

MINUTES

JOINT GONZALES CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2011
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 Thomas Truszkowski, 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

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

2. Bill Ritz, Senator Anthony Cannella's Office, reintroduced himself and told the Council his office was available as it had been in the past under the previous Senator. He handed out information with the Capitol's and local office contact information. He added that the Senator was working hard and was quite sympathetic to the RDA and Enterprise Zone issues since he was the former Mayor of Ceres. He said the Senator would be working hard on their behalf and to contact them if they had any questions.

Mayor Orozco thanked him and looked forward to working with him. On another note, she mentioned that the Council would have a check presentation to Pacheco Water Store business now.

City Manager Mendez indicated that Mr. Pacheco and his daughter were here tonight representing the Pacheco Water Store. He mentioned that they had been working with the City and consultant to expand the business using our Business Loan Program from the State. He informed that the loan was going to be used to get a water truck and do other things to continue to grow the business, which he felt it was an excellent business model. He

added that they worked with our Small Business Development Center to put everything together. He said this was an example of what the Council thought about when partnering with CSUMB to open the center and go after the Business Loan Program from the State.

Mayor Orozco presented a check in the amount of \$44,803.59 and told Mr. Pacheco she was very pleased to present this check for his business.

Mr. Pacheco thanked the City.

Mayor Orozco hoped there were other businesses who would be able to join the program.

City Manager Mendez responded that it was currently processing a couple of applications. He told them the idea was to present to the Council the first payments for each of the businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the January 18, 2011 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Minutes
- * 4. Approve RDA Accounts Payable Warrants #1103 - 1108
5. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrants #26409 - 26513
6. Review Building Department Assessor Permit Report for January 2011
7. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2011-04, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Rescheduling the City Council Meeting of February 21, 2011 to February 22, 2011 in Observance of President's Day
8. Consider Approval of a Revised Consulting Services Agreement Between the City of Gonzales and Social Outreach Services

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

REGULAR AGENDA

9. **Public Hearing** on 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant Program

Community Development Director Truskowski reported that this hearing was part of the annual citizens participation requirement associated with the CDBG to inform the public of the opportunity for the City to apply for such funds in the FY 11-12 program year. He informed that the emphasis of this hearing was to solicit comments regarding possible uses of those funds, and to enable the Council to provide direction as to the appropriate use of the funds should the City be given a grant. He stated that this was not the only chance to provide input as each grant application must also come before the Council for public comment. He gave a background on the CDBG General Allocation and Economic Development Allocation Programs. He mentioned that eligible activities consisted of new housing construction projects, acquisition and rehabilitation program, community facilities, public works projects, and planning studies. He added that eligible activities must meet certain objectives listed in the federal statues. He said that at this point staff did not have a specific recommendation to the Council on what would be a good application. He suggested that it might be best to wait until a grant announcement was made. He said the staff report included a number of projects that had been applied for in the past, which some

had been successful and others had not. He mentioned that the ones that were not successful were candidates for a future grant application. He indicated that the City received an award of \$200,000 in program year 08-09 which some of the money had been used for business loan applications like Pacheco Water Store, as well as Jalisco Market and Highland Soil and Water. He also said that another \$300,000 in the 09-10 program were targeted for business loans but none had been issued yet. He added that staff was working on an application for \$500,000 from the Development Allocation Program which would come to the Council in March. He re-emphasized on the Planning and Technical Assistance Grants available for planning studies. He concluded that this was a good time for staff to receive any comments from the Council regarding areas of interest and direct staff to report back when grant notices were received so that we could tailor that discussion for the grant we would be applying for.

Councilmember Silva asked if any grant money, if received, could be used to complete some of the work being done on our curbs to make them ADA compliant.

Community Development Director Truskowski responded that the most recent Notice of Availability he talked about, had money available for ADA compliance so staff would look into that when putting the application together.

Mayor Orozco opened the public hearing at 6:11pm.

Public Hearing: No comments came forward.

Being there no comments from the public, Mayor Orozco closed the public hearing at 6:11pm.

Action: Councilmember Gourley made a motion to move forward. Mayor Pro Tem Funk seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

10. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2011-05, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gonzales Approving a Contract Extension with Tri-Cities Disposal and Recycling

Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Councilmember Gourley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-05. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

- * 11. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2011-06, A Joint Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency in Opposition to the Administration's Proposal to Abolish Redevelopment Agencies in California

City Manager/Executive Director Mendez presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Council/Agency Member Gourley made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2011-06. Council/Agency Member Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

- * 11A. Consider Approval of Resolution No. R-2011-01, A Resolution of the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency Authorizing the Executive Director to Repay a \$500,000 Cal FHA HELP Loan and Approving FY 2010-2011 Agency Budget Amendment

Executive Director Mendez presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Agency Member Gourley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2011-01. Agency Vice Chair Funk seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

- 12. City Council Board/Committee Reports
 - a. League of California Cities Monterey Bay Division – None
 - b. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – Mayor Pro Tem announced the next meeting this Wednesday.
 - c. Transportation Agency for Monterey County – Mayor Orozco reported on the several individuals who received awards at the last meeting and who made a difference in public transportation. She informed about the City of Salinas request regarding impact fees, and the decision was to hold off until the TAMC staff could come back with a report for other cities on how it would impact them.
 - d. Mayor Selection Committee - None
 - e. Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority – Councilmember Silva reported she would be attending the Governance Conference in Anaheim representing the SVSWA along with Representative De La Rosa on February 17th – 19th. She said this necessitated moving the regular SVSWA meeting to February 24th at 6:00pm here at the Chambers.

Councilmember Gourley announced that they would be bringing at the February 24th meeting, the green waste and how they were hauling it to our landfill. He added that the gent leman that runs the Marina Landfill brought to his attention that the SVSWA went out to contract for someone to take care of their green waste and grind it up. He mentioned that there was a company out of Santa Cruz who might bring a grinder and install it here so they could accept more green waste, but had not confirmed it from the SVSWA. He said his concern was them hauling green waste in from areas that are contaminated with the moth and other materials, which he addressed to the SVSWA almost a year ago. He said he would follow up with them on this.

Councilmember Silva said she would follow up as well.

- f. Monterey Salinas Transit – Mayor Orozco announced the next meeting for February 14th. She mentioned she had been getting updates from Carl regarding the recent accident that happened, which was an unfortunate situation.
- g. City & School Joint Steering Committee – No meeting.
- h. Citizens Advisory Committee – No meeting.
- i. Community Center Committee – No meeting.

- j. LAFCO – Councilmember Gourley announced they had one new sit after two vacancies from the last election, and the Mayor of Marina was now on LAFCO. He said there was still a vacancy and it had not been voted on yet.

Councilmember Gourley said he had another comment but wanted to make it after staff's updates.

13. Consider Planning Commissioners Reappointments

Community Development Director Truskowski reported that the terms of Planning Commissioners Robert Bonincontri and Jose Rios expired at the end of December 2010. He said that pursuant to the City Municipal Code, those vacancies were filled upon nomination by the Mayor and approval by the majority of the Council members. He indicated that both Commissioners Bonincontri and Rios had submitted letters, which were part of the packet for the Council's consideration. He added if they were nominated and reappointed, they would serve a term of four years.

Action: Councilmember Gourley made a motion to reappoint Robert Bonincontri and Jose Rios to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

Councilmember Gourley asked staff if we could acknowledge them since they had both served for so long, and include on the letter that staff would be sending them that we appreciate their tenure for the time they had given the City.

City Manager Mendez responded yes.

Councilmember Lopez asked if there was still a vacancy on the Commission.

Community Development Director Truskowski responded yes. He explained that there was one citizen that had expressed interest in the position, who had talked to staff but she still needed to submit the letter to the Mayor for consideration.

14. Oral Communication

Councilmember Lopez thanked Public Works Director Lopez and his staff for getting the lines painted on South Alta Street. He also thanked staff for the Little League Park lights test and asked if there was a day set for the inauguration.

City Manager Mendez said he was going to ask the Council for a couple of dates when he gets to his report.

Councilmember Silva announced the South County Farm Day to be held on Thursday, March 10th at the King City Fairgrounds.

Mayor Orozco reminded the Council about the Monterey County Peace Officers Association dinner for the 40th Annual Peace Officer of the Year on February 18th in Soledad.

BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER

15. Oral Communication

City Manager Mendez informed he attended the City Managers Conference last week where the State budget was the topic of discussion. He said staff would keep on top of it as much as they could. He mentioned that the big issue was the Redevelopment Agency and there was a potential in the COPS program of \$100,000. He stated that the other secondary fact would be if Counties got nailed and be looking at booking fees and other accounting charges going up, but it was a little premature to see what the result was.

He informed that the other topic of discussion, which was a great presentation, was social media stuff, and different cities experiences. He said that they had staff set aside to manage Facebook, Twitter, and a few other media. He indicated that in Recreation, we send out a lot of information and try to solicit information from people interested in recreation, but we did not have Facebook or Twitter accounts. He mentioned there was a whole host of issues you invite with that which can be a powerful tool as well, but you had to maintain it and be on top of it. He said that was something that we might look at in the future. He added that he may be suggesting some sort of survey asking folks how they liked information, what kind of information, and what kind of media.

On another note, he informed that staff performed a test on the lights at Centennial Park and they work. He said staff was looking at a Friday evening for the ceremony, but would give the Council a couple of options to choose from. He told them we would have our partners there as well.

* **BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

16. Oral Communication

There was none.

Department Head Updates

Community Development Director Truszkowski reported on the Health and Wellness Center application requirements, and the City's Economic Development Committee membership.

Public Works Director Lopez reported on the Central Park grant, barbecue pits, and tree planting.

Public Safety Director Miller reported on the illegal gaming machines.

Recreation Coordinator Papineau reported on the Mini-T Ball registrations for ages 3 and 4, and youth indoor soccer ages 5 – 14. She also announced the GHS Softball Kids Night Out Fundraiser this Friday, \$15/kid that would benefit the softball program.

Councilmember Gourley stated he was turning another chapter in his memoirs and was going to try to keep this positive. He said he would like to resign from the Council effective immediately. He wanted to let everyone know that one of the reasons he ran for this last

term, which did not have to run but wanted to stay on the board, was to finish the General Plan, the one of the many things, and also bringing the new businesses in which we had so much encouragement in keeping bringing them, and that was why he originally ran more than twelve years ago. He indicated that even in his term as Mayor, it was always encouraging the businesses here. He said that was done, we got passed the General Plan, the City was financially sound and in good shape, and we had a great staff. He said he wanted to reach out and really thank the staff, and maybe he was unrealistic on some of the things that he wanted Gonzales to be, but maybe their patience with him showed him that we could get there in time, and he really appreciated all the staff and their patience they had.

He told staff they all reached out to him for that and he had to say that his biggest and proudest achievement was what we had done for our youth and it was just amazing. And also bringing City Manager Mendez on from the Vosti Center to the Ball Field lights to the Gymnasium, just the mountains that he moved to give our youth something to do and keep them out of trouble. He said that if we did not do anything else in last twelve years, we did it for our youth. He thanked the staff and Council that he had worked with over the years, even the past Council members that were not sitting here currently. He mentioned that we had accomplished these things, but there were some other endeavors in his life that he wanted to move on to, and the Council was not holding him back by any means, but maybe he would be able to direct more of his attention to those endeavors. He wished to stay involved in the City and having a meeting with the Business Council was something that he had always been involved with bringing businesses to the community. He hoped that this Council would keep him on that Business Council to attract businesses to our community. He expressed again his interest in staying involved. He mentioned he stayed involved with Rotary where he would be working on City projects well into the future. He added that he definitely believed in Gonzales and wanted to keep us on that path. He thanked everyone.

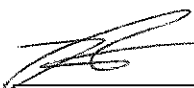
Mayor Orozco thanked him for the many years of service that he had been on this Council. She told him it was a great pleasure working with him on so many projects and his enthusiasm, willingness and commitment for the many projects that we had done would not be possible without his volunteer efforts and work. She concurred with his comments about accomplishing a lot of things, and keeping in mind what was always in the best interest for our children, families, and residents, which he was always on target and had represented our City very well for all past years she was on the Council. She told him he will be missed and wished him well.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Orozco made a motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of Councilmember Gourley for his many years of service to the Council and the residents of Gonzales. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

The Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

ATTEST:



René L. Mendez, City Clerk