

## **MINUTES**

JOINT GONZALES CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
**MARCH 26, 2010**  
8:00 A.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Orozco called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

### **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, 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.

### **GOAL SETTING SESSION**

#### **2. City Council/Staff Strategic Planning Session**

The session was conducted.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

#### **3. Legislative Update by Assembly Member Anna Caballero**

Assembly Member Caballero updated the Council on the State's budget, jobs creation, homebuyers tax credit, affordable housing set aside money, violence and gang prevention, and water infrastructure.

Mayor Orozco thanked Assembly Member Caballero for taking the time to give the Council a great presentation and for her efforts in allowing the City to keep our local money.

Assembly Member Caballero asked the Council if they had comments on any of the issues.

Mayor Orozco commented it was amazing to see the number of families that were going through foreclosures. She was glad to see there were efforts being done to assist families with First Time Home Buyers money. She also felt it was important for the families who needed to fix and rehab their homes to be able to do so using the 20% redevelopment set aside money. She mentioned that we had been seeing an increase in gang violence even in the South County Cities, and believed it was important for us to be able to continue to seek funding sources to be able to combat that problem.

City Manager Mendez extended an invitation to Assembly Member Caballero to the Grand Opening of the Redevelopment Agency Projects Joint-Use Gym and the new Police Station for the first week in June.

Councilmember Gourley asked about money to the Cities in regards to rails.

Assembly Member Caballero responded that she did not know that the transportation funding included anything for rails. She said the best place to look for that was the federal government.

There was general discussion about the wine corridor.

Mayor Orozco thanked Assembly Member Caballero for sharing the information. She announced the Council was going to proceed with their Strategic Planning Session, where they had been discussing quality of life issues for the community, affordable housing, green projects, parks and recreation.

Assembly Member Caballero introduced District Director Aline Sanchez, and Field Representative Millie Perez.

#### **RECONVENE**

4. Reconvene to City Council/Staff Strategic Planning Session

Council and Staff reconvened to the Strategic Planning Session at 9:35am.

#### **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 Special meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

#### **ATTEST:**



**René L. Mendez**, City Clerk