



## CITY OF GALT

### MINUTES

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California**  
**Tuesday, July 3, 2012, 7:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Powers, Singleton, Shelton, Crews, and Payne.

Staff members present: City Manager Behrmann, City Clerk Aguire, City Attorney Rudolph, City Treasurer Farrell, Chief of Police Bowen, Finance Director Kiriu, Human Resources Administrator Islas and Special Projects Administrator Solis.

Absent: Community Development Director Kiriu and Special Programs Coordinator Solis.

**OPENING CEREMONIES** - Silent prayer was observed, the flag salute was recited by and the video statement was read by the city clerk.

**AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS** - None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. The mayor presented a proclamation supporting the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District's Fundraising Efforts.

**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 three minute time limit to speak.

Al Baldwin thanked the city for a clean-up issue and said it was happening fast. He added that the fireworks were great and suggested that the city look at laser fireworks in 2013. He volunteered for the Independence Day Committee next year.

Fred Geothel gave a report on mosquito abatement and said it was the worst West Nile Virus year ever.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** - Consisting of Items 1 through 3.

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the special meeting of May 29, 2012, and the regular and special meeting June 19, 2012.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Accept the minutes as submitted.
2. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt Warrants.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the warrants as submitted.
3. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation supporting the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District's Fundraising Efforts.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the proclamation as presented.

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**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Crews, seconded by Singleton, the consent calendar was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:**

1. **SUBJECT:** City Council Health Benefits.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Introduce Ordinance No. 2012-07, waive the first reading, and read by title only an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 2.12 of the Municipal Code regarding the City Council.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Powers, seconded by Shelton, Ordinance No. 2012-07 was introduced by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. **SUBJECT:** Compensation for City Clerk and City Treasurer.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2012-81 fixing the compensation of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Shelton, seconded by Crews, Resolution No. 2012-81 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. **SUBJECT:** Resolution adopting the revised Position Description and Salary Schedule for the Clerk Administrator.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2012-82 adopting the revised position description and confirming the existing salary schedule for the clerk administrator.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Crews, seconded by Shelton, Resolution No. 2012-82 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. **SUBJECT:** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Galt adding Chapter 9.48 of the Galt Municipal Code regarding Social Host Liability.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Introduce Ordinance No. 2012-08, waive the first reading, and read by title only an ordinance adding Chapter 9.48 of the Galt Municipal Code regarding social host liability.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

**Kathleen Amos and Patricia St. James** distributed and explained the underage drinking parents guide and asked for support for the ordinance.

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**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Singleton, seconded by Powers, Ordinance No. 2012-08 was introduced by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. **SUBJECT:** Egg Laying Chickens

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Review draft ordinance and provide direction.

Rudolph gave a staff report.

Pam Williams opposed the ordinance and said she had experience with chickens. She said problems included not adhering to the code, rodent problems, and noise and smell issues.

Powers did not support the ordinance. She said if council approved the ordinance, she asked if people could get a permit to own chickens and wanted specifics on chicken coops so as not to mistreat the chickens. She asked that it be added to the ordinance. Rudolph said the ordinance was modeled after the City of Lodi. He was not sure of the workload with permits and inspections. Behrmann said it was drafted to be simple with no staff impact. Singleton thought it was good and said code enforcement could take care of complaints.

Shelton thought a town hall meeting was in order. Behrmann said it had to go back to the planning commission which was another public meeting. Shelton thought the planning commission was good. Behrmann said the city council do some special advertising. Payne thought input from the community was always a good idea. Crews thought the planning commission was a good idea. There was a consensus continue the process and send to the planning commission for their recommendation. They asked that language was added on the size of the coop and the treatment of the chicken. There was a consensus to not continue with the permitting process.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT:**

6. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Management Salary Schedule.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2012-83 approving the proposed salary schedule for management positions.

Islas gave a staff report.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Crews, seconded by Singleton, Resolution No. 2012-83 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of council members present. Absent: Powers.

7. **SUBJECT:** Unfreeze the Community Development Director position and freeze the Principal Planner position.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2012-84 1) Unfreeze the Community Development Director position so that it can be filled by the current "acting" Community Development Director; 2) Freeze the Principal Planner position which will remain frozen and unfunded until future council action; and 3) Appropriate \$11,725 to Community Development Personnel Services for fiscal year 2012-13.

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**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Powers, seconded by Singleton, the position of Community Development Director was unfrozen to be filled by the current “acting” Community Development Director; the Principal Planner position was frozen and unfunded until future council action and \$11,725 was appropriated to Community Development Personnel Services for fiscal year 2012-13 by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

8. **SUBJECT:** Unmet Transit Needs Findings.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive the informational report.

Prima gave a report. Doloris Martinez said the riders were growing and the month of June they had over 900 riders.

9. **SUBJECT:** Capital Improvement Program Project Update – June 30, 2012.  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council receive the report.

Behrmann gave a report. Prima touched on a few projects including the firing range, Walker Park Bleachers, pavement work in August and the water meter retro-fit project.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**COMMENTS BY STAFF** said the Independence Day Celebration was a wonderful family event.

**COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**VICE MAYOR POWERS:** said she was pleased with the celebration. She said next year the event would be on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She said everything would be bigger and thanked Solis, Dan and Monica for their hard work.

**COUNCIL MEMBER SINGLETON:** Had a great time. Kelly Keegy and Debbie Porteous helped as well. He said the event was cheap and fun. He thanked the sponsors for the event including Cal Waste, PG&E, F&M, WalMart, Softcom, Phenix Print, Selena Bruca Ins., McDonalds, Galt Herald, VERT, Fire Department and police department. He also thanked the community.

**COUNCIL MEMBER SHELTON:** He said he was there and everyone had fun. He said everyone should have a fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July and told everyone to be safe with fireworks.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CREWS:** Bring back the use of discretionary funds. Thanked Singleton and Powers and Solis for the event. He said it was a great event.

**MAYOR PAYNE:** She volunteered to be a judge for the jams and jellies. She said it was a great event. She thanked staff and council. She mentioned that the senior club had their tea. She said they raised funds for insurance and scholarships.

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There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire  
City Clerk