

# ***CITY OF PERRIS***

**MINUTES:** City Council, Redevelopment Agency,  
Perris Public Finance Authority &  
Perris Public Utilities Authority  
**Date of Meeting:** 27 April 2004  
**Time of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place of Meeting:** City Council Chambers

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Honorable Mayor Busch called the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and Perris Public Utilities Authority Meeting to order.

*6:00 p.m. Called to Order*

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Present: Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Motte, Busch

*Councilmembers present.*

Staff Members Present: City Manager Apodaca, City Attorney Dunn, Interim Finance Director James Fructuoso, Community Development Director Gutierrez, City Engineer Motlagh, and City Clerk Rey.

*All Staff Members Present.*

**3. INVOCATION:**

Mayor Pro Tem Landers led the invocation.

*Mayor Pro Tem Landers led the invocation.*

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilwoman Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Councilwoman Rogers led the Pledge.*

**5. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Battallion chief Tim Williams was to present Mayor Busch with keys to new rescue squad. This item was postponed to a later date.

Olivia Gutierrez, Community Development Director, introduced Tony Romero, Neighborhood Preservation Manager. Mr. Romero gave summary of Clean Up Day held April 17, 2004. There were 103 volunteers plus city employees. They disposed of 311.24 tons of debris; surpassing last year's clean up day by 100 tons.

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**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and the Perris Public Utilities authority held April 13, 2004.

*Approval of the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and the Perris Public Utilities Authority held April 13, 2004.  
Approved 5-0*

M/S/C: (Rogers/Motte) to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and the Perris Public Utilities Authority held April 13 2004

AYES: Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Motte, Busch  
NOES:

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*No Public Comment*

A. To receive and file quarterly investment report for quarter ended March 31, 2004.

*Received and filed quarterly investment report for quarter ended March 31, 2004  
Approved: 5-0*

B. To adopt Judge Reyes' proposed decision in the matter of the application for disability retirement of Raymond J. Gilmore.

*To adopt Judge Reyes' proposed decision in the matter of the application for disability retirement of Raymond J. Gilmore  
Approved: 5-0*

C. To adopt Proposed Resolutions of Intention 3226 and 3227 entitled:

*The proposed Resolution 3226 is a resolution of intention of the City Council of the City of Perris to incur bonded indebtedness in the amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 within proposed improvement area no. 2 of Proposed Community Facilities District no. 2004-3 (Monument Ranch) of the City of Perris.*

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 WITHIN PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 1 AND \$12,500,000 WITHIN PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 2 OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-3 (MONUMENT RANCH) OF THE CITY OF PERRIS.

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-3 (MONUMENT RANCH) OF THE CITY OF PERRIS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-3 (MONUMENT RANCH) OF THE CITY OF PERRIS.

*Proposed Resolution 3227 establishing community facilities district no. 2004-3 (Monument Ranch) of the City of Perris and authorizing the levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District 2004-3*

M/S/C: (Landers/Yarbrough) to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

*Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented.  
Approved: 5-0*

AYES: Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Motte, Busch  
NOES:

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

9. **BUSINESS ITEMS: (not requiring a "Public Hearing"):**

A. Consideration and discussion of three Planning Commissioners.

*Consideration and discussion regarding appointment of three Planning Commissioners.*

Introduced by: Olivia Gutierrez, Community Development Director

Community Development Director addressed council stating that the Planning Commission has been in effect for the last two years. She stated that there had been a resolution that was created through a couple of ordinances that created the Commission and the second one that actually increased the number of Commissioners from 5 members to 7 members. Community Director Gutierrez explained that at this time 3 of the Commission seats had expired. Mr. Martin, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. Finney's seats have all expired as of December 31, 2003.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*No Public Comment*

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Landers stated that he felt all was going well with the Commission. He was not certain he favored having 7 members. He felt that 5 were adequate but would support whatever council wants to do.

*Mayor Pro Tem Landers is unsure if he is in favor of 7 Commissioners instead of 5 but would support whatever council wants to do.*

Councilmember Rogers confirmed expiration of terms as every odd year.

*Councilmember Rogers asked for confirmation of expiration of terms being every odd year.*

Community Director Gutierrez explained that the ordinance explained the terms so as to stagger the expirations out so that the seats would not all expire at the same time. The resolution called out for the first three to expire in the year 2003 so that those three seats would be replaced. She stated it also called out for the remaining seats to expire in 2005.

*Community Development Director Gutierrez explained the terms are staggered so that all seats would not expire at the same time. The next expiration of seats will be in 2005.*

Councilmember Rogers questioned whether or not the City had received any letters of interest to serve from anyone else.

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Community Development Director Gutierrez stated that although the City has not received letters of interest, it had not been a posted item or listed as an open position. The Public would not have known to submit letters of interest.

*Community Development Director Gutierrez stated the public would not have known to submit letters of interest..*

Mayor Busch questioned whether this would be a normal process to open the position up.

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City Attorney Eric Dunn stated that cities by state law are suppose to keep a list stating what Commissions are going to expire. He also stated that State law requires if someone leaves in the middle of a term like Mr. Streich did, then you are required to advertise. This is up to council.

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Mayor Pro Tem Landers questions as to whether or not the Commissioners with expiring terms were notified.

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Community Development Director Gutierrez stated that the expiration of terms was brought up as the last Planning Commission Meeting and that all are aware.

*Community Development Director Gutierrez stated the Commissioners are aware.*

Mayor Pro Tem Landers asked if the Planning Commissioners wishing to be re-appointed had been asked to send in notification to the council as such.

*Mayor Pro Tem Landers asked if The Planning Commissioners wishing to be retained had been asked to send in notification as such.*

Mayor Busch stated that council had not requested that the Planning Commission send in anything to the council.

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Mayor Pro Tem Landers asked how would council know that the Commissioners wanted to serve again. He mentioned that there are other people in the community who might want to serve as well.

*Mayor Pro Tem Landers asked how Council knows that the Commissioners want to serve again. He also stated other people in the community might want to run.*

City Attorney Dunn stressed that the point of the resolution being written so broadly is that under state law you can re-appoint the people sitting on the Commission. It does not have to be done that way every time. If it is Council's pleasure to open up the position and advertise and seek input from existing planning commissioners, the ordinance provides that they continue to serve until successors are appointed so there is no disruption or vacant seat.

*City Attorney Dunn stressed the point of resolution being written broadly is that Council may re-appoint those already on the Commission. They may also choose to open it up if it is Council's pleasure.*

Community Development Director Gutierrez stated there was confusion among the Commissioners. The ordinance is very clear and staff would recommend that we follow that henceforth.

*Community Development Director Gutierrez stated the ordinance is clear and staff would follow that henceforth.*

Mayor Busch stated that the general feedback he has received from people bringing in projects has been positive and he has had no complaints and feels the Commission is working well as it is. He stated it would be the Council's decision.

*Mayor Busch has had positive feedback Commission is working as is, but would be Council's decision.*

Councilmember Rogers called for Commissioner Stuart and Commissioner Finney, who were present to let council know their thoughts on the situation.

*Councilmember Rogers calls for Commissioner Stuart and Commissioner Finney to speak..*

Commissioner Stuart stated he would like to continue serving.

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Commissioner Finney stated the Commission started out with 5 Commissioners and agendized it to add 2 alternates. He said although he enjoys working on the Commission, he does feel that everyone in a city should have the opportunity to serve.

*Commissioner Finney stated he enjoys working on the Commission but feels everyone in the city should have the opportunity to serve.*

Community Development Director Gutierrez stated that on behalf of Mr. Martin, she knows that he has enjoyed serving on the Commission and has never expressed anything to the controversy.

*Community Development Director Gutierrez stated that Commissioner Martin is just as interested in continuing to serve.*

Mayor asked if Council had any desire to advertise.

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Mayor Pro Tem Landers expressed concern that Council would be setting a precedent that could not be changed.

*Mayor Pro Tem Landers expressed concern of setting a precedent.*

Mayor asked if the ordinance allowed Council to be liberal.

*Mayor Busch asked if the ordinance allowed the Council to be liberal.*

City Attorney Dunn stated the ordinance does allow for it to be done differently. The only time Council is required to open it up is if you are filling a vacant seat mid-term.

*City Attorney Dunn stated the only time Council is required to open it up is when filling a vacant seat mid-term*

M/S/C (Rogers/Yarbrough) to approve keeping the current Commissioners.

*Approval of the current Commissioners to remain  
Approved: 5-0*

AYES: Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Motte, Busch

NOES:

B. Consideration and discussion regarding City Hall phone system

Introduced by: Michael McDermott, Real Property Analyst

Mr. McDermott explained that the city of Perris has about 40 lines, the goal of the plan is to make it easier for the average citizen to contact city hall by having only one number to remember. He stated that 800 numbers were looked into, as well as live answering services. Mr. McDermott's plans to use the 909-943-96100 as the City's main number. Nortel phone systems are to be re-programmed on May 6, 2004 and the City has extended a contract to an answering service. With Council's approval, no matter when someone calls the 909-943-6100 number, the citizen will get a live person. The citizen's call will be re-routed to the proper department. The numerous phone lines will remain in effect.

*Mr. McDermott stated the City has about 40 lines.*

*Mr. McDermott gave an over-View of his plan for the City Hall phone system..*

Mayor Busch clarified if the number in question was the 909-943-6100.

*Mayor Busch asked for clarification of the number the City will use.*

Mr. McDermott stated that the City could use any number. Mr. McDermott advised Council to keep in mind that while there is a certain amount of cost involved, the City letterhead and stationary will need to be changed in June or July of this year when the new area code goes into effect, so it would be easy to change all of the material along with implementing the number.

*Mr. McDermott confirmed the number. City letterhead and stationary would have to be changed in June/July of this year due to area code change, will be easy to change all material at once along with implementing the new number.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Rodgers from the Chamber of Commerce stated that citizens are getting the Chamber number from Verizon when asking for the City Hall number. He suggested that Council educate Verizon.

*Tim Rodgers suggested the City educate Verizon.*

Brian Vidal questioned the cost of the new City Hall phone system.

*Citizen Brian Vidal questioned the cost of the new system.*

Mayor Busch asked Mr. McDermott if he would like to respond to the question.

*Mayor Busch asked Mr. McDermott if he would like to respond.*

Mr. McDermott stated that there is virtually no impact. He stated that the City already has current contracts with answering services for Public Works. The plan will be an enhancement to what we already have and there will be no budgetary impact.

*Mr. McDermott stated there is virtually no budgetary impact.*

#### COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

City Councilmember Rogers asked for clarification as to whether or not a citizen's call regarding water shooting up in the middle of the night would be routed to the appropriate Public Works staff member.

*Councilmember Rogers requested clarification as to the routing of the calls.*

Mr. McDermott explained that the incoming call goes first to Norstar. The computer prompts the caller to press certain buttons to lead them to the appropriate department or person. He stressed there would always be a live person available.

*Mr. McDermott explained the process of routing the calls to the appropriate person.*

Councilmember Rogers stated she just wanted to make sure that the City would have staff available to cover the calls routed to them.

*Councilmember Rogers wanted to make sure City would have staff coverage.*

Mr. McDermott stated that we already have staff available on call for Public Works emergencies.

*Mr. McDermott pointed out that the City already has staff on call for Public Works emergencies.*

Concilmember Yarbrough stated that he worked with Mr. McDermott on this plan. He stated that their goal was to make sure that if a citizen needed to speak to someone, there would be one there. This is a tool so that 24/7 the citizen can reach the City. The answering service will generate a report weekly to each department in order that we may identify strengths and weaknesses.

*Councilmember Yarbrough stated this is a tool so that 24/7 the citizen can reach the City.*

C. Consideration and discussion regarding the City of Perris/Chamber of Commerce calendar of events.

Introduced by: Walter Carter, Interim Recreation/Community Programs Manager

Walter Carter, III Interim Recreation/Community Programs Manager stated that City Council has asked that the staff develop a system that will allow the opportunity to be kept informed of all events in the City of Perris. In the past, Recreation Services was only submitting special events and activities sponsored and conducted strictly by the City of Perris. The weekly memorandum will now reflect all special activities and events sponsored and conducted in the City by other organizations, as well as the City of Perris. Mr. Carter stated that it is now called the City of Perris and Chamber of Commerce Special Events Calendar. Mr. Carter would like to present this in a regular calendar form as well as in a weekly memorandum.

*Interim Recreation/Community Programs Manager, Walter Carter III, stated that in the past Recreation Services had only submitted special events and activities conducted by the City of Perris. The name of the new calendar will be the City of Perris and Chamber of Commerce Special Events Calendar.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Dave Stuart, Operations Manager for the Chamber of Commerce stated that the Chamber of Commerce calendar has been maintained entirely by Tim Rodgers. He stated that he is very pleased to merge the Chamber Calendar with Recreation.

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Citizen Brian Vidal stated he would like to see this new calendar on the City website

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**CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION:**

City Councilmember Rita Rogers stated that she is very happy to see the City calendar in this format.

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Mayor Busch congratulated the Chamber of Commerce and the City for combining the calendars. He thanked Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Carter.

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Councilmember Yarbrough stated that the one component that was missing from the initial idea proposed, is that he would like to see at least one elected official and one staff member present at every event. He felt this would work well for the citizens.

*Councilmember Yarbrough stated he would like to see the staff follow through with ensuring that every single event has at least 1 elected official and 1 staff member present.*

Mayor Busch stated that this will inform council as well as the public as to what is going on in our City. He suggested League of Cities could be placed on the calendar as well.

*Mayor Busch suggested adding the League of Cities to the calendar as well.*

D. Consideration and discussion regarding the closure of Nuevo Road for sewer line installation and pavement reconstruction.

Introduced by: Habib Motlagh, City Engineer

City Engineer Motlagh stated that he would like to ask not only for Council approval, but to troubleshoot potential problems as well. DR Horton is required to install major sewer systems. It is 20 ft deep and needs to be located close to centerline of Nuevo Road. It is impossible to maintain traffic while working on this project. DR Horton is asking Council to approve the closure of Nuevo Road for 30 calendar days. Traffic would be detoured North to Dunlap to Orange avenue and then to Perris boulevard either South or North. He stated there will be access for residents but through traffic will have to take the detour. City Engineer Motlagh stated DR Horton is also required to obtain Riverside County permits because some of the County detours are using County Staff.

*City Engineer Motlagh wanted to help troubleshoot potential problems as well as ask for council'' approval.*

Carlos Garcia with DR Horton brought a presentation board in order to show the public and Council to help explain the closure. Mr. Garcia stated that DR Horton met with Supervisor Ashley's office, Rick Offman, EMWD, and City Staff. On the surrounding area of Nuevo road which goes from Dunlap to the Perris Valley Channel, there is no residential area. There will be no impact directly to existing property owners. In regards to the High school, the traffic will be re-routed to the North on Dunlap, West on Orange Avenue, and back down Perris Blvd. He stated notification will be sent out to a clearinghouse to notify all Fire and Safety Public personnel and Quasi-public agencies so they are aware of the 30 day closure.

*Mr. Carlos Garcia with DR Horton brought a presentation board and explained the closure of Nuevo Road as well as alternate routes. He stated that notification will be sent out to all Fire and Safety, public personnel and quasi-public agencies in order to ensure they are aware of the 30 day closure.*

City Engineer Motlagh stated that as part of this permit, if issued, there are several other requirements that will be added to the permit. Nuevo road, where affected by the closure, will be replaced with brand new pavement with good structural sections that can withstand the anticipated traffic. Part of Orange Avenue will be widened.

*City Engineer Motlagh stated that as part of the permit, there would be several other requirements added, such as widening of Orange Avenue, as well as replacing the pavement on Nuevo with good structural sections.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Citizen Mrs. Mason stated that she has lived on the northwest corner of Orange and Wilson for 26 years. She said the traffic had gotten worse over the last two years. Mrs. Mason stated that putting more traffic through there would not be a good idea. She believes there should be a four-way stop.

*Citizen Mrs. Mason stated traffic was terrible on the corner of Orange and Wilson and requested a four-way stop be put there. She is concerned the detour would affect this area.*

Mr. Webber expressed concerns from past experiences of road closures extending a year past the initial said date of re-opening. He stated the impact is more than to just the citizens who live on that road.

*Mr. Webber expressed his concern from past experiences of a re-opening date not being met.*

Jim Finney stated that Council has no traffic study that shows the amount of traffic traveled on Nuevo Road. Part of Dunlap and other roads are dirt roads that you are re-routing people to. He suggested council consider that once again they are detouring through a neighborhood.

*Citizen Jim Finney stated Council has done no traffic study that had showed the amount of traffic traveled on Nuevo Road. He pointed out that once again there would be detouring through a neighborhood.*

Blanch Finney stated that Nuevo Road residents were complaining already about all of the traffic and the speeding which occurs.

*Citizen Blanch Finney stated that the Nuevo Road residents were complaining about all of the traffic and speeding which occurs.*

Brian Vidal stated he is unhappy with the impact this closure will have on the community of Perris. He stated this would be dangerous. Mr. Vidal asked that the Council consider an alternative method to closing Nuevo Road.

*Citizen Brian Vidal requested that Council consider an alternative method to closure.*

#### CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Landers stated that we do need something done about Orange and Wilson. He also expressed concern regarding Evans Road. In regards to the matter of the Nuevo Road Project, the Developer must install an 18 inch in diameter sewer main line and Nuevo Road must be closed in order to do this. Mayor Pro Tem Landers suggested that for every day over the 30 days promised, there should be a levy. He was opposed to leaving the 30-day issue Open-ended. He stated he approved of the detour.

*Mayor Pro Tem Landers stated that something does need to be done regarding Orange and Wilson. Mayor Pro Tem Landers stated he would approve the closure of Nuevo Road, but would like to see a levy placed on the developers if it is not completed in 30 days.*

Councilmember Yarbrough questioned what we could do to ensure that the school buses and trucks were using the detours.

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City Engineer Habib Motlagh responded that he was open to suggestions. He stated that the Developer would be responsible for notifying schools, police, trash, etc ahead of time to ensure staff speaks to administration to notify the driver's are to use selected roads only. He stated the staff will speak to CR & R and that the Post Office is also on the list to be notified. He suggested possibly asking the Developer to pay for more policing during the 30 days for an officer to patrol the area 2-3 times per day.

*City Engineer Habib Motlagh responded that he was open for suggested. He stated the Developer would be responsible for contacting all schools, police, and trash ahead of time. He stated the staff will speak to CR&R*

Councilmember Yarbrough stated that it would be absolutely essential that we back it up with the Sheriff's Department. This is a temporary situation and people must respect the neighborhoods as we do construction.

*Councilmember Yarbrough stated it would be absolutely essential that we back it up with the Sheriff's Department.*

Councilmember Yarbrough questioned the participation of the Developer to improve the roads. His concern was that the County would be doing their part. He asked if there were any proposed paving on Dunlap. He said grating the dirt road and keeping it watered would take some stress off of Orange.

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City Engineer Motlagh stated there were no plans proposed at this time.

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Mayor Busch agreed grading and watering the dirt road would be a good option.

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Councilmember Yarbrough stated that we must have a detour and make options available. He felt that if the City follows the example of Rider, the plan will do well. He believed the applicant is sincere in his time frame of 30 days and agreed the project would be well worth the wait. He also agreed that Council needed to address Wilson.

*Councilmember Yarbrough stressed the importance of having a detour available. He also agreed that Council needed to address Wilson.*

Councilmember Rita Rogers was concerned if sometime in May was a realistic time frame due to the time needed to contact all of the agencies we are requiring the developers to contact.

*Councilmember Rita Rogers was concerned if sometime in May was a realistic time, due to the time needed to contact all of the agencies we are requiring the Developers to contact.*

City Engineer Motlagh stated the Developers would not be allowed to start the project until they comply with every stipulation placed upon them, including the notification.

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City Engineer Motlagh responded yes.

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Councilmember Rogers asked whether it would be viable or not to wait until June when the children are out of school.

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City Engineer stated it is a matter of time and money and is a decision. His concerns in the rainy season was that it would make for unsafe conditions. The signs would be 25 miles per hour in all construction zones. He stated that on Nuevo Road it would be virtually impossible to have another road along side of it because of power poles on the north side of the road. He appreciated Mayor Pro Tem Landers' comments and would add a fine of \$1,000 per day for every day past the 30 day promise of the Developer to finish in 30 days.

*City Engineer Motlagh responded that it is a matter of time and money. He had already put the project on hold because of the rainy season. He stated he would add a fine of \$1,000 per day for every day over the 30 day promise of the Developer to finish the project.*

Mayor Busch stated that he supported the suggestion brought up by Councilmember Yarbrough regarding grading and watering a dirt road detour and felt that it would help the situation and the people would use it.

*Mayor Busch stated he supported question raised by Councilmember Yarbrough regarding grading and watering a dirt road and felt this would encourage people to use it*

Mayor Busch asked if Council could do something regarding the intersection of Orange and Wilson. He stated he would like to have a traffic report done and see about making a permanent 4-way stop and would like to provide an interim 4-way stop during the construction. He felt this would give Council some time to study the results.

*Mayor Busch asked if council would consider doing something about intersection of Orange and Wilson. Mayor Busch would like to see the intersection become a permanent 4-way stop and would like to provide an interim 4-way stop during construction.*

Councilmember Yarbrough asked how to go about doubling the fines in the construction zones.

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City Engineer Motlagh stated that he would look into that.

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Councilmember Yarbrough stated that he felt doubling the fines in the construction zones would serve as an important deterrent.

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Councilmember Motte questioned if the road will be two lanes when it is re-opened..

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City Engineer Motlagh responded by saying that in front of the project from Dunlap to El Nido they would add a couple of more lanes, which is part of their condition with Landscape Media. The rest of the way they would replace the width with all brand new sections. He also stated the city would see a lot more when the sewer project is done as well as the curbs and the gutter. The additional improvements would not require Nuevo to be closed.

*City Engineer Motlagh stated that in front of Dunlap to El Nido they would add a couple of more lanes. He also stated that the additional improvements to be made would not require Nuevo to be closed.*

Councilmember Motte questioned the type of paving that would be done.

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City Engineer Motlagh stated it would be 5 inch asphalt.

*City Engineer responded that it would be 5 inch asphalt.*

Councilmember Motte stated he would be glad to see the upgrade.

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Mayor Busch called for a motion to approve the closure of Nuevo Road.

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Mayor Pro Tem Landers called for a motion to approve the closure of Nuevo Road for sewer line installation and pavement construction with the fine of \$1,000 per day for every day after the 30 days.

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M/S/C: (Landers/Yarbrough) to approve the closure of Nuevo Road.

*Approved closure of Nuevo 5-0*

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Dave Webber commented regarding the closure of Nuevo Road that if there was enough room to widen the road, there should be enough room to make a side road during construction.

Mr. Webber commented on the situation of the area of Bradley and Rider where he lives. He has been out of utilities, phone, and water on numerous occasions. He also commented on the eucalyptus trees being cut down with no notice given; Endangered species had been affected and all the trees were cut down in one day so that they could not be stopped. He stated he thought that environmental studies were mandated.

*Mr. Webber commented on Eucalyptus trees having been cut down all in one day in the area of Bradley and Rider where he lives.*

Mr. Dave Stuart with Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce announced Chamber Events.

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Mr. Brian Vidal commented that he appreciated the stop lights at Nuevo and Wilson. He stated there is a problem with the turn signal from Nuevo Road going North to Wilson, which allows too many people to go at once and people are speeding. He stated this is a real problem as there are few side streets that lead into Wilson and it is a detriment to children. He inquired if there was a way to have Council put in a stop sign at the first possible cross intersection near Wilson. He felt that maybe this would break up the flow to deter the speeding

*Brian Vidal commented on appreciating stop lights at Nuevo and Wilson. He inquired if there is a way for Council to put a stop sign at the first possible cross intersection near Wilson so as to deter speeding.*

Mrs. Blanch Finney stated that there is already a drug problem down Bradley in the new tract homes. She stated the citizens there would like to see more Police presence. She also commented on how well the graffiti program seems to be working. She also voiced concerns regarding Barratt wanting to build 7 acres of condos off of Bradley. She asked council for support on this matter.

*Citizen Blanch Finney commented on drug traffic in new tract homes on Bradley, graffiti program working well, and asking that Council not let Barratt build 7 acres of condos off of Bradley.*

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Landers stated that in the future he would like City Engineer Motlagh to check into the traffic on Orange and Wilson because he would like to see a permanent stop sign there.

*Mayor Pro Tem Landers requested that City Engineer Motlagh get a report on traffic on Orange and Wilson.*

Mayor Pro Tem Landers stated that Relay For Life raised over \$70,000 for cancer patients and that on Monday, May 3, 2004 there would be a get together at the Senior Center to thank all who participated.

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Councilmember Yarbrough stated that he had been working with City Manager Apodaca regarding developing a mailer to enhance our Neighborhood watch and Citizen's patrol interest.

*Councilmember Yarbrough stated he had been working with City Manager Apodaca regarding developing a mailer to enhance our Neighborhood Watch and Citizen's Patrol.*

Councilmember Rogers attended the chili cook-off and stated there was a great turn-out despite the rain.

*Councilmember Rogers attended chili cook-off with great turnout.*

Mayor Busch reported that he has had nothing but positive response From everyone regarding D street construction.

*Mayor Busch reported positive feedback regarding D street.*

Mayor Busch reminded citizens to call the Police regarding their concerns and to give them the opportunity to help.

*Mayor Busch reminded citizens to inform the Police of problems they need to address.*

None

**11. CITY COMMUNICATIONS: (Committee Reports, Agenda Items, Meeting Requests and Review, etc.**

None

**12. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:**

City Manager Apodaca reported that the City had received a \$30,000 grant from the State of California through the Office of Traffic and Safety for seat belt enforcement.

*City Manager Apodaca reported receiving a \$30,000 grant from the State of California for seat belt enforcement.*

City Manager Apodaca asked that Chief Kestell report on a recent crime spree involving a major case that was solved in Perris. On March 4, 2004 Gonzales Medical Clinic was burglarized in Sun City. The burglars were sophisticated in cutting phone wires and utilities. A cell phone and picture ID were recovered. Research led the department to a parolee out of Banning with priors for burglary. During the course of investigation, they were given information leading them to a company called Amazon Red Star Specialties. They were able to connect the burglary to one in Temecula involving \$30,000 in cash and stolen vehicles. Narcotics were also found at the scene. The six suspects are all in custody and have been identified as being tied to an Eastern European organized crime group known as the Yaks. Estimated loss is five to ten million dollars. Sheriff Doyle had authorized a mini task-force which served over 35 search warrants, over 15 parole searches, and over 20 consent searches. Chief Kestell stated that over 15 felony arrests were made involving \$500,000 in cash and vehicles. By March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> the Detectives went to court. Five of the 6 were held over by the judge on 33 felony counts. Each suspect has a one million dollar bail set. This crime ring went all the way from Northern California to Arizona and was all handled in-house at the Perris Station with help from Elsinore, Southwest, and Jurupa, as well as the computer investigative bureau. Chief Kestell wanted to thank Lt. Herrera, Scott Madden, every single detective at our station.

*City Manager Apodaca requested Chief Kestell report on solving a major crime ring through Perris Police Department.*

City Manager Apodaca continued with his report stating that the City has received two more grants from the Office of Homeland Security. The city now has a 288 foot trailer which is our Emergency Operations Mobile Center. He stated it would be stocked with emergency supplies. Phase two of the grant will pay for 2 thirty-foot tall floodlights and that all of this is via County CDF and Fire.

*City Manager Apodaca reported receiving two more grants from the Office of Homeland Security.*

City Manager Apodaca announced the new Assistant to the City Manager, Mr. Darren Madkin and welcomed him to the City.

*City Manager Apodaca announced Darren Madkin as the new Assistant to the City Manager.*

**13. CLOSED SESSION:**

*Closed Session*

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation  
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)- one case

*City Attorney Dunn reported the City Council discussed the anticipated litigation with legal counsel and no reportable action was taken.*

- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Government code Section 54957.6  
Agency Representatives: City Manager Hector Apodaca; Deputy city Attorney Colin Tanner; Isabel Lugo, Human Resources Analyst; James Fructuoso, Interim Finance Director; Rose Tam, Finance Manager  
Employee Organization: Teamsters Locall 911

*City Attorney Dunn reported legal counsel discussed with the City Council and gave direction to labor negotiators but no reportable action was taken.*

Open Session reconvened at 9:35 p.m

*Open session reconvened at 9:35 p.m.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

By unanimous consent the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, PPFA and PPUA Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

*9:40 p.m. Joint City Council, RDA, PPFA & PPUA Adjourned*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret Rey, City Clerk

