the continuing projects going on. He said they could show budgets and financials. Clare recommended that they try to put both requests into the budget. He said if Softcom discontinued their lease, then funding would be revisited for McFarland. He said it could be a financial benefit to partner with South County Services. Haines supported the Historical Society and also supported South County, although he said the city had to be careful not to over commit and wanted to be cautious on the amount the city was giving. Behrmann said the funding agreement needed to state that there was a public benefit.

John Slaughterback said the McFarland Ranch volunteers did a lot of work. He agreed with Payne regarding oversight and asking for financial information. Meredith said he agreed with McFarland Ranch funding and said the city needed to help South County Services.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Haines, bringing back funding agreements on June 1, 2010, which included \$10,000 for Galt Area Historical Society for McFarland Ranch and \$25,000 for South County Services to be included in the recommended budget was approved by a unanimous vote.

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Payne asked about the enterprise fund reserve balances as shown on Schedule IV. Behrmann explained the reasons for the various balances and the possible ramifications in the future to various services provided by the City if revenue continues to drop.

Payne was concerned with the cuts and asked if it was realistic. She said she spoke to Behrmann and said it was realistic and hopefully staff would not have to come back and ask for more. Clare thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget and hoped economic development would pick-up soon. Haines discussed Measure R and discussed how lucky the city was to pass the Measure. He also thanked Behrmann and staff. Meredith thanked staff for their hard work and cuts. He was still concerned about the budget and proposed council cut their budget or benefits to show staff and the community that they were willing to cut as well. Shelton said they made the right decision in choosing Behrmann as the city manager and thanked staff.

Payne proposed some type of a center and program for at-risk youth. She wanted to reserve seed money of about \$5,000 to attract other grants and asked council to consider the funds. Clare said everyone worked with a variety of groups in the community dealing with kids and at-risk youth. He recommended looking at all the programs with duplicate goals and trying to get all the groups together and consolidate efforts. He thought there were too many programs and not enough successes. Haines, Meredith and Shelton agreed with Clare. Payne said the CAST Committee has inherited the Youth Master Plan and said it would be difficult for the group to appropriate money. She thought the \$5,000 could be used by the CAST group and said the Master Plan was about all the groups working together. She said the \$5,000 was a tool to start implementing the Master Plan. Haines said the city could not meet all the needs in the community and wanted to look at the programs that might overlap Payne's description. Payne said she would put together a proposal and try to answer the questions of council. Haines and Meredith were not interested in pursuing the issue. Behrmann said the budget would come back on June 1, 2010 for adoption.

**ADJOURN TO SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION:** 9:02 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** 9:16 p.m.

The council reconvened to open session at 9:16 p.m. at which time the city attorney announced that there was no reportable action.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire  
City Clerk