

CITY OF PERRIS

MINUTES: City Council, Redevelopment Agency,
Perris Public Finance Authority &
Perris Public Utilities Authority
Date of Meeting: 26 October 2004
Time of Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: City Council Chambers

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: Landers, Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Busch

All Council Members present.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Apodaca, City Attorney Dunn, Community Development Director Barnes, City Engineer Motlagh, Finance Director Carr, Police Chief Kestell, Fire Chief Williams and City Clerk Rey.

Staff Members Present.

3. INVOCATION:

Sue Fuller
Baha'i Group of Perris
P.O. Box 303
Perris, CA

Sue Fuller led the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem Landers led the Pledge of Allegiance

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5. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Arn Swanson, Wal-Mart Community Relations Coordinator, presented the Home Town Hero Award to the Police Department and to the Fire Department, with two checks in the amount of \$1,000 each, to be used by each department at its own discretion.

Arn Swanson presented to the Fire Department and Police Department checks from the Wal-Mart Foundation for the Home Town Hero Award in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and Perris Public Utility Authority held October 12, 2004, and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and Perris Public Utility Authority meeting held October 12, 2004.

Approval of Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council, RDA, PPFA and PPUA held October 12, 2004.

Mayor Busch called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Rogers/Landers) to approve the Minutes of the Work Session and the Minutes of the Regular Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and Perris Public Utilities meeting held on October 12, 2004, with a correction noted on page 6, Item 9A, that the name Bob Ward should be changed to Bob Warren, former Mayor of Perris.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 12, 2004, with corrections noted.

Approved 5-0

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Busch called for any comments regarding Consent Calendar items only.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No Public Comment

- A. To adopt Resolution Number 3321 approving the Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adoption of Resolution Number 3321 approving the Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Proposed Resolution Number 3321 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE ITS DESIGNATED PORTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPON APPROVAL BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA).

Resolution Number 3321 to accept the City's designated portion of the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation upon approval by FEMA.

- B. Approval by the City Council of a Cooperation and Loan Agreement between the City and Redevelopment Agency for the Sheriff/Police Station Land Acquisition.

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- C. Approval by the Redevelopment Agency Board of a Cooperation and Loan Agreement between the City and Redevelopment Agency for the Sheriff/Police Station Land Acquisition.
- D. Approval of and authorization to execute documents and related actions to complete the exchange of 12.17 acres with the County of Riverside for a Sheriff/Police Station located at the northeast corner of San Jacinto and Perris Boulevard.
- E. Receive and file Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ended September 30, 2004.

Approval by RDA of a Cooperation and Loan Agreement between the City and Redevelopment Agency for the Sheriff/Police Station Land Acquisition.

Approval of and authorization to execute documents and related actions to complete the exchange of 12.17 acres with the County of Riverside for a Sheriff/Police Station located at San Jacinto and Perris Blvd.

Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ended September 30, 2004.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Regarding Item D, Councilmember Motte commented that one of the things he felt was important was that the building complement what the City was doing at the Civic Center to create a campus environment, with some large trees, maybe some setbacks on the building, with grass and a park-like setting. He asked if they could use the word “campus”, in keeping with the historical significance of the building and also the campus environment.

Councilmember Motte thought it was important that the building complement the Civic Center “campus” environment, in keeping with the historical significance.

Mayor Busch commented he believed that the City Engineer had discussed that with the County.

Mayor Busch said he thought the City Engineer had discussed that with the County.

City Engineer Motlagh said his department had passed on the information to the County, and that it was a work in progress. He added that when they next met with the County, they would make sure the message got across again.

City Engineer Motlagh said his department had passed on information to the County and would meet with the County staff to get the message across again.

Councilmember Yarbrough questioned paragraph 4, where reference was made to the square footage of the warehouse, forensics clinic and possible fueling station, asking for clarification regarding the “possible” fueling station.

Councilmember Yarbrough asked for clarification of a “possible” fueling station mentioned in paragraph 4.

City Manager Apodaca stated that it was his understanding it was a preliminary proposal, whereas, internally, the County was looking within its own agencies for a designated location of a fueling station. The Sheriff/Police Station was just one of the sites being considered, but they were very interested in finding a fueling station site within the County.

City Manager Apodaca stated that it was a preliminary proposal, the County was looking for a fueling station site, and the Sheriff/Police Station was just one designation to be considered.

City Manager Apodaca said that regarding Item E, involving the Quarterly Investment Report, he wanted to let the Council and public know that Finance Staff was working on incorporating this investment report and issuing a Quarterly Financial Report, which

City Manager Apodaca explained that Finance Staff was incorporating the Quarterly Investment Report and issuing

would include not only this particular investment report, but for broader information purposes would also include General Fund Revenue updates, General Fund Expenditure updates, and the Fund Balance Summary. Also included would be a Capital Projects and Executive Summary Report.

a Quarterly Financial Report.

Mayor Busch asked if what they would be getting, then, would be more detailed information, on a current, regular basis. He also asked if the information could be provided on a monthly basis. The response was that they would, indeed, be getting more information and that there would be no problem in providing a monthly report.

Mayor Busch asked if the information, which would be more detailed, could be provided on a monthly basis.

Councilmember Motte commented that there was approximately \$50 million in the fund, interest alone being \$205,000, and that it was a nice position to be in.

Councilmember Motte commented regarding the report.

Mayor Busch inquired about the projected earnings.

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Director Ron Carr said a definite figure was unknown, but he was currently meeting with banks and financial institutions to present a proposal to the Council to try to boost the yield, to bring in some extra interest earnings to the City.

Director Carr said he was working on ways to bring extra interest earnings to the City.

Mayor Busch called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Rogers/Motte) to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar.

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

Approved: 5-0

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

No Public Hearings

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

A. Consideration and discussion to authorize installation of signal at May Ranch Parkway (Morgan) and Evans Road.

Authorization for installation of signal at May Ranch Parkway (Morgan) and Evans Road.

Introduced by: Habib Motlagh, City Engineer

City Engineer Motlagh explained that expanding construction activity in the area had contributed to increased traffic volume and, consequently, traffic accidents. He further explained that most of the construction was on the east side of Evans Road, by May Ranch and Barratt, with Meritage Homes on the west side. He said the condition for the Meritage project was to do a warrant, and if the warrant met the criteria, then the signal would have to be installed. A traffic report prepared by Urban Crossroad,

City Engineer Motlagh summarized that a signal at the intersection was very much needed to help control the traffic flow and that there would be no out-of-pocket cost to the City.

dated October 11, 2004, recommended that there was no need for a signal at that time or anytime within 5 to 10 years. Mr. Motlagh, however, believed that a signal was very much needed at that intersection to help control the flow of the traffic, solve the sight distance issues, and assist children going across to the park. He stated that Police Chief Kestell was also in support of the signal, and added that, even though there had not yet been many accidents in that area, complaints and requests from the homeowners suggested there was a definite need for the signal. He reminded the Council that, several years previously, they had authorized the installation of stop signs on Evans Roads just north of this intersection, which greatly assisted the homeowners. Although the request for a signal did not meet the warrant criteria, he pointed out that Meritage would install the signal and it would result in no out-of-pocket cost to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Haughney, a resident of May Ranch for 10 years, agreed with the City Engineer and suggested it was a sight distance problem, and that it was difficult to see past the new development. She also noted that drivers inched out into the intersection, causing accidents. She said that occurred during the heavy morning traffic and during after-school traffic. Ms. Haughney felt the signal installation was warranted and expressed her excitement in anticipation of approval.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Landers commented on how long it could take Edison to get an operating signal and expressed his concern about speeding in the area. He expressed that he was glad to see this matter brought forward.

Councilmember Yarbrough voiced concern that the new construction might warrant a new traffic study regarding speed limit signs. He also suggested installing stop signs in the interim while waiting for the signals.

City Engineer Motlagh responded that some of the projects were older projects and that, by law, speed surveys were updated every three to five years. He noted that he was currently conducting a study on Rider Street and said that when the construction slowed down, a complete survey would be done.

Councilmember Motte asked about liability issues.

City Attorney Dunn commented that the traffic warrant study was just one element that would allow for requiring installation of a signal, in addition to sight distance issues, future land use development, approaches, and so on, which was the basis for City Engineer's recommendation. He said the liability issue would only come up if there were problems with the design, and as long as the City went through the proper process, it would be protected.

Public Comment

Judy Haughney felt the signal installation was warranted.

Council Questions/Discussion

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Councilmember Yarbrough suggested that a new traffic study may be required and

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Councilmember Motte asked about on liability issues.

City Attorney Dunn said there would be no liability issue as long as the City went through the proper process.

Mayor Busch called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Motte/Yarbrough) to authorize installation of a signal at the intersection of May Ranch (Morgan) and Evans Road.

Motion to authorize installation of a signal at the intersection of May Ranch (Morgan) and Evans Road.

AYES: Landers, Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Busch

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Approved: 5-0

(See addendum to Motion below.)

B. Update on Fire Station construction bidding.

Update on Fire Station construction bidding.

Introduced by: Habib Motlagh, City Engineer

Before beginning the update, City Engineer Motlagh asked that installation of an interim four-way stop sign be included in the motion just approved. It was agreed to do so.

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Mr. Motlagh then announced that the bids for Fire Station #2 would be opened at 4:30 p.m. on October 27th, along with the bids for the Oleander Avenue extension. He said that award was projected to be on November 9th, but would be contingent upon available funds. He reported that construction would start January 1, 2005, and continue for about nine months. He stated that 2.7 million dollars had been allocated for the project in the current budget.

Mr. Motlagh announced that construction of Fire Station #2 was to start January 1, 2005, and continue for 9 months.

City Manager Apodaca reminded the public that Measure NN would be on the ballot on November 2nd and needed a two-thirds voter approval. It would assess each residential parcel \$49.00 per year, which would raise \$585,000 to be applied towards the operation and maintenance of the second Fire Station in the City of Perris, which was currently budgeted at \$1.17 million. He stressed that this tax could only be used for public safety.

City Manager Apodaca reminded everyone that measure NN would be on the November 2nd ballot and, if approved, would raise \$585,000 per year towards operation and maintenance of the new Fire Station.

City Engineer Motlagh commented that he was hearing that construction industry prices were coming down some.

City Engineer Motlagh indicated that construction prices might be lowered.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No Public Comment

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Council Questions/Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Landers inquired regarding the number of bids on the Fire Station.

Mayor Pro Tem Landers asked about the number of Fire Station bids.

City Engineer Motlagh indicated that the bids were yet to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. the following day, but that there had been a lot of interest.

City Engineer Motlagh indicated none had been received to date.

Mayor Busch reiterated the importance of the Fire Station and the fact that they were counting on public cooperation to fund the operation of the station through the proposed tax measure.

Mayor Busch reiterated the importance of the Fire Station and asked for public support of Measure NN.

Councilmember Yarbrough asked if the City was going to maintain the response service from the Moreno Valley Fire Station on LaSalle. Fire Chief Williams responded that that would be based on the Council's decision.

Councilmember Yarbrough asked about the existing fire response service from Moreno Valley

As no action was needed, this item was received and filed.

No action was needed. Item was received and filed.

C. Consideration and discussion to adopt Resolution Number 3322 regarding Management Employee Benefits.

Adoption of Resolution Number 3322 regarding Management Employee Benefits.

The Proposed Resolution Number 3322 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR DESIGNATED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Resolution Number 3322 establishing the schedule of salary and benefits for designated management employees.

Introduced by: Eric Dunn, City Attorney

City Attorney Dunn summarized Resolution Number 3322, noting that the resolution included all benefits in one document. He pointed out some minor adjustments and indicated that the major feature of the Resolution was the establishment and alignment of caps on leave accrual.

City Attorney Dunn summarized the adjustments covered by the Resolution.

City Manager Apodaca indicated that the costs might be coming back for a budget adjustment.

City Manager Apodaca indicated that the costs might require a budget adjustment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No Public Comment

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION: None

No Council Questions or Discussion

Mayor Busch called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Landers/Yarbrough) to adopt Resolution Number 3322 establishing the schedule of salary and benefits for designated management employees.

Motion to adopt Resolution Number 3322 establishing the schedule of salary and benefits for designated management employees.

AYES: Landers, Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Busch

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Approved: 5-0

D. Update on the Mid-County Parkway.

Update on the Mid-County Parkway.

Introduced by: Olivia Barnes, Community Development Director

Director Barnes gave an update on the Mid-County Parkway, the proposed 32-mile transportation corridor, extending from San Jacinto (Hwy 79) to

Director Barnes gave an update on the Mid-County Parkway, a

Corona (I-15), needed to relieve east-west traffic congestion as well as traffic on I-215, 91, 74 and 60. She presented the two alternative routes within the City of Perris, the North Perris Alignment and the South Perris Alignment, and said response of residents at the community outreach sessions had been generally favorable, but that property owners were concerned about the impact it would have on their property. She said there was an evenly divided opposition to each alternative at that point, but that the Fairgrounds had made their opposition known in writing because of the impact the northerly route would have on various parts of their facilities. Ms. Barnes said it was not known at that point if the City would have a choice in the alternative, but that the City definitely needed to take a position on which alternative it preferred, putting it into the form of a resolution. She concluded her presentation with a projected timeline for the project which showed a proposed construction starting date of 2010.

proposed 32-mile transportation corridor to relieve east-west traffic congestion as well as congestion on several freeways.

City Engineer Motlagh stated that because several schools would be impacted along the southerly alignment, the northerly alignment was preferred, and it would give more opportunity to plan around the freeway. He urged the City to push for the northerly alignment.

City Engineer Motlagh stated that the northerly alignment was preferred over the southerly alignment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No Public Comment

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Council Questions/Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Landers heartily supported the northerly route and recognized the potential impact on business in the area. He believed it should be up to the people of the City of Perris to make the decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Landers supported the northerly route.

Councilmember Rogers said the Council should look at the displacement of residents and schools the southerly route would cause, and concurred with the northerly route.

Councilmember Rogers pointed out the displacement of residents and schools the southerly route would cause, and supported the northerly route.

Councilmember Motte also concurred with the northerly route, saying it would better define the community instead of dividing it, as the southerly route would do.

Councilmember Motte concurred with the northerly route.

Councilmember Yarbrough supported the northerly route because of the fiscal impact the southerly route would have on the City, but thought the challenges of the resource agencies would be the hard part of this process. He said the City needed to get the support of its legislative representatives.

Councilmember Yarbrough also supported the northerly route and advocated getting the support of legislative representatives.

Mayor Busch indicated that the only objection he had heard of was from the Fairgrounds, but he thought that could be worked out, and added his support for the northerly route.

Mayor Busch had heard of only one objection to the northerly route, but thought that could be worked out. He added his support for the northerly route.

Mayor Busch called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Yarbrough/Landers) to direct Staff to prepare a resolution stating the City's preference on the alternative for the North Perris Alignment of the Mid-County Parkway.

Motion to direct Staff to prepare a resolution stating the City's preference on the alternative for the North Perris Alignment of the Mid-County Parkway.

Mayor Busch said he would like to be sure that the motion included recommendation by the City Engineer for bridges and access points. Councilmember Yarbrough said they would include that.

Mayor Busch wanted the motion to include recommendation by the City Engineer for bridges and access points, to which Councilmember Yarbrough agreed.

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

Approved: 5-0

10. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A. Karen Coates, Manager of the Hunt Club Apartments, spoke regarding the corner of Goetz Road and Case Road and asked that the City extend the sidewalk there (located in the City right-of-way) for the sake of public safety. She also discussed the need for a new school bus stop.

Karen Coates presented the need for an extended sidewalk and a new school bus stop near Goetz Road and Case Road.

Mayor Busch suggested that perhaps the new Superintendent of the Perris Elementary School District could assist with the bus stop issue.

Mayor Busch said that perhaps the new Superintendent of Perris Elementary School District could assist with the bus stop.

B. David Stuart, Operations Manager for the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce, gave a calendar update for the coming month.

Dave Stuart of the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce gave an update on community events.

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Rogers stated that on October 18th, at their regular monthly meeting, the Perris Valley Cops & Clergy were joined by the Moreno Valley chapter, and it was announced that Perris Valley had been determined by the founder of the organization to be the model chapter for eight networks. She congratulated Chief Kestell and the pastors who had been meeting each month to deal with community issues.

Councilmember Rogers congratulated the Perris Valley Cops & Clergy on being named the model chapter for eight networks.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Apodaca distributed the new City of Perris general marketing brochure.

City Manager Apodaca distributed the new City of Perris brochure.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

There was no Closed Session.

No Closed Session

14. ADJOURNMENT:

By unanimous consent, the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, PPFA and PPUA Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m., Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, PPFA and PPUA Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rey, City Clerk

