

MINUTES

JOINT GONZALES CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Funk, Liz Silva, and Mayor Maria Orozco.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Matt Gourley and Jose G. Lopez.

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager René L. Mendez, City Attorney Michael F. Rodriguez, Administrative Specialist/Deputy City Clerk Mary Villegas, Building Official/Fire Marshal Michael Lechman, Police Sergeant Fred Lombardi, Public Works Director Carlos Lopez, and Emergency Services Director/Special Projects Analyst Harold Wolgamott.

* Redevelopment Agency Item

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

2. There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the September 20, 2010 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Minutes
4. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrants #25829 - 25926
5. Approve City Accounts Payable Warrant #25881 - Matt Gourley

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

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Public Hearing** to Solicit Comments on Unmet Transit Needs for FY 2010-2011

Public Works Director Lopez reported that staff advertised this for house keeping purposes, but last year staff made a dramatic change so this was not really a requirement. He indicated that since the public hearing was advertised, staff was recommending the Council to open and close the public hearing, and if comments are received, staff would forward them to TAMC.

Mayor Orozco opened the public hearing at 6:04pm.

Public Hearing: No comments came forward.

Being there no comments from the public, Mayor Orozco closed the public hearing at 6:04pm.

City Manager Mendez mentioned that the City provided all our funding to MST so they were the ones conducting the public hearings. He added that anybody that had an unmet need, there would be public notice meetings by the MST Board. He said anyone could contact City Hall so we can forward any comments or let them know when the hearings were so they could attend.

No action required.

7. Informational Item - Request to Use Centennial Park

Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott reported that this item was brought to the Council at the last meeting and requested to bring this back with some conditions for Mr. Vasquez to use the park. He said that as the report stated, Mr. Vasquez was considering his options, so this was informational only.

City Manager Mendez indicated that Mr. Vasquez requested to use Centennial Park as a way to recover some of the money from the music festival. He indicated that Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott met with Mr. Vasquez and went over the requirements, and he had not gotten back to us as of today. He stated that if Mr. Vasquez wished to come back, he understood what was expected of him, so staff was waiting for him to see what he wanted to do.

Public Comment: There was none.

It was the Council's consensus to direct staff to bring back additional information should Mr. Vasquez wishes to continue.

8. Cocula Presidential Visit and Sister City Events – October 2010

City Manager Mendez reported that a delegation from our Sister City Tateposco, Municipio of Cocula would be visiting the City October 15 – 17, 2010. He said they wanted to present

the new President and the new Delegation. He said the plan was to have a Special meeting on Friday, October 15th; be part of the Health and Safety Fair on October 16th and using the Vosti Center for a dinner; and have a Fundraiser event for them on October 17th at Centennial Park to help them defer some of the cost for the Jaws of Life equipment that the City purchased on their behalf. He said that part of this would be for the City to recover all of our costs from law enforcement to support that event. He mentioned that there was another meeting with LUDA this Wednesday to go over some specifics. He added that LUDA would be responsible to take care of setting up and cleaning up for the event.

City Manager Mendez stated that his thought for the Special meeting that Friday was to receive them with the Key to the City and present them with a Resolution, and follow with a reception. He said this was open to the public.

Public Comment: There was none.

Mayor Orozco asked staff if they had received a response from their office on the letter we sent them regarding this visit.

Administrative Specialist/Deputy City Clerk Villegas responded that so far, they had confirmed the attendance of the President, his wife, and two other delegates, but the Mariachi were still in the process of trying to get their Visas.

City Manager Mendez added that staff had made an official request to help with the Visas them to bring a Mariachi, but were still waiting on that.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Funk made a motion to **b)** Set a Special City Council meeting on October 15th at 6:00pm. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

The Council took action on the following items after staff asked them to reopen item 8 to consider the rest of staff's recommendations due to the fact that they had only taken action on recommendation "b)".

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Funk made a motion to **a)** Support our Sister City cultural exchange efforts by sponsoring events October 15th through 17th; **c)** Allow LUDA use of the Vosti Recreation Center at no cost to host a social event for the Cocula delegation on Saturday, October 16th in the evening; and **d)** Cosponsor a fundraising event for Cocula, Jalisco, México on Sunday, October 17th at Centennial Park, based upon an approved special events application with cost recovery. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

9. Consider Awarding the Installation of the Musco Sports Lighting System Project at Centennial Park to Robert Enz Construction in the Amount of \$89,700

Public Works Director Lopez presented the staff report.

Public Comment: There was none.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Funk made a motion to **a)** Award the contract to Robert Enz Construction, **b)** Reject all of the other proposals; and **c)** Authorize the City Manager to proceed with the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Gonzales and Robert Enz Construction in the Amount of \$89,700. Councilmember Silva seconded the motion. Approved by vote; all ayes.

BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

10. Oral Communication

Councilmember Silva mentioned she was disappointed because she was not going to be in town the week our Sister City was visiting. She commended the Public Works Department for working on the Central Park Playground. She also commended a lot of our citizens for trimming their trees. She said she had received a lot of calls from several citizens regarding the PG&E Smart Meters. She asked if citizens had the right to tell PG&E they did not want them put in.

Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott responded that at this particular time, PG&E was offering the option of not installing them if they did not want them. But the Public Utilities Commission gave them permission to install whatever meters they wanted.

Councilmember Silva asked if there was information available at City Hall for citizens if they had concerns.

City Manager Mendez responded that staff received some packets of information this morning. He said that the reality of this situation was that the City did not regulate this, the PUC did, and they were moving forward.

Councilmember Silva mentioned that some of the citizens that had voiced their concerns understood that the technology was new, but they did not agree with the reduction of the workforce down the road for PG&E because they would not have any meter readers.

City Manager Mendez indicated that part of the requirements for them to install this was that even though they were not going to be reading meters, nobody was going to lose their job because of this. They were going to be put under other jobs within the PG&E organization. He said staff had conversations with several people that had called about the Smart Meters.

Councilmember Silva reminded everyone about this Sunday's Rob's Run, registration would start at 7:00am, bikes leave at 9:00am, and the barbecue at 11:00am at the Swiss Rifle Club.

Mayor Pro Tem Funk reminded everyone about the Health and Safety Fair on October 16th.

BUSINESS FROM CITY MANAGER

11. Oral Communication

City Manager Mendez asked the Council to reopen item 8. He told them staff was also asking for authority to support our Sister City cultural exchange efforts by sponsoring events October 15th through 17th, allow LUDA use of the Vosti Recreation Center for a social event on October 16th, and cosponsor the Fundraising event on Sunday with cost recovery.

Mayor Orozco asked if staff needed another motion.

City Attorney Rodriguez responded that staff properly agendized it, but did not get that particular action, so the Council could reopen that item and consider taking action on those three recommendations.

Council reopened item 8 and approved recommendations 8a, 8c, and 8d and were noted under that item.

On another note, City Manager Mendez reported that staff met with PG&E to go over the gas line information due to heighten awareness after the unfortunate event a few weeks ago. He said it was a good meeting where they talked about where the line was, protocols, response times, and what to expect. He informed that all of this was going to be worked into our Emergency Response Plan. He stated that staff was trying to be as prepared as possible, and people can call City Hall if they had concerns. He added that there was a lot of stuff that we could not provide for security reasons, but we had the information.

* ***BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***

12. Oral Communication

Executive Director Mendez mentioned that there were rumors that the State Budget may get approved on Thursday.

Department Head Updates

Special Projects Analyst Wolgamott reported that staff had just completed a grant for Urban Forestry for Central Park, Alta Street, and several parks including the Slough for planting trees.

Mayor Orozco asked if the Central Park Playground Grand Opening was happening on October 16th.

City Manager Mendez responded that the thought was to do it with the Health and Safety Fair on October 16th and staff would notify them with the time.

Public Works Director Lopez reported that the Canyon Creek Fence Project and the Arroyo Estates Water Service Replacement were complete. He also reported on the Central Park Playground progress, and street stripping.

Police Sergeant Lombardi reported that there were several applicants currently in the background process.

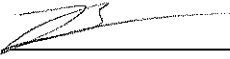
Building Official Lechman reported that staff was about to issue the building permit for Pure Pacific Organics for their expansion, and the Dole plant completed their cold storage expansion project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Funk 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 6:24pm.

ATTEST:



René L. Mendez, City Clerk