

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2011 7:36 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ten convened the regular meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) at 7:36 p.m. City Councilmembers/CRA Members present: Putnam, Schneider, and Sifuentes; Mayor Pro Tem/CRA Vice Chair Cacciotti; and Mayor/CRA Chair Ten. Members absent: None. Other officials present: City Manager/CRA Executive Director Davidson; City Attorney/CRA Counsel Adams; Assistant City Manager Gonzalez; Police Chief Payne; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Sweeney; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Transportation Manager Woods; Assistant Finance Director Batt; and City Clerk/CRA Secretary Kilby.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti offered the invocation. Boy Scouts from South Pasadena Troop #333 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ten said there was no Closed Session.

COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ten announced that he has made the Council liaison appointments and that the list is included in the agenda packet and in an agenda packet notebook at the back of the room. No objections were voiced.

**PRESENTATION
CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION TO DIANA
HARDER, PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Ten presented a Certificate of Recognition to Diana Harder, Public Works Assistant, Public Works Department, for thirty years of exemplary service and dedication to the residents and the community of the City of South Pasadena. She made remarks. Mayor Ten announced that Esther Delinko, Administrative Secretary, Police Department, has also been with the City for thirty years, and will be awarded a Certificate. He announced that Captain Richard Kowaltschuk, Police Department, has been with the City for thirty-five years, and that he will be presented

with a Certificate of Recognition.

**PRESENTATION OF 2010
SOUTH PASADENA RELAY
FOR LIFE CHECK TO
AMERICAN CANCER
SOCIETY**

Mayor Ten introduced Jamie and Steve Inzunza, Co-Chairs, 2010 Relay For Life. Mr. Inzunza reported on the success of the 2010 event, which he said raised almost \$87,000 for the American Cancer Society. Mayor Ten introduced David Melford, 2011 Chair, who made remarks about the upcoming Relay, which has traditionally been co-sponsored by the City and the South Pasadena Unified School District (SPUSD), and will be held April 16-17, 2011. He announced the Kickoff event this Friday, January 7, and a flyer was displayed on the overhead projector. Mayor Ten; Dr. Michele Kipke, SPUSD Board President; and the Inzunzas presented a check for \$86,513.95 to Andrew Dean, Manager, Relay For Life, Los Angeles Division, American Cancer Society.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMISSION FY 2009-10**

Charles Minning, Chair, Public Safety Commission, presented the Commission's Annual Report, FY 2009-10. Mayor Ten requested that the Commission compile a list of existing projects for City Council review. He said that the City Council may have projects requiring commission assistance. Chair Minning agreed to work with the commission on this.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
EVENTS**

Mayor Ten announced a new pre-kindergarten program sponsored by the SPUSD. A flyer was displayed on the overhead projector.

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/
REAPPOINTMENTS
Edward Pearson
Lawrence Abelson
Angela Krulc**

Mayor Ten, with Council concurrence, appointed Edward Pearson to the Library Board of Trustees and Lawrence Abelson to the Design Review Board for three-year terms until 12/31/2013. He appointed Angela Krulc to the System Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System [now known as the Southern California Library Cooperative] for an unfulfilled term until 12/31/2011.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM
THE CONSENT CALENDAR
FOR SEPARATE
CONSIDERATION**

Three Councilmembers and a member of the public requested that Item #14, presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, be pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. Councilmember Putnam requested that Item #12, agreement related to Los Angeles River TMDL studies, be pulled. A member of the public requested that Item #11, ordinance adoption, Fire Code, be removed for

**APPROVAL OF PREPAID
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$425,805.26,
GENERAL CITY
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$295,232.51
AND PAYROLL IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$427,748.14**

separate consideration.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #165933-1659997; General City Warrants #166003-166165; and payroll 12-17-10 and 12-24-10 for a total of \$1,148,785.91. Seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), they approved the CRA Warrants totaling \$5,658.48, which are included in the above total.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**APPROVAL OF APPOINT-
MENT OF COUNCIL DELE-
GATES AND ALTERNATES
TO THE SAN GABRIEL
COUNCIL OF GOVERN-
MENTS; THE LEAGUE OF
CALIFORNIA CITIES; THE
CALIFORNIA JOINT POW-
ERS INSURANCE AUTHOR-
ITY; THE SANITATION DIS-
TRICT; AND THE GOLD
LINE PHASE II JOINT POW-
ERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AS OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE CITY OF SOUTH
PASADENA FOR THE 2010-
2011 MAYORAL YEAR**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7142, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

RESOLUTION NO. 7142

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST
TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2011
SOUTH PASADENA RELAY
FOR LIFE AMERICAN
CANCER SOCIETY
FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD
APRIL 16-17, 2011**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved a request to co-sponsor the 2011 South Pasadena Relay For Life American Cancer Society fundraiser to be held April 16-17, 2011; directed staff to schedule, hang, and display the Relay For Life banner over Fair Oaks Avenue/Mission Street in the weeks prior to the event and approved waiving the fee for hanging the banner; and approved the use of City facilities for holding event-planning meetings in the months prior to the event, and use of the War Memorial Building at no charge for the Kickoff event on January 7, 2011.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**APPROVAL OF A
CONTRACT WITH GREAT
MATCH CONSULTING FOR
TEMPORARY PUBLIC
WORKS STAFFING**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a \$25,000 contract with Great Match Consulting to continue services of two contract workers to assist the Street and Sewer Division of the Public Works Department due to two current vacancies. They approved a contract that will provide an additional sixteen weeks of service, through the end of March 2011.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
C.J. CONSTRUCTION INC.
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,272
FOR STRATFORD AVENUE,
DIAMOND AVENUE,
ADELAINE AVENUE, AND
LYNDON STREET
SIDEWALK
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Prior to the vote on this award of contract to C.J. Construction, Inc., Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti verified with the City Attorney that he did not have to recuse himself from the vote since his property was more than 500 feet from Stratford Avenue.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council accepted a bid dated December 23, 2010 from C.J. Construction Inc., for the construction of the Stratford Avenue, Diamond Avenue, Adelaine Avenue, and Lyndon Street Sidewalk Improvement Project; rejected all other bids received; and authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with C.J. Construction Inc.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**PUBLIC HEARING TO
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.
7143 APPROVING THE
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-
2012**

Mayor Ten determined that he did not have a conflict of interest on the approval of one proposed project (Via Del Rey Sidewalk Replacement Project) in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in that his property is located more than 500 feet from the project.

Assistant City Manager Gonzalez presented the staff report on the proposed CDBG program for fiscal year 2011-2012. There were no questions from the Council.

Mayor Ten opened the public hearing. No one came forward and he closed the public hearing.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7134, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE 36TH YEAR COMMUNITY

REDEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**UPDATE ON PROPOSED
WATER RATE
ADJUSTMENTS**

Councilmember Sifuentes, who had asked that an update on proposed water rate adjustments be added to the agenda, provided an overview of the complex issues involved in this issue.

Finance Director Thai presented the update, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. He had distributed additional materials to the Council. He responded to questions.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period.

Bill Kelly, 1852 Oxley Avenue, Member, Water Council, made remarks about the regional lack of water resources and Water Council efforts. He encouraged implementation of water efficiency programs. He said the Council needs to send a strong consistent, long-term message that water-efficiency measures need to be introduced into homes and businesses.

Diana Mahmud, 1602 Camden Parkway, Chair, Water Council, and Member, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission, supported the adopted water rate adjustments. She supported tiered water rates and made related remarks. She distributed a letter from The Metropolitan Water District.

Sam Chandra, 1215 Indiana Avenue, Member, Water Council, reviewed issues raised by the Water Council. He supported the approved water rate adjustments.

Kim Hughes, 1956 Huntington Drive, Chair, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission, and Member, Water Council, supported tiered water rates. She made remarks about water agencies and developments in the field.

Janet Ervin, 801 Meridian Avenue, supported tiered rates with some features of the water budget model. She said that in her condominium, 67 households and 3 commercial units utilize one water meter. She urged

outreach to all residents.

David Whitman, 5002 Collis Avenue, said residents should unplug their sprinkler systems in the winter. He reviewed the impact of the approved water rates on his water bill.

Charles Treviño, 2061 Primrose Avenue, Board President, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, said tiered rates, although not perfect, are advisable. He introduced Shane Chapman, new District General Manager, who spoke about challenges faced by San Gabriel Valley residents and current projects. They responded to questions.

Mayor Ten closed the public comment period.

Discussion followed. Councilmember Putnam said he favors a tiered rate adjustment, but he said the Council needs to develop a fairer rate plan. Councilmember Sifuentes said he supports the tiered water rate structure. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti said there is no other option to the rate increase. Over the next six months, however, he said that this can be revised. Councilmember Schneider said that the analysis is just beginning, but that it is essential to enact the rate increase immediately. Councilmember Putnam criticized the document that was used to notify residents about the rate increase.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti recommended that a committee consisting of representatives of the City Council, staff, and the Water Council be established to meet with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to develop and implement over the next three months a huge all-day community-wide event, with a March target date, to educate the public on water conservation. The event should feature programs and expert speakers on such topics as drought-tolerant plants, native plants, and landscaping, he said. Water-efficient appliances could be featured as well, he said. He suggested scheduling a high-efficiency toilet exchange. He requested that weekend tours of the water system be scheduled as part of the event. He and Councilmember Putnam offered to serve on the committee.

Councilmember Putnam said there appeared to be a consensus that the rate adjustment could be fairer. He requested that this issue be brought back to the Council in six months. Finance Director Thai said areas covered will be data analysis, software, and implementation. Each councilmember should submit ideas and suggestions by the end of the month, Mayor Ten said. Finance Director Thai said he will rehire Raftelis to start developing the water budget model. It was agreed that discussion is needed far enough in advance of January 2012.

**POSTPONED ITEM:
RECEIVE AND FILE
REPORT OF EVALUATION
OF A PROPOSAL FROM
ICEL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR
INSTALLATION OF SOLAR
PANELS AND ENERGY
STORAGE SYSTEM AT THE
SOUTH PASADENA CITY
HALL BUILDING COMPLEX**

Mayor Ten announced that Item #24, proposal from iCel Systems, will be postponed due to several requests.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM
CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
NO. 2215, MAKING
CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
REPEALING THE CURRENT
CHAPTER 14 (FIRE
PREVENTION) AND
AMENDING THE SOUTH
PASADENA MUNICIPAL
CODE (SPMC) TO ADD A
NEW CHAPTER 14 (FIRE
PREVENTION) TO ADOPT
BY REFERENCE AND
AMEND THE CALIFORNIA
FIRE CODE, 2010 EDITION**

Fire Chief Wallace provided a brief staff report on the new Fire Code and described action taken by the City Council at the last meeting to remand the ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations. This will be heard by the Planning Commission on January 24, he said.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period.

Susan Masterman, 1233 Garfield Avenue, opposed approving the ordinance prior to the recommended review by the Planning Commission.

Anthony George, 847 Mission Street, requested that if the Council approves the ordinance, the motion include direction to have the Planning Commission review the ordinance for additional modification.

Councilmember Putnam verified with City Clerk Kilby that at the meeting of 12-15-10, the City Council remanded the ordinance to the Planning

Commission.

Odom Stamps, 318 Fairview Avenue, said he wanted to remind the City Council that the last time a code was adopted without sufficient scrutiny, sprinklers were required for all homes. He said that for older homes, this is not workable. He urged the City Council to direct staff to compare the language between the present code and what was adopted before it is reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Discussion continued. City Attorney Adams said the ordinance has already been passed as an urgency ordinance, and that this just follows it up to protect the urgency ordinance. In case the ordinance is challenged for any reason, he said, this is needed as a backup. Councilmember Putnam said he understood that if this isn't passed, the state Fire Code will be in effect, with potential unintended consequences.

Speaker Stamps made additional comments, stating that having the state Fire Code would be adequate in the interim. Speaker George said provisions related to fireworks and brush clearance could be adopted in the interim, and that the key issue is the mandatory imposition of fire sprinklers.

City Attorney Adams said whether the ordinance is adopted or not adopted, the City Council—if they approve a change recommended by the Planning Commission—will be making an amendment to the ordinance in either case. To protect residents in the interim, City Attorney Adams said that the City Council had already removed several sections in both the urgency and the regular ordinance. Speaker George made additional comments, stating that the requirement for fire sprinklers will still be triggered with some projects. It was determined that these owners could be advised to wait for the amendment, which is projected to be in effect within the next few months. Speaker Stamps made additional comments about adding an amendment.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council read by title for second reading, waiving further reading, and adopted Ordinance No. 2215, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND REPEALING THE CURRENT CHAPTER 14 (FIRE PREVENTION) AND AMENDING THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 14 (FIRE PREVENTION) TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE AND AMEND THE 2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE. On an amendment proposed by Councilmember Schneider and accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion, the City Council directed staff to identify the sections of the ordinance that are being changed from the existing ordinance prior to Planning Commission review.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER METALS TMDL SITE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES STUDIES

Councilmember Putnam said that in the past, the City has declined to participate in similar studies related to the Los Angeles River metals Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). He said that other cities have declined to participate in this endeavor. Public Works Director Sweeney provided information about the consequences of not participating and responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Ten determined that there was no public comment.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council did not approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) regarding a cost-sharing program to secure services to conduct scientific studies and prepare an analysis of Site Specific Objectives (SSO) for the Los Angeles River Metals Total Maximum Daily Load (Metals TMDL). The City Council disapproved appropriating \$20,855 from General Funds for South Pasadena's share of costs for the SSO studies.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

PRESENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Carrie Adrian, 602 Garfield Avenue, Chair, Finance

Committee, read from a memo from the Finance Director that reported on the Committee's opinion on an \$18.5 million liability for "other post-employee benefits." She said the committee encourages the City Council to review this issue and the conditions of eligibility for these benefits (Note 8 of CAFR, page 43). She said Finance Committee member Catania had submitted a letter as well.

Because of the late hour, other committee members could not attend, Chair Adrian said. She noted that Mr. Catania objected to placing public comment at the end of the agenda.

Janet Ervin, 801 Meridian Avenue, raised concerns about post-employment benefit and pension costs reported in the CAFR. This has persisted year after year, she said, similar to the infrastructure problems in the City. She urged reviewing the figures over a longer period than is shown in the CAFR.

Victor Robinette, no address stated, City Treasurer, who said he works with the Finance Committee, said it's important to look at Note 8 of the CAFR regarding the \$18 million unfunded liability for medical benefits. The assumptions are unrealistic regarding estimates of return on investments and healthcare costs, he said. He urged the City Council to examine post-employment benefits. He recommended the City offer a regular report to the public on retirement costs.

Mayor Ten closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Putnam commended the Finance Committee. He requested agendaizing the issue of post-employment benefits and pension costs for a future meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti.

Assistant Finance Director Batt addressed issues raised by previous speakers. He said actuarial assumptions will be updated. In regard to the time period for data comparisons, he said three years is the standard for the CAFR, and that a longer time period can be utilized for the budget-planning process.

Councilmember Putnam said as part of agenda

discussion, it would be helpful to have new actuarial assumptions. He and Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested that staff report on post-retirement benefits offered by comparable cities, the state, and the county. Assistant City Manager Gonzalez responded to a question from Councilmember Schneider regarding post-retirement benefits. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested a full accounting of the increase in post-retirement costs over the last ten years. He said that the City Council has set aside funds in a reserve account for retirement costs. He requested that the Finance Committee provide recommendations on how much to set aside each year in that account.

Councilmember Schneider, in referring to Mr. Catania's objection to the placement of the public comment period at the end of the meeting, said public comment should be returned to the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Putnam concurred and suggested that public comment be split into two sections. Discussion took place among the Councilmembers and Mayor Ten on this issue.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved to receive and file the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**DIRECTION REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR
AN INDUSTRY/BUSINESS
RESOURCE CENTER**

Assistant City Manager Gonzalez presented the staff report on the establishment and possible funding for an Industry/Business Resource Center. Councilmember Sifuentes provided an overview of the issue of establishing an Industry/Business Resource Center. He displayed photographs of business areas in the City needing improvement, e.g., Pasadena Avenue. He asked about the use of the Business Improvement Tax (BIT). He asked staff how improvements can be made. Assistant City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period.

Victor Robinette, no address stated, who stated that he serves as the independent accountant for the Chamber of Commerce, disagreed that there would be a conflict

of interest if the Chamber undertook the operations of a Business Resource Center. He made suggestions on implementing the Center.

Odom Stamps, 318 Fairview Avenue, Chamber of Commerce Board Member, who said he is speaking for himself, opposed taking funds from the Business Improvement Tax (BIT) for the Business Resource Center. He suggested hiring a consultant.

Scott Feldmann, no address stated, CEO, Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber is opposed to using BIT funds for the Business Resource Center. He distributed a job description for the proposed position and an annual report. He suggested implementing a Business Improvement District. Ideally, he said, hiring an economic development officer would be ideal. He said the Chamber is best suited to operate the Center.

Mr. Feldmann and Assistant City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions. Councilmember Putnam did not fully support the proposal.

Mayor Ten closed the public comment period.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed staff to investigate and work with the Chamber of Commerce to identify expert consultants or agencies that would be suitable for fulfilling the role of a Business Resource Center; to explore the existence of internal staff who may have the needed skill sets; to obtain information on costs; and to investigate outside (non-BIT, non-General Fund) sources of funding (e.g., funding from Congressman Adam Schiff), to establish an Industry/Business Resource Center.

(Sifuentes, Cacciotti)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND
SUGGESTIONS
Tree removal Camino Del Sol**

David Whitman, 5002 Collis Avenue, said a liquid amber parkway tree was approved for removal on Camino Del Sol. If the tree is cut down, he said, the City Council will set an unwanted precedent. Other residents may request tree removals as a result of this decision.

Ostrich Farm area

David Margrave, 928 Buena Vista Street, requested that the City Council amend a decision related to the Ostrich Farm. It is a "cancer, a dead zone," he said, resulting in his inability to find tenants for his new retail center. He requested that the area be designated residential for housing and senior housing. He said Ostrich Farm property owners are unanimous in favor of a residential component. He said he forwarded pertinent reports to the Council. He requested adding this topic to a future agenda.

**FIRST READING AND
INTRODUCTION OF AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTIONS 2.25 (TERMS OF
OFFICE) AND 2.26 (TERMS
OF MEMBERS – FILLING
OF VACANCIES), ARTICLE
IV (BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS – GENERAL
PROVISIONS) OF CHAPTER
2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF
THE SOUTH PASADENA
MUNICIPAL CODE TO
PROVIDE FOR PARTIAL
TERM APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Ten requested that this item, adoption of an ordinance to provide for partial term appointments for commissioners, be approved to permit him to reappoint commissioners. Due to the late hour, Mayor Ten, with Council concurrence, waived the presentation of the staff report. There were no questions.

Mayor Ten determined that there was no public comment.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council read by title for first reading, waiving further reading, and introduced AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 2.25 (TERM OF OFFICE) AND 2.26 (TERMS OF MEMBERS—FILLING OF VACANCIES), ARTICLE IV (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS)—GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR PARTIAL TERM APPOINTMENTS.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

**ADOPTION OF A
RESOLUTION OUTLINING
THE CITY'S OFFICIAL
POSITION ON THE SR-710
NORTH EXTENSION**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**DIRECTION REGARDING
THE INSURANCE FIRE
CLAIM AND POTENTIAL
ALTERNATE USES OF THE**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed. By consensus, the City Council directed that this be agendaized first on the action items at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS YARD
LOCATED AT 825 MISSION
STREET**

**PROVIDE DIRECTION TO
ESTABLISH THE CITY
FLAG-LOWERING POLICY**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**PROVIDE DIRECTION ON
STANDARDIZED
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
DOCUMENT RELATING TO
THE SR-710 NORTH
EXTENSION**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**PROVIDE DIRECTION ON A
STRATEGIST/LOBBYIST
FOR SR-710 NORTH
EXTENSION**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**CONSIDERATION TO FUND
HERMOSA STREET
IMPROVEMENTS**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sifuentes announced the holiday tree pick up arrangements from Athens Services. He announced that he has been appointed to the League of California Cities' Employee Relations Committee. He said he will be leaving early during the 1/19/11 City Council meeting in order to attend a meeting of that committee, and he requested that crucial items be scheduled early in the evening.

Councilmember Putnam said a recent newspaper article reported that e-waste is being transported overseas and creating a health hazard. He said that the LA County Sanitation District, of which the City is a part, wants residents to know that all e-waste collected by the District is collected and recycled entirely within the United States.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti asked about his request to have the Council, consultant Mike Roos, and legal counsel Antonio Rossmann work with other cities to follow up on a letter from former Mayor Schneider to Governor Brown to request the sale of excess properties along the 710 corridor. He made related

remarks. He said the State needs funds, and this sale could provide funds that will not be coming from the sale of State buildings. He recommended the development of a strategy, which he asked to be reported at the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested an update, and City Manager Davidson agreed to report back.

Councilmember Schneider said that Special Counsel Rossmann and others are contacting the Governor. Councilmember Sifuentes emphasized the need for a report to the Council.

Mayor Ten requested to place on a future agenda discussion of the criteria utilized to determine whether a tree can be removed. This, he said, is based on the ruling that David Whitman brought to the City Council's attention during Public Comment. This was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti.

Mayor Ten requested to place on a future agenda discussion of business licenses for Farmer's Market food vendors, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti. Assistant City Manager Gonzalez stated that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

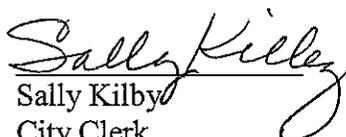
By consensus, the City Council adjourned the meeting and then cancelled the adjournment when City Manager Davidson said he had a communication item.

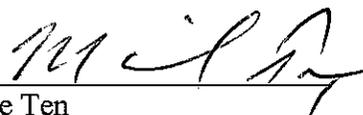
**CITY MANAGER
COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Davidson announced that newly elected State Senator Kevin De Leon has asked to meet with the City Council, the Police Chief and Fire Chief, and management staff. Councilmembers discussed dates. City Manager Davidson said a follow-up email will be sent.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned at 11:20 p.m.


Sally Kilby
City Clerk
CRA Secretary


Mike Ten
Mayor
Chair, CRA