

MINUTES

JOINT GONZALES CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2010
6:00P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was recited by all present.

1. ROLL CALL-

CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Gourley, Liz Silva, Jose G. Lopez, and Mayor Maria Orozco.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Scott Funk.

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager René L. Mendez, City Attorney Michael F. Rodriguez, Community Development Director Bill Farrel, Administrative Specialist/Deputy City Clerk Mary Villegas, Recreation Coordinator/Administrative Analyst Sara Papineau-Brandt, Building Official/Fire Marshal Michael Lechman, Public Safety Director Paul Miller, Public Works Director Carlos Lopez, and Emergency Services Director/Special Projects Analyst Harold Wolgamott.

* Redevelopment Agency Item

PRESENTATION

2. Approve and Present Resolution No. 2010-25, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Expressing Appreciation to Walter Austin Grant for Outstanding Services as the City of Gonzales Engineer

Action: Councilmember Silva made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-25. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

Mayor Orozco read and presented Resolution No. 2010-25 to Walter Grant. She thanked him for his services and wished him well in his endeavors.

Walter Grant said it was a difficult decision to accept a position in the City of Salinas but he would be closer to his family.

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

Item moved to the next agenda.

4. CDBG Business Loan Check to Tom Piatkowski of Healthy Soil

Mayor Orozco presented the check to Mr. Piatkowski and explained the purpose of the grants.

Mr. Piatkowski, Healthy Soil CEO, introduced Vice President Laura Clark, who worked in getting the business plan and application in order. He said it was a pleasure to be part of the community and this grant came in a good time, because it would be a first step in creating more jobs for Gonzales.

Mayor Orozco encouraged other businesses to take the opportunity to apply for some of these funds.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

5. Liz Modena, GUSD Superintendent, invited the Council to the High School Graduation Ceremony scheduled for Saturday at 10:00am. She handed out the invitations and tickets. She announced this was the 100th graduating class from Gonzales High School and this was the beginning of their anniversary kick off. She also announced that the District would have Summer School from June 21st thru July 1st and explained what the program consisted of. She said for more information, people can visit the District's website at www.gonzales.k12.ca.us. She congratulated the City for their beautiful Police Building and thanked staff for their hard work.

Randy Brown, Salinas Valley State Prison Warden, introduced himself and his Aide, Derrick Chandley in case there were any issues that needed to be addressed with him somewhere down the line.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the May 17, 2010 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Minutes
- * 7. Approve RDA Accounts Payable Warrants #1066 - 1071
8. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrants #25240 – 25392
9. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrant #25342 – Matt Gourley
10. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2010-26, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Calling and Providing for a General Municipal Election to be Held in the City of Gonzales on November 2, 2010, Making Determinations Required by Section 13307 of the Elections Code with Respect to Candidates' Statements, and Consolidating Elections Activities
11. Consider Approval of an Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Poder Popular "Grupos Unidos de Gonzales"
- * 12. Consider Approval of a Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Gonzales and the Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association
Councilmember Gourley abstained from consent agenda item 9 due to conflict of interest.

Action: Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes. Councilmember Gourley abstained from item 9.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Consider Approval of the Centennial Park Use by the Gonzales Spartan Club for the 2010 Summertime Music Festival to be held July 31st and August 1st, 2010

Recreation Coordinator Papineau presented the staff report which also included the list of conditions to be completed by July 1st.

Public Comment: Rutilia Baltazar, Spartan Club Member, requested that the City consider co-sponsoring their event again this year. She mentioned that it was very important in their eyes, as well as the public's eyes, to have the support of the City for their event. She mentioned that after last year's event, they were able to contribute \$10,000 for the cost of the athletic activities at Gonzales High School. She said she understood the possibility of the Council covering the cost of the event's liability insurance was not doable this year, but they were working on getting the proper insurance prior to the July 1st deadline.

Mayor Orozco asked if the food vendors were going to be the same as last year that had one permit.

Ms. Baltazar responded that they decided to do that different this year because that was just a last minute thing in order to keep the event possible. She informed that they were going to require all the retailers to have their permits available and posted. She also said the Club talked to the Health Department and they were allowing the non-profits to have two or three per booth so they could share the cost, but each booth would have their permit.

In reference to the permits on page 4 of the conditions, Mayor Orozco asked Recreation Coordinator Papineau if she would be the one coordinating the vending and food permits.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau responded that it meant that they needed to get their plan for those permits to her by July 1st.

Councilmember Gourley asked staff what the City's contribution was last year and if we at least covering where we were.

City Manager Mendez responded no. He indicated that last year, they paid for the cost for some of the direct services but none of the management or staff for cleaning after the event. He added that the insurance was offset by Councilmember Silva giving up some of her medical reimbursement.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau stated that last year's costs were approximate \$8,500. She added that the potential physical liability was \$6,080 because of the removal of the insurance cost that was subsidized last year.

Ms. Baltazar mentioned that it was a little higher than that because they had paid over \$7000 directly to the City for the Police and Public Works services.

City Manager Mendez added that the City directly paid for the insurance, and the cost billed to the committee was for the event. He mentioned that the City absorbed the cost which meant we did not get reimbursed for administration and management costs.

Councilmember Gourley hoped that we could bring down some of the costs.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau added that Police Chief Miller mentioned that we would probably need one less officer this year, so it would bring the cost down. She said that we were not asking for coverage of any of staff's cost except for the days of the event.

Councilmember Gourley offered his services and his crew's so we could offset some of the City's costs.

Mayor Orozco asked staff if they were going to bring back a final report.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau responded that staff would bring a report at the July 6th meeting.

Action: Councilmember Lopez made a motion to conditionally approve the use of Centennial Park by the Gonzales Spartan Club for the music festival based upon the list of conditions, and co-sponsor the event pending approval of the conditions and cost reimbursements. Councilmember Gourley seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

14. **Public Hearing** to Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2010-27, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Establishing the Cost for Service Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

City Manager Mendez presented the staff report.

Mayor Orozco opened the public hearing at 6:27pm.

Public Hearing: No comments came forward.

Being there no comments from the public, Mayor Orozco closed the public hearing at 6:27pm.

Action: Councilmember Gourley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-27. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

15. Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 2010-64, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Amending Gonzales City Code Title 12, Chapter 12.116 (Signs) to Modify the Approval Authority for Signs and to Create New Standards for Signs in the Mixed Use and Industrial Zoning Districts (Waiver of Second Reading/Read by Title Only)

Community Development Director Farrel presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Councilmember Gourley made a motion to waive reading, read by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 2010-64. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

- * 16. FY 2008-2009 Audit Management Letter and Single Audit

City Manager/Executive Director Mendez presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Council/Agency Member Gourley made a motion to accept the 2008-2009 Audit Management Letter, Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control and Single Audit. Council/Agency Member Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

- * 17. FY 2009-2010 Year-End Report and April 2010 Financial Progress Report

City Manager/Executive Director Mendez presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Council/Agency Member Gourley made a motion to **a)** accept the Year-End Report and Approve the Budget Adjustments as presented in Attachment A, **b)** accept the April Financial Progress Report (Attachment B), and **c)** Directed Staff to bring back the resolution and agreement necessary to approve the \$500,000 loan anticipated in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 City and Agency budget from the City to the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency to help cover a half of the costs for the Joint Use Gymnasium triggered as a result of the \$500,000 State Grab of Agency revenues. As part of his motion, he appreciated staff's effort, especially City Manager Mendez for his leadership on keeping us on track and dealing with the problems quickly, and knowing where we were every step of the way. He said it was great to be in this position, because there was not a City in this County that was in the position that we were now. Council/Agency Member Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes. Mayor Orozco echoed Councilmember Gourley's comments because it was great to be in this position and thanked staff for their efforts in the budget process throughout the year.

BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

- 18. Oral Communication

Councilmember Lopez thanked City Manager Mendez for his leadership and his staff for the Grand Opening of the Police Station last Friday. He said there were a lot of residents very happy, and he looked forward to working with Police and the community to host the Citizen's Academy and other groups.

Councilmember Gourley asked about the status on the bidding items.

City Attorney Rodriguez responded that staff would bring back an ordinance and a resolution at the next meeting.

Councilmember Gourley congratulated staff for the new Police Station. He asked about the opening for the new Gym.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau responded she last heard it would be the end of August.

Councilmember Silva congratulated staff for the new Police Station. She also congratulated all the 2010 Graduates and wished them a safe and happy path through life, and to not forget where they came from.

Mayor Orozco thanked staff for the work and preparation for the new Police Station. She announced that the Clinica de Salud would be giving free H1N1 flu shots at St. Theodore's Church this Sunday after every mass, and it was only available for adults.

Councilmember Gourley asked if we could somehow put a plaque with staff's names just like the Council's plaque since they were the ones working hard on the Police Station Project.

Mayor Orozco asked staff to look into that.

BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER

19. Oral Communication

City Manager Mendez said staff wanted to go green and asked the Council if they wanted to receive the budget packet in binders or some other way. He said the plan was to present the budget on June 21st at 5:00pm and if needed, we could schedule a meeting on June 28th.

He thanked staff for their work on the Police Station. In regards to the Centennial Lights Project, he reported that the bids received exceeded the budget, and would probably go out to bid again. He also said the Central Park playground bids closed, and staff would probably bring them back by the next meeting.

**** BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***

20. Oral Communication

Executive Director Mendez reported that the American Cooling Project was up and running, and staff was in the process of pursuing a few other commercial projects.

Chair Orozco asked if we were encouraging new businesses to hire local residents for jobs as they became available.

Executive Director Mendez responded yes. He shared an example of the Energy Alternative Solutions company where we kept applications at City Hall. He added that staff also invited businesses to take advantage of the Enterprise Zone.

He also reported that after the Police Station Grand Opening, staff took Mr. Karnig Kazarian, State Business Transportation and Housing Representative, on a tour to the bio fueling station, winery, where he was very impressed with the solar project. He added that another thing that helped was that we had the President of Coast Oil along in the tour, so we showed

that we were practicing the public-private partnership that the Governor had been talking about for a while.

Department Head Updates

Community Development Director Farrel reported on the D'Arrigo Bros. conditions which had been very productive. He also reported that staff was waiting through the administrative draft EIR, and was working on some zoning amendments with the Planning Commission.

Emergency Services Director Wolgamott reported on the City's website being updated almost daily, and included pictures posted after the events. In regards to the Joint Use Gym, he said that the school would take custody of the building August 1st whether the opening was then or not. He told the Council that staff could arrange for a tour if desired.

Public Works Director Lopez reported that staff was able to open the pool as scheduled, and also open the Canyon Creek Park.

Police Chief Miller thanked the Mayor and Council for showing up at the Police Station Grand Opening, and mentioned that staff had started to move some items over. On another note, he said school was almost over, so he asked the public to slow down due to more kids being out.

Building Official Lechman said he received a lot of good comments about the new Police Station.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau reported on the community clean up day recycling results. She also reported about the pool opening on Memorial Day. She announced the Relay for Life event this weekend at the Salinas Sports Complex, and gave out the City's team walking times. She reported on the summer recreation guide which was already out. She also commented that we received all the things on the wish list for the teen activities this summer.

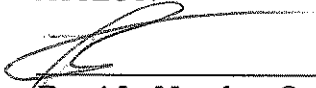
Emergency Services Director Wolgamott announced that this Friday, they would be moving the City's communications to the Police IT room, and as a result, all phone lines would be down from City Hall on and off.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

ATTEST:



René L. Mendez, City Clerk