

**MINUTES**

JOINT GONZALES CITY COUNCIL, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
AND GONZALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
**JULY 6, 2010**  
6:00P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Orozco called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The flag salute was recited by all present.

**1. ROLL CALL-**

**CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Funk, Matt Gourley, Liz Silva, Jose G. Lopez, and Mayor Maria Orozco.

**GONZALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Danny Avalos, Wendy Francioni, Liz Funk, and Jose Ramirez.

**GUSD STAFF PRESENT:**

Liz Modena, Duane Wolgamott, and Candice McFarland.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager René L. Mendez, City Attorney Michael F. Rodriguez, Administrative Specialist/Deputy City Clerk Mary Villegas, Building Official/Fire Marshal Michael Lechman, Public Safety Director Paul Miller, and Emergency Services Director/Special Projects Analyst Harold Wolgamott.

\* Redevelopment Agency Item

2. Joint Meeting Between the Gonzales City Council and the Gonzales Unified School District Board of Trustees to Discuss Issues, Initiatives, Programs, Information of Mutual Concern and Interest

City Manager Mendez reported that over the last several years, there had been a good cooperative effort between both entities, which had resulted in not only joint programs, but initiatives, and the Joint Use Gym that everyone was seeing as a very visible sign of the cooperative efforts. He also noted the MOU for joint use parks in the future hopefully with

the D'Arrigo subdivision. He explained that the thought was to get together both boards to discuss, share ideas, and ask questions. He hoped to do this on an annual basis or more frequent as needed.

Superintendent Modena thanked the City for initiating this meeting. She said this was good to come together when the issues were positive ones. She indicated that right now, they were looking at how to name the Joint Use Gym and what process they wanted to go through. She commented that the School District was doing well financially. She believed it was important to continue working together since that was the best for our kids. She invited the Councilmembers to participate in the Monterey County Reads Project, which was about having volunteers come and read to students in Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades and she passed out the applications to the Council for their use or to give it to anyone else who wished to participate.

Mayor Orozco welcomed the School Board and staff and thanked them for being there. She mentioned she looked forward to the opening of the new gym and mentioned there was a lot of interest from the members of the community who had been asking about opening date, programs, etc. She said the City would not have been able to do it without the district's partnership and thanked them for it. She believed it was great to be able to partner and collaborate between the School and the City with these types of projects for our children and families.

Councilmember Gourley thanked the leadership of the school and said that without them, the gymnasium would not be there. He thanked them for putting this project together so fast. He mentioned that the relationship with the school meant a lot to him as a Councilmember.

Superintendent Modena introduced GUSD Staff members Duane Wolgamott, and Candice McFarland.

There were several issues that were discussed between the School Board and City Council. Issues included the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration calendar of events, alumni activities, Joint Use Gym grand opening date, gym parking, gym naming, memorandum of understanding, bus service, and La Gloria parking.

**Public Comment:** Brian Finegan, D'Arrigo Bros., commended the School Board and City Council for getting together and having these discussions. He told the Council that in connection with the D'Arrigo Rincon Villages Project, they had a productive and mutually satisfactory negotiation with the School District Board regarding the school facilities. He mentioned that the City had a proposal for sometime to signalize the ramps on Fifth Street, which demonstrated that it would represent a remarkable improvement in congestion relief and safety for pedestrians. He added that Caltrans had been less than enthusiastic about allowing those signals to be installed.

Mr. Finegan informed that in conjunction with the Rincon Villages Project, they would be going jointly with the City to Caltrans to try to get them to change their mind on this subject so the signals could be installed. He added that at some point, they may be inviting the School District to join in that effort to see if we could persuade Caltrans to allow those improvements.

Mayor Orozco thanked the School Board again for coming, and looked forward to the collaboration and partnership in future projects.

The Joint City Council and Gonzales Unified School District meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

### **ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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### **PRESENTATIONS**

3. Update on Economic Development Efforts by MaryAnn Leffel, Monterey County Business Council

MaryAnn Leffel reported that the Business Council was a non profit organization established in 1995 and it was by membership only of businesses, government, public agencies and non profits. She indicated that the Monterey County Business Council had been selected by the Monterey County Workforce Investment Board to implement a Business and Job Sustainability Program for Monterey County businesses. She added that the program was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Ms. Leffel elaborated on the Competitive Clusters, Agriculture Cluster, Tourism Cluster, Education & Research Cluster, Wellness & Lifestyle Cluster, Creative & Technology Cluster, Building & Design Cluster, Green Building Committee Group, Highlights of Competitive Clusters Initiatives & Projects, Central Coast Career Readiness Consortium, Step Up 2 Green Program, MontereyBay365.com, Monterey County Business Education Research Institute, and other projects. She introduced Samantha Harrison, Step Up 2 Green Program Manager, and distributed packets with program information.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

4. There was none.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Approve the June 21, 2010 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Budget Meeting Minutes
6. Approve the June 21, 2010 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting Minutes
- \* 7. Approve RDA Accounts Payable Warrants #1076 - 1084
8. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrants #25429 - 25508

**Action:** Councilmember Gourley made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

9. **Public Hearing** to Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 2010-65, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Adopting an Ordinance Relating to Bid Cost Thresholds and Bidding Procedures for Public Construction Projects (Waiver of Second Reading/Read by Title Only)

City Attorney Rodriquez presented the staff report.

Mayor Orozco opened the public hearing at 7:18pm.

**Public Hearing:** No comments came forward.

Being there no comments from the public, Mayor Orozco closed the public hearing at 7:18pm.

**Action:** Councilmember Gourley made a motion to waive Reading, Read by Title Only, and adopt Ordinance No. 2010-65. Mayor Pro Tem Funk seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

10. Contract with Alliance on Aging to Run the Generations On-Line Program in City facilities

Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott presented the staff report.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

**Action:** Councilmember Gourley made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Alliance on Aging to run the Generations On-Line Program in City facilities. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

11. Informational Item: Presentation made to the Monterey County Business Council

City Manager Mendez went over the City of Gonzales presentation he made to the Monterey County Business Council. The presentation included pictures of various projects and other stuff going on in Gonzales such as G3, Business Supporting Infrastructure Projects, Business Projects/Initiatives, and Regional Efforts.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

The Council received the presentation. No action required.

## **BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

12. Oral Communication

Councilmember Silva commended the Rotary Club for an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

Mayor Pro Tem Funk thanked staff for their time and efforts with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. He asked about the status on the Fifth Street lights project mentioned earlier.

City Manager Mendez responded that at this point, the next step was to bring the Rincon Villages final Subdivision map for approval. He said that as part of that, one of the conditions was to do the lights, and if the Council approved that, it would be taken to Caltrans. He added that staff had an informal meeting about this with them where our traffic engineer, who did the study and said that it would work, Caltrans was not supportive and asked us not to make the official request.

Mayor Pro Tem Funk asked about the Centennial Park lighting project.

City Manager Mendez responded that under our current process, staff was moving forward with putting the project out to bid again. He indicated that at this point, staff was trying to figure out if we could get somebody to provide us with additional information under the \$5,000 so we do not have to bring it back to the Council for a contract, but if that was the case, staff would lay it out and go out to bid again. He said it would probably take a couple of months.

Councilmember Gourley thanked staff for volunteering their time at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, which was a good success. He asked staff where the Vosti Center Flag was.

City Manager Mendez told him that staff had borrowed it and would take it back.

Councilmember Gourley mentioned he heard good news today about Pure Pacific Organics doubling the size.

Mayor Orozco thanked staff, volunteers, and non-profit organizations for working hard in making the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event a success.

### ***BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER***

#### 13. Oral Communication

City Manager Mendez reported that staff was reviewing the bids for the playground equipment at Central Park and would work with the Parks and Recreation Commission Subcommittee to look it over and bring back a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting.

On another note, he reiterated the fact about being dark a Council meeting. He told the Council he did not know if that was something they were still considering. He informed them that it looked like August 2<sup>nd</sup> was a better date.

### ***\* BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***

#### 14. Oral Communication

Executive Director Mendez mentioned that the Pure Pacific Organics project mentioned was in the Redevelopment Agency, which was good because as we talked about the refinancing

of the 2006 Note, the assessed valuations were not out yet. He said they were projecting a 5% decrease County-wide, but did not believe Gonzales would have that. He commented that projects like this one really helped. He added that staff was trying to work with the EDA on a grant in the Redevelopment Agency area.

#### Department Head Updates

Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott reminded everyone about the Pre-Rodeo Fiesta at Centennial Park this Sunday. He reported that staff was moving forward on the Central Broadband Consortium Grant.

Public Safety Miller mentioned that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July went incident free.

Building Official Lechman commented we had a quiet and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

15. The City Council will recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with its attorney regarding pending litigation which has been initiated formally and to which the City is a party. The title of the litigation is "Claim of Hernandez."

Council conferred with attorney. No other reportable action taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Orozco made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gourley seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

The Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Mary Villegas**, Deputy City Clerk