

# **CITY OF PERRIS**

*MINUTES:* Regular City Council Meeting  
*Date of Meeting:* 14 January 2003  
*Time of Meeting:* 6:00 p.m.  
*Place of Meeting:* City Council Chambers-City Hall

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Honorable Mayor Busch opened the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and requested City Clerk Rey to call the roll.

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

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Present: Yarbrough, Landers, Motte, Busch

Councilmember Rogers entered the Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Vasquez, Assistant City Manager Apodaca, City Attorney Dunn, Accountant II, Rafaela King, Community Development Director Gutierrez, City Engineer Motlagh, Police Chief Kestell, Community Services Director Owens and City Clerk Rey.

*Four Council Members Present  
Councilmember Rogers Entered  
City Council Chamber @ 6:15  
p.m.*

**3. INVOCATION:**

*Reverend Marvin Brown Gave  
Invocation*

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*Mayor Busch Led the Pledge*

**5. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Busch introduced Mr. Sullivan the new Director of Eastern Municipal Water District for the Perris area.

*Mayor Busch Introduced Mr.  
Sullivan, Director of EMWD*

Mr. Sullivan looked forward in working with the City of Perris and thanked Council for the introduction.

A. Swearing-in of New Planning Commissioners.

City Clerk Rey administered the Oath of Office to Planning Commissioners Judy Roseen-Haughney and Henry J. Martin.

*City Clerk Rey Administered  
Oath of Office to Planning  
Commissioners Judy Roseen-  
Haughney & Henry J. Martin*

B. American Cancer Society presentation by Jeanie Ramirez

*American Cancer Society, Ms.  
Ramirez's Presentation*

Ms. Ramirez, staff assigned to the Inland Valley, commented that the Relay for Life for Perris would be held in Perris. Perris had been chosen as one the six new sites for the Inland Valley. Councilmember Landers was chosen to chair this year's event. She thanked the City of Perris Team, Olivia Gutierrez and Delores Perez, a cancer survivor, for their participation in last year's event.

This year's event is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> as our first annual Perris Relay for Life. The funds would benefit the area by service to Perris Valley residents; and 20% of funds raised would go to research. Ms. Ramirez presented a draft proclamation for the Perris City Council to proclaim.

*Cont. American Cancer Society,  
Ms. Ramirez's Presentation*

Councilmember Landers encouraged the citizens' participation in the Relay for Life and voice pleasure of his selection as chairperson. A rally was scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall.

*Councilmember Landers'  
Comments Re: Citizen's  
Participation & 2/6/03 Relay for  
Life Rally*

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Meeting Minutes of 12/10/02  
Approved: 5-0*

To approve Regular City Council meeting minutes of December 10, 2002.

M/S/C (MOTTE/LANDERS) To approve Regular City Council meeting minutes of December 10, 2002.

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

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ONLY:**

Mr. Vidal requested to pull Item E of the Consent Calendar, Slurry Seal, for description.

*Mr. Vidal's Request for  
Description of Item E, Slurry  
Seal Project*

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. To adopt Resolution Number 3056, a resolution designating representatives to the March Joint Powers Commission.

*Adoption of Resolution 3056,  
Designation of Representative to  
the March Joint Powers  
Commission  
Approved: 5-0*

To adopt Resolution Number 3056 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JOINT POWERS COMMISSION OF THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY CREATED TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR THE USE AND REUSE OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2914.

B. To adopt, for second reading, Ordinance Number 1107, authorizing the levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District 2002-1 (Willowbrook).

*Adoption of Ordinance Number  
1107, Authorization to Levy  
Special Tax within CFD 2002-1  
(Willowbrook)  
Approved: 5-0*

To Adopt Ordinance Number 1107 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2002-1 (WILLOWBROOK) OF THE CITY OF PERRIS.

C. To adopt proposed Resolution Number 3057, accepting the right-of-way and improvements on Oleander and Indian Avenues and direct City staff to maintain.

*Adoption of Resolution Number  
3057, Accepting right-of-way &  
Improvements on Oleander &  
Indian Avenue  
Approved: 5-0*

To adopt proposed Resolution Number 3057 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND IMPROVEMENTS AS COMPLETE WITHIN THE MARCH INLAND PORT GROUND ACCESS PROJECT, AND ACCEPTING INDIAN STREET AND OLEANDER AVENUE TO THE CITY MAINTAINED STREET SYSTEM.

D. To approve the Contract Services Agreement for Maintenance District Billing and other services with Shepherd & Staats, Inc., amount not to exceed \$30,500 and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement as presented.

*Shepherd & Staats, Inc. Contract Services Agreement for Maintenance District Bill/other Services Not to exceed \$30,500 & Authorize Mayor to Execute  
Approved: 5-0*

E. To approve the award of the Slurry Seal Project Contract to Wheeler Paving, Inc. for \$143, 734.50 and reject all other bids and authorize the City Clerk to return all other bid bonds after contract approval.

*Award of Slurry Seal Project Contract to Wheeler Paving, Inc. for \$143,734.50; Rejection of all other Bid; Authorize City Clerk to Return all other Bid Bonds after Contract Execution  
Approved: 5-0*

Public Services Director Owens described the first phase of the project and presented a list and map, which included sixty-one streets that required attention. All the residents impacted (1100 residents) would be notified by letter of the date/time the improvements would take place; and was scheduled to commence in February. The Gas Tax and a budget of \$200,000 provided the funding. \$30,000 of the funds went towards contracting an engineering firm to investigate/study the streets for the actual plan and bid document. There was \$174,000 budgeted for the first phase with a balance of \$26,000 to negotiate for additional street improvements.

*Public Services Director Owens' Introduction*

M/S/C (LANDERS/YARBROUGH) To approve the award of the Slurry Seal Project Contract to Wheeler Paving, Inc. for \$143, 734.50 and reject all other bids and authorize the City Clerk to return all other bid bonds after contract approval.

*Award of Slurry Seal Project Contract to Wheeler Paving, Inc. for \$143,734.50; Rejection of all other Bid; Authorize City Clerk to Return all other Bid Bonds after Contract Execution  
Approved: 5-0*

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

F. Approval of Warrants.

*Warrants Approved: 5-0*

M/S/C (LANDERS/ROGERS) To approve the Consent Calendar and withdraw Item E. Slurry Seal for discussion.

*Consent Calendar Approved with Exception of Item E, Slurry Seal Project  
Approved: 5-0*

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

## **9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **9.1 NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Consideration and discussion on the allocation of 29<sup>th</sup> Year 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

*To Allocate the 29<sup>th</sup> Year 2003-2004 CDBG Funds  
Approved: 5-0*

City Manager Vasquez commented that \$244,380 of Federal CDBG funds was expected for this year. The national objective of the CDBG Program was to benefit low/moderate income families, aide in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight; meet community development needs that required urgency and those that posed an immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

*City Manager Vasquez's  
Introduction*

Mr. Morales, Senior Planner, provided an outline of the procedures utilized to develop this year's annual action plan. The plan consisted of community meetings, workshops, surveys, Council workshop, and interdepartmental meetings. This year funding proposals were not received from any non-profit agencies. The CDBG procedures required consent from Council and submittal of funding applications to Economic Development Agency for approval of the City's action plan. The funding would be available July 1, 2003. The projects were:

*Senior Planner, Mr. Morales'  
Presentation*

- Bob Glass Gymnasium Project was a multi-year funded CDBG Project, and this year an allocation of \$50,000 was proposed for the renovation;
- Youth Drop-In and Teen Tech Center provided services for the youth of the community and \$14,380 was allocated for the center;
- Downtown alleys and sidewalks were in need of repair and \$140,000 was proposed to be allocated;
- Perris Boulevard improvement project was intended to improve two specific areas identified and \$40,000 was proposed for allocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Kaus commented on the primary reason for the CDBG Program and to utilize the funds prudently. Mr. Kaus presented a picture (taken in 1993) of a vacant/dilapidated building located within the Downtown Area. He indicated that five to ten vacant buildings existed within the City and this particular building still existed due to the failure of the utilization of CDBG Funds for the area in question. Mr. Kaus recommended demolition of the vacant/dilapidated buildings.

*Mr. Kaus' Comments*

Reverend Brown commented on the non-existent park within the Downtown Area and the need of several projects within that area. He was not cognizant the request period for funds and indicated that it should have been published. If there was more publication and notification there might be more input from the non-profit organizations.

*Reverend Brown's Comments*

Community Development Director Gutierrez commented that the CDBG process started in October and was dictated by the Economic Development Agency.

*Community Development  
Director Gutierrez's Comments  
Re: CDBG Process*

Senior Planner Morales commented that the projected planning period began in July, 2002, which included mailing out questionnaires, scheduling of meetings and public notification in a paper of general circulation. The publication requested for proposals from non-profit agencies and was published in October 2002. There was a thirty-day period from notification to submittal deadline date. Non-profit agencies sought funding throughout the year. There were programs in place to assist some agencies, i.e. Neighborhood Enhancement Program, and the Summer Youth Work Program. The Neighborhood Enhancement Program was made up of six components and provided funding for dangerous building abatement.

*Senior Planner, Mr. Morales'  
Comments Re: CDBG Submittal  
Period & Existing Programs*

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Rogers commented that at the CDBG Workshop she expressed her concerns in regards to the lack of non-profits. The funds could be utilized more effectively to impact low-income peoples' lives. While there was the problem of sidewalks and alleys, more could be done for the youth of the community to make a difference in impacting lives. Unfortunately, because the City did not receive applications from non-profits, we had to designate the money to different areas within the City. Mr. Morales was requested to consider, for next year, faith-based organizations' concerns.

*Councilmember Rogers'  
Comments Re: Utilization of  
CDBG Funds*

Councilmember Yarbrough commented that out of the 500 surveys, in English and Spanish, circulated to the low/moderate income within the Downtown Area, there was 17 returned. It might be necessary to go door to door or expand the publication of the notice.

*Councilmember Yarbrough's  
Comments Re: CDBG Surveys  
Circulation; Expansion of  
Publication*

Councilmember Landers commented that the allocations were balanced. He did not believe that the CDBG funds were for repair of homes, windows and doors. The drug houses would disappear if the City made the landlords more accountable to the people in that property.

*Councilmember Landers'  
Comments Re: CDBG  
Allocations Balanced*

Mayor Pro Tem Motte voiced support of the CDBG allocations. He indicated that the property owners should be held accountable for their housing; and substandard buildings should be demolished.

*Mayor Pro Tem Motte's  
Comments Re: CDBG Allocation  
Balanced; & Responsibility  
Property Owners*

M/S/C (ROGERS/YARBROUGH) To allocate the CDBG Funds for 2003 as presented by Staff; \$50,000 for Bob Glass Gymnasium; \$140,000 for Downtown Alleys/Sidewalks Improvement Project; \$40,000 for Perris Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project; and \$14,380 for the Youth Drop-In and Teen Tech Center improvements.

*To Allocate the 29<sup>th</sup> Year 2003-  
2004 CDBG Funds  
Approved: 5-0*

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

- B. Consideration and discussion to adopt proposed Resolution Number 3058, approving General Plan Amendment No. 02-0224, and introduction of proposed Ordinance Number 1108, approving Zone Change No. 02-0225, and approval of Tentative Tract Map 30662 (02-0184), Tentative Tract Map 30958 (02-0227), and Minor Adjustment No. 02-0274.

*Filed Mitigation Negative Declaration 2118; Adoption Resolution Number 3058; GPA 02-0224; Adoption Introduction of Ordinance Number 1108 approving Zone Change 02-0225; Tentative Tract Maps 30662 & 30958; Minor Adjustment 02-0274  
Approved: 5-0*

To adopt proposed Resolution Number 3058 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN ON APPROXIMATELY 15.15 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ADJACENT TO GOETZ ROAD BETWEEN ETHANAC ROAD AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON EASEMENT TO THE SOUTH FROM OPEN SPACE TO R-7 RESIDENTIAL (7 DWELLINGS PER ACRE), ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 2118, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

To adopt proposed Ordinance Number 1108 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NUMBER 02-0225 TO AMEND THE CITY'S ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 15.15 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ADJACENT TO GOETZ ROAD BETWEEN ETHANAC ROAD AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON EASEMENT TO THE SOUTH FROM OPEN SPACE TO R7 RESIDENTIAL (7 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE).

Community Development Director Gutierrez commented that the project proponent was Mr. Patterson of Classic Pacific. The project type was to be presented by Project Planner, Mr. Pfung.

*Community Development Director Gutierrez's Introduction*

Mr. Pfung, Project Planner, commented that the Planning Commission on December 4th recommended the project for approval. Mr. Pfung gave the description of the project and indicated that for financing purposes a tentative map was submitted to subdivide the 287.23 vacant acres into ten lots. A minor adjustment was proposed for the deviation from the required 45-foot lot frontage of cul-de-sac lots. The minor adjustment was to allow for deviation when the strict application of code would be impractical or result in hardship. Also, staff recommended a code amendment, which would include the minor adjustment process. Staff supported the zone change due to elimination of open space to the tract south of the proposed project; and the zone change was consistent with the goals/policies of the General Plan. Staff recommended approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration 2118; adoption of a resolution for General Plan Amendment 02-0224; introduction of Ordinance Number 1108; approval of Tentative Tract Map 30662; 39058 and Minor Adjustment 02-0274, based on the Planning Commission's recommendation.

*Project Planner, Mr. Pfung's Presentation*

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Yarbrough asked if the project was identified as a specific project; i.e. Chaparral Ridge was identified as one of the Mennifee Valley projects.

*Councilmember Yarbrough's  
Query Re: Project Identification*

There was discussion in regards to the signs, which identified Perris' projects as Mennifee Valley, etc.; developer participation in the BIA Sign Program; no control of BIA Signs; signs utilized for marketing; and was an effective marketing tool.

*General Discussion Re: BIA  
Signs Identifying Perris' Projects*

Councilmember Yarbrough recommended review of BIA Signs located in the county area, which identified projects that were within the City of Perris.

*Councilmember Yarbrough's  
Comments Re: Review of BIA  
Signs Identifying Projects*

In regards to the 156 acre open space, Mayor Pro Tem Motte asked who owned it, type of use and how would it be maintained. Would the homeowners participate in the 156 acres. He suggested to utilize the open space for sports and a golf course could possibly be a benefit for the City.

*Mayor Pro Tem Motte's  
Comment Re: Open Space*

In response, Mr. Prend indicated that a golf course was considered to be placed within the open space. The area could also be designated as part of the City's landscape district. There were financing issues with the concept of a golf course. The developer voiced support of sports for the youth of the community.

*Albert E. Webb Associates, Mr.  
Prend's Response*

M/S/C (ROGERS/MOTTE) To approve and file Mitigated Negative Declaration 2118; adopt Resolution Number 3058, to amend the land use element of the City's General Plan for General Plan Amendment 02-0224; introduce for first reading of Ordinance Number 1108, approving the Zone Change 02-0025 to amend the City's zoning map by change the land us designation of approximately 15.15. acres of land adjacent to Goetz Road between Ethanac Road and the Edison easement form Open Space to R7 Residential; approve Tentative Tract Map 30662; approve Tentative Tract Map 30958; and approval Minor Adjustment 02-0274, based on the Planning Commission's recommendation.

*Filed Mitigation Negative  
Declaration 2118; Adoption  
Resolution Number 3058; GPA  
02-0224; Adoption Introduction  
of Ordinance Number 1108  
approving Zone Change 02-  
0025; Tentative Tract Maps  
30662 & 30958; Minor  
Adjustment 02-0274  
Approved: 5-0*

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

C. Consideration and discussion to introduce, for first reading, proposed Ordinance Number 1109, amending Chapter 19.63 regarding Street Naming Requirements (Case Number Ordinance Amendment 02-0217).

*Adoption, for First Reading,  
Ordinance Number 1109,  
Amending Chapter 19.63 Street  
Naming Requirements  
Approved: 5-0*

To introduce, for first reading, proposed Ordinance Number 1109 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 02-0217 TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 19.63 REGARDING STREET NAME SUFFIXES.

Community Development Director Gutierrez commented the ordinance was to amend Chapter 19.63.040 B in regards to the guidelines for street naming and to amend Chapter 19.63 to delegate responsibilities for review and approval of street names to the Planning Commission, rather than the City Council.

*Community Development  
Director Gutierrez's Introduction*

M/S/C (LANDERS/) To approve for first reading proposed Ordinance Number 1109, amending Chapter 19.63. regarding Street Naming requirements, Case Number 02-0217).

*Adoption, for First Reading,  
Ordinance Number 1109,  
Amending Chapter 19.63 Street  
Naming Requirements  
Approved: 5-0*

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

**9.2 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**10. NON-HEARING ITEMS:**

**10.1 NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Consideration and discussion to adopt the Ruby Drive and Nuevo Road Traffic Report and authorize to proceed with installation of traffic control signs.

*Ruby Road/Nuevo Road Traffic  
Report & Authorize Installation  
of Traffic Control Signs (Exhibit  
'D')  
Approved: 5-0*

City Engineer Motlagh commented that during the past several months requests had been received for the City to consider the installation of a four-way stop sign, lighting, and other traffic control devices at the intersection of Ruby Drive and Nuevo Road, which was adjacent to the Perris High School. Also, Deputy Sheriff Logan had brought attention of the need for additional improvements. Due to the requests an engineer was obtained to produce a traffic report, dated November 20, 2002. The report recommended interim improvements by installation of a four-way stop sign, other signs, and striping for a crosswalk until the City had adequate funds to implement a signal project. City Engineer Motlagh recommended Council to authorize the expenditure of funds (\$8,000) for those improvements as identified within the traffic report (Exhibit D). Also, adequate funds could be allocated for traffic signal. The City worked with Edison to install additional lighting; and some of the interim improvements would be to change lighting on Nuevo Road for more visibility. Two new lights would be installed on the existing poles.

*City Engineer Motlagh's  
Presentation*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Vidal commented on the improvements and indicated that vegetation located at the site-required maintenance for visibility of those signs. He suggested to install flashing yellow lights at the location in question.

*Mr. Vidal's Comments*

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Landers voiced support for the upgrade of lighting for better vision; flashing lights; and asked if Edison charged for the upgrade.

*Councilmember Landers' Comments Re: Upgrade of Lighting*

In reply, City Engineer Motlagh said change or installation of lights on existing power poles were no cost to the City. The study cost the City \$3,000 approximately. After installation of a four-way stop sign and if the accidents rates decline; no operational problem; or delays, then you leave it alone. But, if the sign did not function correctly, then the next step would be to install a signal.

*City Engineer Motlagh's Response*

Councilmember Rogers asked for the cost of a signal light at the location in question. The cost was confirmed at \$150,000.

*Councilmember Rogers' Query Re: Cost of Signal Light*

Councilmember Landers asked if a signal light was approved for Rouse and River Road.

*Councilmember Landers' Query Re: Rouse/River Road Signal Light*

City Engineer Motlagh confirmed that the Rouse/River Road project was funded by the State and would be reimbursed 100% by the State. The City obligated the funds, but it was unknown if the State was to release the monies to the City.

*City Engineer Motlagh's Response*

M/S/C (ROGERS/LANDERS) To adopt the Traffic Report dated November 20, 2002 prepared by RK Engineering and authorize staff to proceed with installation of traffic control signs as shown on Exhibit 'D' of the report.

*Ruby Road/Nuevo Road Traffic Report & Authorize Installation of Traffic Control Signs (Exhibit 'D')*  
*Approved: 5-0*

**10.2 OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. To receive and file the update of the Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and comments on the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

*MSHCP Update; Comments on EIR/EIS Received & Filed;*

Introduced by: Community Development Director Gutierrez

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Community Development Director Gutierrez commented the item was placed on the agenda for background information, status and input for the response that staff was forwarding to the County.

*Community Development Director Gutierrez's Introduction*

Mr. Miller, Project Planner, commented that a draft letter was circulated to Council, which identified two issues: 1) how the corridor divided the community; which should be addressed within the EIR; 2) concerns of utilities and railway connections across the river, which required additional language in the MSHCP. The letter was to be delivered to the County on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, which was the deadline date. Primarily, the comments within the letter served as a placeholder, which gave the City the prerogative of challenging if the need arose. The major effort was the feasibility study to determine the financing and implementation mechanism for the improvements along the storm drain. This allowed the City to commence with the master plan of drainage. In late February 2003 the study should be available for presentation to Council and for incorporation into the MSHCP. Currently, there was a placeholder within the MSHCP for the San Jacinto River improvement project. The Board of Supervisors intended to adopt their General Plan and Multi-Species Conservation Plan in April 2003, as well as the CETAP. The proposed fees for implementation of the MSHCP was still in review and should be available in mid-February 2003.

*Project Planner, Mr. Miller's  
Presentation*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Yarbrough indicated the draft letter was very specific. There were a number of items identified that the City had identified through the Circulation Element; Regional Transportation Plan; and TUMF. After the City's support the Nexus Study was not completed and the same might happen with the MSHCP. Also, the Measure 'A' Fund Ballot Measure language required all cities to participate/approve the MSHCP. There were legal questions in regards to that and the City needed to be prepared to answer any questions.

*Councilmember Yarbrough's  
Comments Re: Draft Letter;  
NEXIS Study; & Measure 'A'  
Fund MSHCP Language*

City Attorney Dunn indicated the County was required to address comments. The concerns should be addressed in a manner Council though it should be done. But, the County was required to include the comments within the MSHCP and respond to each one.

*City Attorney Dunn's Comments  
Re: County to Include in  
MSHCP & Respond to  
Comments*

Councilmember Landers voiced appreciation on the MSHCP work Councilmember Yarbrough and Mayor Busch did. The City needed to stand on their belief and inform the County of that.

*Councilmember Landers'  
Comments*

It was the consensus of Council to receive and file the update of the Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and comments on the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

*MSHCP Update; Comments on EIR/EIS Received & Filed;*

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Vidal commented that the TUMF was necessary for future development, which would incur circulation issues.

*Mr. Vidal's Comments*

Mr. Allen Compass, invited Council to observe the pedestrian traffic at Nuevo Road and the high school

*Mr. Compass' Comments*

**12. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Rogers reported her attendance to the Annual Martin Luther King Program, at the Perris High School, and commended Ms. Jones for her dedication in coordination of the event. She voiced concern of how the state budget cuts would affect the City; and that it would be wise to produce 'position paper' on how it would affect the City of Perris. There would be loss of the vehicle license fee (32% of the General Fund) and Redevelopment monies. Councilmember Rogers requested the loss, in percentage, of RDA funds in relation to the budget cuts. The City should employ an advocacy network and produce position papers due to the major impacts.

*Councilmember Rogers' Report Re: Annual Martin Luther King Program; & Impacts of State Budget Cuts*

Councilmember Yarbrough commented the City faced a serious threat and a strategy was required to deal with the cuts; focus economically; and be proactive. There were wants and needs. Therefore, it meant giving up specific wants, i.e. Recreation Services, Senior Center, and cuts in Public Works. Some cities might be forced to return under county jurisdiction.

*Councilmember Yarbrough's Comments Re: Impacts State Budget Cuts*

Mayor Busch reported his attendance to the League of Cities in Desert Hot Springs and the impacts of the budget cuts were the main conversation. The City needed to develop a plan and budget funds, for the future, in order to survive.

*Mayor Busch's Comments Re: Impacts State Budget Cuts*

**13. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Rogers reported that the Riverside County Department of Community Action planned a follow-up retreat to the Summer Retreat. The retreat would take place January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Community Action on Iowa Avenue. The facilitator, Mr. Scott Miller, would deal with four components: 1) elimination of poverty; 2) high impact programs; 3) guiding coalitions; and 4) circles of support. January was their Mentor Recognition Program; and there was a Tattoo Removal Program for the youth. The Department of Community Action's phone number is 909/955-4900.

*Councilmember Rogers' Report Re: Summer Retreat & Programs*

**14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Vasquez voiced concern of the State's budget cuts of \$34 billion budget gap and commented that the state focused on local government to retrieve those funds. There were questions as to whether the state accountants had assessed correctly. The cities would be severely impacted. The City needed to be prepared for the worst case scenario and be conservative in spending; and review expenditures. The City looked at the Vehicle License Funds at \$750,000, which was required by June; and \$323,000, this year, for Redevelopment. Next year the amounts would be doubled. The Vehicle License Funds were fees given to cities to operate after the state had rated cities' budget and filled in the fee to balance the fees taken from cities. The budget cuts left cities without a strong source of revenue. The department heads had discussed the impact with the City Manager and a strategy would be presented to Council. In the interim, vacancies should be froze; analyze them on an individual basis; cut temporary positions; and recruit positions critical to the operation or self supporting positions. Review all personnel issues, including interns, and cut back on consultant services. A series of meetings would be held with Finance Director; Assistant City Manager; City Attorney and all the directors to continue an ongoing evaluation of the budget. The directors were directed to review their budget and reduce it by 15% across the board in order to prepare for the worst case scenario. City Manager Vasquez commented that he would like to preserve the surplus funds and reduce the budget. The mayor and two council members were invited to attend a meeting with the department heads to review status prior to presentation to Council. The highest level of city services would be maintained.

*City Manager Vasquez's Report  
Re: Impact of State Budget Cuts  
& Economic Summit*

Thursday the City sponsored an Economic Summit at the March Air Reserve Base. The event was a meeting of developers, property owners, businesses, elected official of this region to discuss the economic future of the Perris Valley. The valley was impacted by state and national issues in our economy; but, we had unique opportunities. There was to be speakers and a panel on transportation. This would be a very informative conference.

**15. AGENDA ITEMS/MEETING REQUESTS AND REVIEW:**

Councilmember Yarbrough indicated he attended the Blue Print for Tomorrow held at Harrison Hall, which addressed the east/west corridor. Councilmember Yarbrough requested to agendize, for discussion, the proposed corridor.

*Councilmember Yarbrough's  
Request Re: Agendize Proposed  
East/West Corridor for  
Discussion*

**16. CLOSED SESSION:**

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel  
Anticipated Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c) - One Case

*No Reportable Action Taken*

City Attorney Dunn reported that discussion was held and no reportable action taken.

- 17. ADJOURNMENT:** By unanimous consent the Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*8:45 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting Adjourned*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret Rey, City Clerk