



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Payne, Clare, Haines, Shelton.

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

Absent: Finance Director Kiriu

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 - None

PRESENTATIONS: Barbara Payne and Gary Gilmore presented awards for Respect from the Community of Character Coalition.

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.

Tracy Gross talked about StandDown for homeless veterans to get off the streets and offer the vets medical/dental benefits, rehab if necessary, new and use clothing, etc. She was asking for donations of men's white briefs this year. She said last year they helped 532 veterans. She said people can drop of their donations at the police department. If any had questions, she said to call 916/646-6004.

John Slaughterback thanked Mayor Shelton regarding South County Services. He discussed senior services and thanked Shelton for being cognizant.

Woody had comments about the upcoming election.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Consisting of Items 1 through 4.

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the special and regular meeting of July 6, 2010
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the minutes as submitted.
2. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt Warrants.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the warrants as submitted.
3. **SUBJECT:** Appropriation of Grant Funding
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the appropriation of funds received from PG&E as outlined.

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4. **SUBJECT:** Renewal of Annual firearms Range Lease Agreement with CDCR.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-60 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for use of the City's Police Firearms Range.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

1. **SUBJECT:** Vacancy on the City Council
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Make an appointment to fill the vacancy, call for a special election, take no action or provide further direction to staff.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

Al Baldwin asked council to consider him to fill the vacancy. He said his decision would be for the best interest in Galt. He asked the citizens to e-mail council to let them know their thoughts.

John Slaughterback suggested Tom Malson but said it could be unfair to appoint candidates running so he asked council to appoint Baldwin or Malson.

Aguire summarized an e-mail from Andrew Meredith stating that he was opposed to filling the vacancy and if council decided to fill the vacancy, because of negative campaigning, council should pick someone who was not running for council. He also asked that council pick someone he appointed to a commission seat.

Rudolph said if there were only three council members seated, all three council members would have to vote on a resolution or ordinance and all three would have to be present to hold a meeting. All three members would have to vote to adopt a resolution or ordinance and council could not condemn property as it would require a 4/5 vote. They also could not adopt an urgency ordinance. Payne said the timeframe was in question due to timing constraints of advertising for letters of interest.

Clare said he wanted to appoint but wanted to put it out to the public to contact the city clerk if anyone was interested. He asked that people show up at the next meeting and tell council why they were the right person. Haines said he was not interested in appointing tonight and wanted it placed in the newspaper and receive letters of interest. He also wanted them to speak at a council meeting and allow council members to ask questions. He said the person appointed needed to be up to date on city issues.

Clare said he was around when the council was not fully staffed and there was a disruption of city business. He said he preferred people submit a letter of interest but it should not be required. He thought people could just show up at the meeting of August 4th to declare their interest.

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ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Payne, having the newspapers advertise the vacancy, asking for letters of intent and interviewing at the August 4th meeting was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Clare announced that his last council meeting would be on August 4th.

SCHEDULED MATTERS - PUBLIC HEARING

1. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt Landscaping and Lighting District No. 3 – public hearing, approval of engineer's report and levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010-2011.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Conduct a public hearing on the levy of proposed assessments for the City of Galt Landscaping and Lighting, District No. 3 for fiscal year 2010/2011, and upon the close of the public hearing, adopt Resolution No. 2010-61 approving the engineer's report as-is or as modified pursuant to such public hearing, and 2) order the levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010/2011.

Engineer Bill Forrest gave a staff report. The mayor opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the mayor closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Clare, Resolution No. 2010-61 was adopted and ordering the levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010/2011 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. **SUBJECT:** Westside Galt Lighting, Landscaping and Maintenance District 1990-02 – public hearing, approval of engineer's report and levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010-2011.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Conduct a public hearing on the levy of proposed assessments for the Westside Galt Lighting, Landscaping and Maintenance District 1990-2 for fiscal year 2010/2011, and upon the close of the public hearing, adopt a Resolution No. 2010-62 approving the engineer's report as-is or as modified pursuant to such public hearing, and 2) order the levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010/2011.

Engineer Bill Forrest gave a staff report. The mayor opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the mayor closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Payne, Resolution No. 2010-62 was adopted and ordering the levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010/2011 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. **SUBJECT:** Northeast Galt Landscaping and Lighting District – public hearing, approval of engineer's report and levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010-2011.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Conduct a public hearing on the levy of proposed assessments for the Northeast Galt Landscaping and Lighting District for fiscal year 2010/2011, and upon the close of the public hearing, adopt Resolution No. 2010-63 approving the engineer's report as-is or as modified pursuant to such public hearing, and 2) order the levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010/2011.

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Engineer Forrest gave a staff report. The mayor opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the mayor closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Haines, Resolution No. 2010-63 was adopted and ordering the levying of annual assessments for fiscal year 2010/2011 was approved by a roll call vote with Clare absent.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

2. **SUBJECT:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide direction to staff regarding the 2010 and 2011 CDBG allocation.

Associate Planner Erias gave a staff report.

Mike Hodge discussed quiet zones and said they could be implemented in an inexpensive way but the city could not do anything until they do a study. He said council was going to tie the hands of the public works director. He discussed the requirements and said it would be criminal to not spend the \$75,000 on the study as recommended by the city manager.

Haines said if council did the study but could not implement the study for years, it would eventually be outdated. Clare asked if there was a life to the study. Halladay said traffic data, traffic volumes, train volumes, etc., would all change. Clare asked which item was the most important and Erias said the street light program was important because there were other grants involved. Clare said he would like the item returned to consider reducing the street light program and revisit the quiet zone study. Haines said he thought the city was years away for implementing quiet zones and the street light program was important to the community. Payne would like to look at the quiet zone study. Erias asked if council wanted more information regarding the study and Clare asked to come back with the less expensive dividers and to look at the life of the study.

Shelton asked how many street lights were in the program and Erias said between 66-100 street lights. He said the CDBG could accomplish all of the lights. Campion asked if they wanted staff to proceed with the application. Erias said the application needed to be in as soon as possible.

Shelton wanted the questions answered, not transfer the money and bring back the information in two weeks. Payne asked when the money could be revisited. Campion recommended moving forward with "C" street project, parking lot and street lights, and bring back information to get further direction. Clare asked that it be changed during midyear budget review.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Payne, the 2010 allocations were approved and bringing further information back to council regarding the 2011 allocations was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

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3. **SUBJECT:** Acquisition of Jaycee Hall, 405 5th Street, Galt, California, APN 150-0253-001 and Development Alternatives
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2010-64 authorizing the city manager to execute the purchase and sale agreement between Alfonso and Nohemi Quesada and Jose Alberto Vera and the City of Galt regarding real property located at 405 5th Street, Galt, California 95632, Assessor's Parcel Number 150-0253-001 and approving an appropriation of funds from Fund 12 for acquisition of said property. 2) Review, consider and provide direction regarding development alternatives for the Jaycee Hall and adjacent residential property containing two homes owned by the City of Galt.

Campion gave a staff report. Payne asked about the funding source and Campion said it was a Capital Parks fund. She asked it was taking money away from something else and Jeffries said it could be used for new construction. Clare thought that the fire department could possibly use the old building for training or just demolish it. Payne said the city would still have to pay more to demolish and clean up the building.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Haines, adopting Resolution No. 2010-64 and proceeding with the sale was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURN AND RECONVENE TO THE GALT CITY COUNCIL.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

1. **SUBJECT:** National League of Cities Dues
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and take action as deemed appropriate.

Aguire gave a staff report. Payne was not in favor of continuing. Haines said there was a benefit to participation and preferred to continue. Clare thought the city should not continue and if someone wanted to go to DC with the NLC, the city could rejoin.

Andrew Meredith said if the dues were not continued, the discount card program is dependent on the National League.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Haines, continuing as members of the National League of Cities was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMENTS BY STAFF: Halladay said he attended a luncheon by West Yost as a celebration of the progress to the interchange project.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VICE MAYOR PAYNE: Had nothing.

COUNCIL MEMBER CLARE: Condolences to Senator Cox's family. He thanked the Galt Area Historical Society for their recent recognition and dinner and said he was also thanked by SACOG with a lunch.

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He added that he was suppose to be teleconferencing from Washington because of his brother's passing, but was able to be at the meeting in person.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAINES: Had nothing.

MAYOR SHELTON:

Andrew Meredith read a letter into the record expressing his opposition toward appointing a vacancy.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire
City Clerk