

CITY OF PERRIS

MINUTES: Regular City Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 09 July, 2002
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 6:05 p.m. and requested City Clerk Rey to call the roll.

6:05 p.m. Called to Order

2. **ROLL CALL:**

All Present

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Vasquez, Assistant City Manager Apodaca, City Attorney Dunn, Finance Director Rogers-Elmore, Community Development Director Gutierrez, City Engineer Motlagh, Police Chief Kestell, and City Clerk Rey.

3. **INVOCATION:**

Pastor Redden Performed Invocation

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilmember Landers Led the Pledge

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Presentation, to the City of Perris Department of Recreation Services, a Proclamation establishing the month of July 2002 as "Recreation & Parks Month."

Mayor Busch Presented a Proclamation & Plaque Establishing July 2002 as Recreation & Parks

Mayor Busch indicated the Parks & Recreation Society was established in the month of July as Recreation & Parks Month and urged all California cities to issue proclamations for the month of July. The City of Perris Recreation Services would like to take the opportunity to invite the community to participate in the recreation programs and services offered for enjoyment and leisure. The City had a number of parks available for activities such as picnics, birthday parties, barbecues, family reunions and concerts. There were more than 3,500 youths that participated in organized sports, which was part of the City's Recreation & Parks Program. Recently a new park was constructed in the south end of the City, Rotary Park that was made possible by joint efforts of the Rotary Club, Perris High School District and the City of Perris. Rotary Park fields were constructed and the last phase of the project would include a picnic area, basketball court, children's' play area and would be completed within sixty days. The City had expanded recreational services in order to meet the needs of the rapidly growing City.

Month to Mr. Carter III, Recreation Services Manager & to Recreation Sub Committee Members Mr. Landers & Mr. Motte

Mr. Carter III, Recreation Services Manager, accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department and announced Mr. Reyes, President of the Perris Inter-Soccer League, would like to present a plaque to the City and introduced Mr. Campbell, Sports Coordinator.

*Recreation Services
Manager Mr. Carter's
Introduction*

Mr. Reyes, President of the Perris Inter-Soccer League, presented a plaque of appreciation to the City.

*Perris Inter-Soccer
League President, Mr.
Reyes Presentation*

Mr. Campbell, Sports Coordinator, introduced Samory Thibodeaux and Keith Thibodeaux who participated in the basketball program. The program had 250 youths that participated.

*Sports Coordinator, Mr.
Campbell's Introduction*

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

To approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 25, 2002.

*Regular City Council
Meeting Minutes 6/25/02
Approved: 5-0*

M/S/C (LANDERS/ROGERS) To approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 25, 2002.

AYES: Landers, Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Busch

NOES:

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ONLY:

Mr. Vidal requested additional information on Item B of the Consent Calendar that referenced a grant application.

Mr. Vidal's Comments

Councilmember Landers requested to pull the resolution in support of a grant application, Item B of the Consent Calendar.

*Councilmember
Landers' Request to Pull
Item B-Grant
Application*

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. To approve the cooperative agreement between Riverside County Flood Control, City of Perris & Barratt American, Inc.

*Riverside County Flood
Control, City of Perris &
Barratt American, Inc.
Cooperative Agreement
Approved: 5-0*

B. To approve and adopt Resolution 2966 in support of the grant application for funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety, and authorize the Chief of Police to enter into agreements with the Chiefs of Police of other cities within Riverside County, and the California Highway Patrol, to carry out the terms of the grant.

*Adoption of Resolution
2966 California Office of
Traffic Safety Grant
Application
Approved: 5-0*

To adopt proposed Resolution Number 2966 entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS AUTHORIZING THE PERRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A MULTI-AGENCY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT.

Police Chief Kestell commented one year ago the Police Department applied for a grant through the Office of Traffic & Safety (OTS) and \$250,000 was awarded a few months ago. The grant allowed the Police Department to join/partner with other cities within Riverside County, California Highway Patrol, and Border Patrol Offices in a program called 'Avoid the 30'. The program was specifically geared towards driving under the influence and over the next twelve months the department would participate in sixteen Driving Under the Influence (DUIs) checkpoints and stops. Over the last holiday, in the City of Perris area, there were twelve drunk drivers arrested. The grant would also allow us to provide overtime to other agencies; purchase of equipment (computers, printers) and every department that participated would receive a pass device (device utilized at a checkpoint to determine amount of alcohol in a person's system). The City was very pleased to accept the grant, and appreciated the City's sponsorship in the grant program.

*Police Chief Kestell's
Presentation*

M/S/C (LANDERS/MOTTE) To adopt Resolution 2966 in support of the grant application for funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety, and authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into agreements with the Chiefs of Police of other cities within Riverside County, and the California Highway Patrol, to carry out the terms of the grant.

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

C. Approval of Warrants.

*Warrants
Approved: 5-0*

M/S/C (YARBROUGH/LANDERS) To approve the balance of the Consent Calendar.

*To Approve the Balance
of the Consent Calendar
Approved: 5-0*

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9.1 NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9.2 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

10: NON-HEARING ITEMS:

10.1 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration and discussion to approve the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 City of Perris Annual Budget Decision Package.

City Manager Vasquez commented that on July 2nd the Council conducted a Budget Workshop on the draft 2002-2003 City Budget. That workshop gave staff the opportunity to present their department's budget proposed objectives, programs and services. The City Manager proposed a Fiscal Year 2002-2003 baseline General Fund Budget of \$11,978,845 with revenues of \$12,221,100. The proposed General Fund Budget was balanced with an estimated \$2.6 million fund balance. The decision package issues provided alternatives for increased levels of service presently not included in the proposed 'base' budget. These programs and services not only increased service levels, but also met the demands and requirements of fire, Community Development, Technology Services, Water and Sewer, and Capital Project needs of the growing community. Three decision package alternatives were presented (Alternatives A, B and C) for Council's consideration. The City Manager recommended Alternative B as the preferred alternative. Alternative B provided a financially prudent and balanced approach to increased service levels in the City.

*City Manager Vasquez's
Presentation*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Vidal asked Council if they were to spend more than what was allowed to consider additional police and fire services.

Mr. Vidal's Comments

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Landers requested a two-hour work session for clarification on specific items of the decision package. He also requested a public safety study/report from the Fire and Police Chief.

*Councilmember Landers'
Request Re: Two Hour
Work Session*

Mayor Busch requested to identify the specific items in order to direct staff. There might be some specific items in the package that could be funded or available through other avenues. Mayor Busch asked if the General Plan Amendment was budgeted last year and asked for preference on the three alternatives presented. In regards to General Plan Amendment it was confirmed that \$100,000 was budgeted, which was expended and the same expenditure amount was to be utilized for this year's budget.

*Mayor Busch's Request
& Comment Re: Identify
Specific Items & Possible
Available Funds*

Councilmember Motte asked if the \$149,000 budgeted for an Investigation Officer was for more patrol hours.

*Councilmember Motte's
Query Re: Investigation
Officer*

In response, Police Chief Kestell said yes, currently when there was a serious traffic accident within the City one of three trained deputies were pulled from patrol assignment to investigate the accident. With the number of fatalities in the City the investigation had expended up to two hundred hours in investigating, reporting and charting everything. The amount budgeted would allow a deputy to concentrate on traffic only and in the field all of the time. Police Chief Kestell would present a research for approximate hours.

*Police Chief Kestell's
Response*

City Engineer Motlagh presented a priority list of capital projects and asked for comments or revisions. Some of the projects were funded through Caltrans and the Federal Government and the timing was not under the City's control. Some of the projects required specific process such as environmental review or review by other agencies that would delay delivery of a project. The preliminary status and target date for the following projects were:

*City Engineer Motlagh's
Presentation Re: Capital
Improvement Projects*

- Railway Depot: December 2002
- Placentia/Perris Blvd. Signal: January 2003
- Nuevo & Wilson Signal & Intersection Improvement: December 2002
- Signal/Intersection Improvements @ San Jacinto & Perris Blvd.: May 2003
- "G" Street Rehabilitation: January 2003.
- Oleander Avenue Extension: March 2003.
- Placentia Avenue Extension: August 2003.
- Ramona Expressway Median:
- 4th Street & Redlands Avenue: Subject to Caltrans Process.
- "D" Street Rehabilitation: After substantial completion of Phase II Sewer.
- Enchanted Heights-Indian Hill Pavement Rehabilitation & Sidewalk: Subject to additional sewer improvements.
- Downtown Water/Sewer Improvements – Phase II: November 2002.
- Downtown Water/Sewer Improvements – Phase III: Within 24 months after approval of loan.
- Case Road Rehabilitation: December 2003.
- Rider Street Rehabilitation: Subject to School Funding Participation.
- Case Road Bridge: December 2003.
- Diana Street & San Jacinto Avenue Signal: December 2002.
- Evans Road Improvements: Subject to R/W.
- Goetz Road Improvements: January 2003.
- Perris Blvd. Rehabilitation (Phase I): December 2003

Councilmember Landers commented on Perris Boulevard improvement target date of September 2003, and indicated that was too long of a period. The areas at Orange Avenue, Placentia Avenue, and at Rider Street south bound on Perris Boulevard were the areas that were unsafe.

*Councilmember Landers'
Comment Re: Perris
Boulevard Improvements*

In response, City Engineer Motlagh said there were several phases of Perris Boulevard improvements and depended on the availability of funding. Measure 'A', Gas Tax, and grants were the funds utilized for improvements. Measure 'A' Sunset was due 2007 and Measure 'A' Sunup was on the November ballot to extend the term of life of the measure for twenty years. The ballot would allow additional funding. Measure 'A' fund was generated through sales tax at .5 cents and Gas Tax revenue to the City was \$700,000 annually, which was based on population.

*City Engineer Motlagh's
Response*

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers voiced her appreciation for the compilation of the project list.

*Mayor Pro Tem Rogers'
Comment*

Mayor Busch requested to place Mapes Road on the unpaved street list as a priority. It was confirmed that portions of Mapes Road improvements would be connected with the proposed school site in that location.

Mayor Busch's Comment

Fire Captain Williams commented on the Fire Department's budget proposal of standard staffing which included the five-month winter plan staffing. This year's fiscal funding included joint funding from the south Moreno Valley Station which would boost services to the north end of Perris. It was anticipated to review the figures proposed at 1.5 captain staff positions with the County's support and all remaining personnel equipment facility would be paid for by the City of Moreno Valley. There was \$75,000 for half of the fiscal year and it was anticipated the station would be in operation in January 2003. The Mead Valley Station currently responded to the calls in the north end of Perris.

Fire Captain Williams' Presentation

Mayor Busch asked if the current fire station responded to the Moreno Valley area. It was confirmed that the Perris Fire Station did respond to all contract cities. He asked what was contributed annually into the Fire Engine Fund. It was confirmed that \$13,750 was contributed annually.

*Mayor Busch's Query
Re: Fire Response & Fire Engine Fund Annual Contribution*

Councilmember Motte commented on the possibility of providing well water to parks. It was confirmed it could be incorporated into the Utility Budget. He asked if there were funds available to expedite abatement on vacant houses. It was indicated that the RDA Budget could be utilized if it resulted in the increase of low-moderate housing, but if it was strictly an abatement procedure other funds would have to be utilized.

Councilmember Motte's Comment Re: Abatement Funds

In response, City Manager Vasquez said the City planned to utilize a Neighborhood Revitalization Program where vacant houses and property issues would be revitalized and funded through RDA Set-a-Side Funds. There were substantial funds available that were proposed to target an area in the downtown area and could be implemented city-wide. Housing Funds could be used outside a project area if it was justified as a benefit to a project area and Community Development Block Grants could be utilized for razing of houses. It was indicated there was \$20,000 budgeted within the Neighborhood Preservation Budget. Staff had been investigating the possibilities on how to work with the Police Department and City Attorney's office to address those blighted housing conditions. In regards to restoration of the Old Police Station there was funding proposed for renovation of the existing facility and a budget strategy was in the process. In the interim, to house staff, there was \$200,000 set aside in a special revenue fund for City Hall Rehabilitation Phase II. Several alternatives were considered such as a temporary facility or reuse of existing facilities. Staff was to present Council with a proposal within the next three months.

City Manager Vasquez's Response

There was general discussion regarding a billboard or reader board located on I-215 detailing events within the City. It was determined that concepts would be presented to Council.

General Discussion Re: Billboard

Councilmember Yarbrough voiced support of Alternative B with one recommendation to request staff to explore options with Ritchie Brothers in regards to water and service trucks.

Councilmember Yarbrough's Request & Comment Re: Water & Service Trucks & Support of Alternative B

Mayor Busch said with the input presented a workshop could be scheduled prior to the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Busch's Comment Re: Budget Work Shop

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers was pleased to see a balanced budget. Also, with the cushion of \$242,000 and the reserve there was enough money to consider a good portion of the 'wish list' and still maintain a high level of reserves for the City. She thanked department heads and the Finance Director.

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers' Comment Re: Balanced Budget

Councilmember Yarbrough commented on a press release regarding the action on the current budget.

Councilmember Yarbrough's Comment Re: Press Release

In regards to the reserve balance, Finance Director Rogers-Elmore said revenues were budgeted at \$12 million and expenditures under that amount in order to retain a cushion of \$200,000. The estimate fund balance ending this year was at \$2.4 - \$2.6 million. Since it was balanced in the coming year it should end in the same amount at \$2.4-\$2.6 million of the general fund. It was money available to utilize at Council's discretion. Also, the Housing Fund balance was \$1.8 million.

Finance Director Rogers-Elmore's Presentation Re: Reserve Balance

Mayor Busch said the items brought forward would be summarized within the decision package and Council's consensus was to support Alternative B. It was determined that the Investigation Officer and proposal of well usage for parks would be included. A workshop would occur at 4:00 p.m. on a day prior to the July 30th Council Meeting.

Mayor Busch's Comments Re: Summarize Decision Package & Scheduling of Workshop

- 10.2 OLD BUSINESS:** None
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 12. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None
- 13. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mayor Busch reported attendance by the Police Chief and himself at the press conference with Sheriff Doyle. Perris was recognized and he was proud to represent the City of Perris and he complimented Police Chief Kestell's effort in obtaining and administering the California Office of Traffic Safety Grant. Also, he reported his attendance of a luncheon held for Congressman Calvert to thank him for his work effort in bringing the C-17s to March Reserve Base.

Mayor Busch's Report

14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Vasquez reported the attendance by Mayor Busch, Mayor Pro Tem Rogers, City Clerk Rey and himself at the League of Cities Meeting held at the Eagle Glen Country Club on July 8th. The presentation was in regards to an Intervention Program, which provided support for trauma victims. The City of Moreno Valley implemented the program and was successful. The City of Perris would consider establishment of the program. Other issue discussed was the State Budget and issues would be resolved within the next few weeks.

City Manager Vasquez's Report

City Manager Vasquez extended his appreciation to the Police Department for their involvement in securing the grant application and the lead agency in the multi-agency grant application. It indicated the effort that had taken place in Perris and the Police Department to secure a grant.

15. AGENDA ITEMS/MEETING REQUESTS AND REVIEW:

16. CLOSED SESSION: None

17. ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent the Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

7:25 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Rey, City Clerk