

MINUTES

JOINT GONZALES CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
6:00P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sergeant Lombardi led the flag salute and was recited by all present.

1. ROLL CALL-

CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Funk, Liz Silva, Jose G. Lopez, Jack L. Reed, and Mayor Maria Orozco.

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager René L. Mendez, City Attorney Michael F. Rodriguez, Community Development Director Thomas Truszkowski, Administrative Specialist/Deputy City Clerk Mary Villegas, Recreation Coordinator/Administrative Analyst Sara Papineau-Brandt, Building Official/Fire Marshal Michael Lechman, Sergeant Fred Lombardi, and Emergency Services Director/Special Projects Analyst Harold Wolgamott.

* Redevelopment Agency Item

PRESENTATIONS

2. School Update by Gonzales Unified School District Superintendent Liz Modena

Elizabeth Modena, School Superintendent, provided a powerpoint presentation and gave an update on the Gonzales Unified School District Building Blocks which consisted of Academic Progress, Balanced Curriculum, and Character Development. She also talked about what was already happening in Gonzales as far as City's recreational programs, school programs, and upcoming events. She handed out brochures with information about what we can do to help our kids. She answered general questions.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

3. There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the August 22, 2011 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
5. Approve the August 25, 2011 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Special Meeting Minutes
6. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrants #27444 - 27543

Councilmember Reed pulled item 6, warrant number 27478 in the amount of \$15,718.78 for further discussion.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Funk made a motion to approve consent agenda items 4 and 5. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

Councilmember Reed mentioned he had sent an email earlier to staff asking questions about that particular check because the amount seemed high. He said he had another question that came up today.

Mayor Orozco asked what page number he was referring to.

Councilmember Reed responded it was page 20 of the agenda packet. He said it was a check to the Gonzales Unified School District for maintenance and cleaning supplies. He asked if this amount was half of that and if the school was also paying the \$15,718.78.

City Manager Mendez responded that was our share.

In regards to the cleaning and maintenance supplies, Councilmember Reed asked what kind of control we had on them to make sure that they are being used for the Joint Use Gym and not being used to clean other campuses. He asked how we know that these supplies specifically with City funds are being used to take care of the gym and not anything else.

City Manager Mendez responded that we trust them to the extent that they are telling us the supplies are there. He added this was high also because we did not get billed every month since there were some delays getting billed. He mentioned they gave us an itemized list and we pay our third of it, so that is why it seems a lot. He said in this year's budget he is hoping they see this on a monthly basis. He said per the agreement we are required to pay our share.

Councilmember Reed asked whose budget does this fall under.

City Manager Mendez responded it was under Recreation.

Mayor Orozco asked if they will be billing us monthly or quarterly.

City Manager Mendez responded that the goal was monthly. He indicated that staff had asked for some clarification because we were getting billed for water but we discovered that they were billing us for the entire school, so they just had to clean up their stuff. He said part of it was because it was the first year, and were just trying to make it work.

Action: Councilmember Reed made a motion to approve consent agenda item 6. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Public Hearing** to Consider Adoption of Ordinance No 2011-73, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gonzales, California, Determining the City Will Comply With the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program Pursuant to Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code in Order to Permit the Continued Existence and Operation of the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency (Waiver of Second Reading/Read by Title Only)

City Manager Mendez reported that this basically commits us to enter into the Voluntary Redevelopment Program. He said there has been no change from last time we discussed this as far as court clarification. He added that staff provided all the information to the State and we would just wait to see what the court decides.

Mayor Orozco opened the public hearing at 6:35pm.

Public Hearing: No comments came forward.

Being there no comments from the public, Mayor Orozco closed the public hearing at 6:35pm.

Action: Councilmember Reed made a motion to waive reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2011-73. Mayor Pro Tem Funk seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

8. Consider an Amendment to the Business Loan Agreement Between the City of Gonzales and Beau Oxsen and Steve Hauck dba Latte Café

City Manager Mendez presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Councilmember Silva made a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager to prepare and execute an Amendment to the Loan Agreement. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

9. Notice of Upcoming Agenda Item for the September 19, 2011 Council Meeting on the City and Salinas Valley Waste Authority

City Manager Mendez reported that the Council asked staff to bring an informational item on the City and SVSWA, particularly the Plasco Project. His thought is for the September 19th meeting to present information on the MOU; relationship between the City and SVSWA; the fact that we are one voting member of the Authority; to clarify that the project is with the SVSWA and not a City project; recognizing that there are some concerns that some of our residents have; discuss the process, which the SVSWA has provided some information to all the Councilmembers as well as the public. He indicated that we could provide some of that information but what he was not envisioning doing was getting into discussion about the

merits of the project itself. He said City staff were not experts but we can discuss the CEQA process, which Community Development Director has prepared a summary of CEQA, and staff will translate it into Spanish, as well as the MOU. He said maybe we could discuss from a public participation perspective what the City's role is, and that we are not the lead agency. He indicated that he will be meeting with SVSWA Manager Patrick Mathews to discuss the possibility of having either quarterly or monthly updates that we would insert in the utility bills for people to be kept aware. He also thought about maybe discussing things that any meeting done in this project that is held here in Gonzales.

He added that staff will try to present information on the MOU and some of the stuff that has been portrayed out there whether the City is receiving money, and the issue on the MOU does not bind this Council to anything, the Council can oppose the project anytime it wants if that is what the Council wants to do. He said the MOU does not prevent that. He indicated that this MOU was discussed and the Council took action on it in 2007, which predates Plasco leaderships and a lot of the Board Members of the Authority. He added that his intent and goal is to present the information.

He indicated that he has been telling folks that this information will be presented at the next meeting, and anyone can show up. He believed there will be a place and time for the Council to take an up or down position on the project, whenever that is. He stated there are a lot of things that need to occur for shovels to be put on the ground and we are probably a few years away from that. He reiterated that we are going to endeavor to present the CEQA and regulatory process. He said there was a permitting process that needs to occur as well that has nothing to do with CEQA, so he said this is not a project that has been approved by anybody or that has been endorsed or opposed by the City Council of Gonzales, and it does not mean that it can not. He added that staff will get translation equipment and a translator for the meeting. He said this item was brought tonight so we can inform people and they can see that we will be discussing this at the next meeting. He concluded that staff has been working on this and have copied every check that has been received by the authority, and we are not getting any money from Plasco or anybody else. He said we copied every agenda item that has been presented to the Council on the SVSWA and the MOU, series of updates to the Council of the negotiations going on, which was pretty much on every agenda.

Mayor Orozco believed it was good to have that information available since we have new Councilmembers that were not on the Council when those discussions took place, and to hear the information from staff so we all are on board. She appreciated what the City Manager was doing because it does take a lot of time and work, but it was something that has to be done, and invite the public, and those who want to attend will be here to receive the correct information.

City Manager Mendez reiterated that meeting was not to discuss the merits of the project and if that was something the Council wants to do, we can set up a separate meeting for that.

Mayor Orozco said that was the format she would like staff to follow and use, open the meeting, the City Manager will give the report, and then lead into the process. She asked City Attorney Rodriguez if he will be here for that meeting.

City Attorney Rodriguez responded he will not be here but he will send someone in his place.

City Manager Mendez said he was going to talk to the City Attorney about the MOU. He said there has been a lot of discussion out there about doing things illegal, but it was not. He mentioned this item was discussed a lot and it was not a unanimous vote by the Council at that time. He said they will draft something up and have that translated as well.

Councilmember Lopez asked if that will be the only item on the agenda.

City Manager Mendez responded that there will probably be other items. He said he will try to keep it a light agenda.

Public Comment: There was none.

Mayor Orozco thanked City Manager Mendez and staff for all the work they do.

No action required. Informational item only.

BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

10. City Council Board/Committee Reports

- a. League of California Cities Monterey Bay Division – Councilmember Lopez announced the Annual Conference in a couple of weeks.
- b. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – No report.
- c. Transportation Agency for Monterey County – Mayor Orozco announced the next meeting on the Third Wednesday of this month.
- d. Mayor Selection Committee – Mayor Orozco reported on a brief update on the State Budget and Greenfield's courthouse.
- e. Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority – Councilmember Silva announced the next meeting on September 15th at 6pm here at the Chambers where they Board will be voting on the provider who will be handling the CEQA regarding the Plasco proposal, and the public was welcomed to attend.
- f. Monterey Salinas Transit – Mayor Orozco announced a meeting next week.
- g. City & School Joint Steering Committee – No meeting.
- h. Citizens Advisory Committee – Community Development Director Truskowski reported on the meeting held on August 25th.
- i. Community Center Committee – No meeting.
- j. Economic Development Committee – Community Development Director Truskowski announced a meeting on September 13th, 4:30pm at City Hall.

11. Oral Communication

Councilmember Reed mentioned that school is going strong and most of the sports programs are beginning now, so he cautioned everyone to slow down since more kids will be walking.

Councilmember Silva congratulated all the FFA and 4-H members from Gonzales who participated in the Monterey County Fair last weekend, especially Ms. Calabro who received the Reserve Champion at the 4-H level.

BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER

12. Oral Communication

City Manager Mendez announced the St. Theodore's Church Carnival September 18th who will be using Centennial Park and will be paying for whatever the impacts were for the City, and there was no co-sponsorship. He also announced the Health and Safety Fair October 15th at Centennial Park, Rob's Run October 9th, the End of Summer Car Show September 17th, and Carnival Fair starting tomorrow.

* ***BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***

13. Oral Communication

Executive Director Mendez reported that the Windmill has closed down.

Department Head Updates

Community Development Director Truskowski reported on a request for information he received regarding Charter City and articles of formation.

Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott congratulated Volunteer Firefighter Juan Trujillo who pass his probationary period.

Police Sergeant Lombardi reported on the Health and Safety Fair, and armed robbery which the Department is working on the case.

City Manager Mendez reported on the adult volleyball teams, and soccer program.

Mayor Orozco asked if there was an update on the Gabilan Court area.

City Manager Mendez responded that staff hopes to bring back an item at the meeting after next, which goal was to have the area available for young kids to practice.

* ***CLOSED SESSION***

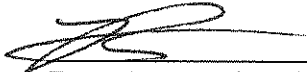
14. The Redevelopment Agency Board will recess to closed session to confer with its attorney regarding litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – deciding whether to initiate litigation.

The Board conferred with staff. No other reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

ATTEST:



René L. Mendez, City Clerk