

MINUTES

JOINT GONZALES CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
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:

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

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, Police Chief Paul Miller, Public Works Director Carlos Lopez, and Building Official/Fire Marshal Michael Lechman.

* Redevelopment Agency Item

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

2. There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approve the September 8, 2009 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Minutes
- * 4. Approve RDA Accounts Payable Warrants #1015 - 1018
- 5. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrants #24094 - 24167
- 6. Departmental Activity Reports
 - a. Building/Fire Marshal Department
 - b. Planning Department
 - c. Public Safety Department
 - d. Recreation Department
- 7. Proclamation No. 2009-03, Proclaiming September 28, 2009 as Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children

8. Consider Approval of Resolution No. R-2009-06, A Resolution of the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Contract Between the Agency and Pacific Municipal Consultants for Operation of a Housing Rehabilitation Program
9. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2009-63, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Declaring October 3 – 28, 2009 As Ninth Annual Binational Health Week

City Manager Mendez indicated that staff typically separated the warrants pertaining to a Council member, but staff did not catch that warrant #24111 to Councilmember Gourley was not separated as another agenda item.

Councilmember Gourley abstained from warrant #24111 due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Orozco pulled consent agenda item 9 for further discussion.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau stated that Sandra Orozco was here tonight representing Monterey County Binational Health Week. She indicated that City of Gonzales was a member of Binational Health Community Partnership and the City's Health and Safety Fair was considered part of it.

Sandra Orozco, Monterey County Binational Health Partnership Representative, thanked the Council and invited them to participate in all the activities throughout the month of October that promoted health and provided a forum to discuss health concerns among the migrant and immigrant community in Monterey County.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Funk made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes. Councilmember Gourley abstained from warrant #24111.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Presentation by Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority - Johnson Canyon Resource Management Park

City Manager Mendez informed that Patrick Mathews, SVSWA General Manager, was here to make a presentation on a lot of activities that had been going on. He indicated that staff had been meeting regularly with the authority which had been keeping the City up to date. He added that Councilmember Gourley had been monitoring these things since he was the City's representative to the SVSWA Board.

Patrick Mathews, SVSWA General Manager, thanked the Council for giving them an opportunity to update them on the activities, in particular the planning that had been going on around the Johnson Canyon Landfill. He said their intent was to give the Council a little flavor of where the Authority was heading in their planning process and how it allied with the Gonzales Grows Green Sustainability Initiative. He added that a lot of the things they were doing, played in closely with this initiative.

Mr. Mathews presented an active shot of the landfill. He stated that Johnson Canyon Landfill was the primary disposal site for the authority's waste, which was a Joint Powers

Agency including the County of Monterey, Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. He reported that in 2007, the Authority adopted a goal of reducing waste going into the landfill by 75% by the year 2015. He added that they were here to talk about some of the activities leading them in that direction. He also stated that the Authority conceptually established a plan to turn Johnson Canyon from a landfill into a Resource Management Park. He went over the goals and objectives such as climate change and the environment; diversion of waste at 75% or greater; separate, recycle and reuse materials; compost/digest organics; unrecyclable wastes and landfill gas into energy; safely landfill residuals; training, jobs and education; affordable gate fees; financially self sustaining; and public-private partnerships. He also explained what could be included, such as recycling and reuse center, recyclables processing, organic composting or anaerobic digestion, landfill gas conversion to electricity, conversion to electricity or bio-fuels, education and training center, and minimal landfill operations, and potential employment impact.

Susan Warner, SVSWA Diversion Manager, informed that one of the possibilities for Johnson Canyon would be processing of biofuels which were derived from organic materials such as plants or animals. She mentioned ethanol as a common example. She stated that the authority recently concluded a pilot project whereby Salinas Valley waste was fed into a two-ton device to produce a cellulose material that was then refined into ethanol at their partners Lab USDA in Albany, California. She added that the Authority was also seeking grant funding to be able to accomplish a small scale pilot plant for ethanol production. She also went over anaerobic digestion, conversion technologies, environmental aspects, as well as the conversion technology competitive process. She mentioned that there were two vendors that were recommended by the Conversion Technology Commission to move forward, and the next step would be to enter into negotiations with them and would be asked of the SVSWA Board at its November 19th meeting. She mentioned that these were proposals and there was nothing that had been formally established, and negotiations had not commenced. She added that these representatives would be providing to the Council information that was from the proposals provided to the SVSWA Board for consideration. She introduced Plasco Energy Group from Ottawa, Canada, and Urbaser S.A. from Spain.

Alisdair McLean, Plasco Energy Group Vice President, introduced the company and went over their proposal. He also introduced his colleague Chip Clemence.

Javier Dominguez, Urbaser S.A. Representative, introduced the company and went over their proposal.

Public Comment: Margaret Bonetti, Salinas resident and past resident of Gonzales, mentioned that issues that were of concern to her were the quality of air. She said she represented children and served on a School Board in Salinas, and they had a lot of instances of asthma. She said these were good presentations but she wanted for the public to have the same opportunity in English and Spanish as was proposed by Mrs. Warner's presentation. She suggested that these not only be conducted in this Chamber, but also through other parts in Monterey County because air quality was something that affected the rest of the County.

Mayor Orozco thanked Mrs. Warner and the consultants for their presentation. She said she would like to see the proposed outreach work to the community once we got to that part of the project.

City Manager Mendez noted for the record that staff received an email today from Bradley Angel, Executive Director for Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice, addressed to the Mayor and City Council regarding plasma arc or gasification garbage incinerator proposed for Gonzales.

No action required.

- * 11. Consider Approval of Resolution R-2009-07 of the Agency Board of the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency Approving and Authorizing a Public Money Market Account for \$3,000,000 at Rabobank

Executive Director Mendez presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Agency Member Gourley made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2009-07. Agency Member Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

12. Oral Communication

Councilmember Silva reported that she had just returned from a three day conference along with Mayor Orozco and Councilmember Lopez and City Manager Mendez that offered a lot of different sessions, and it was good to be able to network with other Cities. She thanked the City for the opportunity to attend this conference. She provided more information on this conference which was included as part of the record.

Mayor Pro Tem Funk said he attended the carnival and was very well attended. He thanked all the volunteers in the community, as well as City staff for their assistance.

Councilmember Lopez commented it was his first time attending the California League of Cities convention which was an eye opener and good experience to network with other elected officials throughout the State. He said he attended several workshops which was a good glimpse at how City government worked. He said he was grateful for this experience. He also commented on the Business Day which was very interesting to learn how to benefit from the services as a business owner. He hoped to have more opportunities to encourage potential business owners to open business here in Gonzales or throughout the County. On behalf of St. Theodore's, he thanked the City for its support, as well as all the volunteers and sponsors that helped with the Carnival.

Mayor Orozco thanked everyone for participating in the carnival yesterday, especially the High School students for volunteering. She said she had a list of the students that she would forward to the Recreation Coordinator because they were looking forward to volunteering more at some of our future programs.

* **BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER**

13. Oral Communication

City Manager Mendez reported that the attendance at the Business Day event was about 25 people who were very engaged and interested in the information provided. He indicated that the Dental Office would probably be the first business that would take advantage of the Enterprise Zone, because they hired one employee since February 1st and another one that might be hired. He announced to the businesses that they could probably qualify for the tax incentive if they hired new employees since February 1st of this year.

He reported that today was the first meeting of the Salinas Valley Enterprise Zone in which he was appointed Chair to the Board. He mentioned that there was also a tax credit for residents that made under \$16,500 a year, so there would be more information out to residents and businesses in our community.

On another note, he reported that the South Alta Street Improvement Project was going well and would probably be the first stimulus project completed in Monterey County.

BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

14. Oral Communication

Executive Director Mendez reported that one of the projects in the Industrial Park appeared to be back on track and staff hoped to be able to issue building permits in the next few weeks.

Public Works Director Lopez informed that the South Alta Street Project was about 90% complete.

Public Safety Director Miller mentioned that the new wall was up for the Police Department and footing should be done Wednesday, and foundation to be done around October 5th.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau updated that the Health and Safety Fair would be held on October 18th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Central Park due to the construction of the new Police Building. She said volunteers were always welcomed.

Mayor Orozco mentioned that one of the activities she took part of organizing an event last weekend was through WIC. She said they had children's activities that included a parent where they would get extra point and prizes if the family participated in the activities, so she thought that was a good idea for this event.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau said WIC had been invited but had not yet responded. She told the Mayor she could invite anyone interested.

Community Development Director Farrel reported that staff was getting close to receiving the Cielo Grande conceptual plans for the Wellington area. He also said staff was expecting the Jackson's conceptual plan by the end of this week.

CLOSED SESSION

15. The City Council will recess to closed session to confer with its attorney regarding litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) and is hereby of the opinion that a significant exposure to litigation exists.

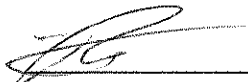
Conferred with Attorney. No reportable action taken.

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 7:04pm.

ATTEST:



René L. Mendez, City Clerk