

# SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2006

The regular meetings of the San Gabriel City Council and the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency convened on October 17, 2006 at 7:34 p.m. with Council/Agencymember Baldwin, Council/Agencymember Costanzo, Mayor/Chair Gutierrez, Council/Agencymember Huang, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Sawkins, City Attorney/General Counsel Kress, City Manager/Executive Director Paules and City Clerk/Secretary Trujillo present.

Pledge of Allegiance

RECESS AGENCY MEETING

Recess Agency Meeting

At 7:35 p.m., Vice Chair Sawkins moved to recess; seconded by Agencymember Baldwin. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations

- A. 2006 POBLADORES WALK TO LOS ANGELES RECOGNITIONS:
  - (1) VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR BETTY MUI
  - (2) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER CYNTHIA SMITH
- B. RECOGNITION OF LONGINA GONZALES FOR OVER 101 YEARS AS A SAN GABRIEL RESIDENT
- C. JOINT PROCLAMATION: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS & END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

Public Comment

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Council at this time.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

Reappointment of Design Review Commissioners  
Garza and Curley  
Appointment of Randolph Galang to Planning Commission

The Mayor is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the various City commissions. At this time, it is necessary to appoint two Design Review Commissioners and a Planning Commissioner.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to approve the reappointment of Monica Garza and Robert Curley, respectively, to serve a two-year term on the Design Review Commission commencing October 31, 2006; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. The motion passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to approve the appointment of Randolph D. Galang to serve a two-year term on the Planning Commission commencing November 13, 2006; seconded by Vice Mayor Sawkins. The motion passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

VALLEY VISION: A NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY PLAN  
PLANNING CASE PL-04-132 (CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 15, 2006)

Valley Vision  
Conceptually Approved and Referred to Planning Commission

*Valley Vision* is a plan that the City, residents, business owners, developers and other stake holders developed that provides a comprehensive vision for the orderly, sustainable future development of Valley Boulevard. The proposed project consists of a Specific Plan, coupled with a General Plan Amendment (Land Use) and Zone

Change. There are no specific development projects proposed in conjunction with the Specific Plan. At the August 15, 2006 meeting, property owners of 317-425 West Valley Boulevard expressed concern regarding the proposed rezoning of their general commercial property to multi-family residential. As a result, the Council continued the matter to October 17, 2006 during which time staff was directed to prepare a full report with alternatives for Council consideration. An environmental impact report has been approved by the Council. The report has been prepared and is being presented for Council consideration.

The report was given during which staff responded to Council questions.

Joe Catalano, representative of the American Institute of Architects, read a letter from the President of the organization supporting the project.

Vice Mayor Sawkins moved to:

- A. Conceptually approve changing the land use designation in the *Valley Vision* plan of the properties at 317-425 West Valley Boulevard from Strategy 5 (Multi-Family Residential) to Strategy 4 (Mixed Use, Commercial, or Multi-Family on Corridors).
- B. Refer the matter to the Planning Commission for consideration of and a report back regarding the Council's recommended change.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

#### MATTERS RELATED TO THE MARCH 6, 2007 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Elections Code, the City's next General Municipal Election is to be held on March 6, 2007. At that time, the voters of San Gabriel will elect two Members of the City Council. Additionally, the City of Los Angeles is responsible for conducting the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) election in which the voters of the City of San Gabriel are eligible to participate. The City of Los Angeles is again requesting the consolidation of the LACCD election onto the City ballot. If approved, the City of Los Angeles will be responsible for their proportional share of the cost of the election. It is also recommended that the City again retain a consultant to provide election consulting services.

General Municipal Election  
March 6, 2007  
Resolutions 06-29, 30, 31  
Adopted  
Election Consultant  
Contract Approved

The staff report was given after which Councilmember Baldwin moved to:

- A. Adopt Resolution 06-29 calling and giving notice of the election being held March 6, 2007.
- B. Adopt Resolution 06-30 consenting to the consolidation of the LACCD election with San Gabriel General Municipal Election.
- C. Adopt Resolution 06-31 requesting services of Los Angeles County as it relates to the conduct of the March 6, 2007 election.
- D. Waive the formal bid process and approve the agreement with Hudson Consulting Services for election consulting services to assist in the conduct of the City of San Gabriel General Municipal and Los Angeles Community College Primary Nominating Consolidated Election at a cost not-to-exceed \$24,000 from account 121-702-00-21-000.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

CONSENT CALENDAR: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND ENACTED IN ONE MOTION UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR AUDIENCE REQUESTS SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Consent Calendar

A. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2006

Minutes Approved

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the last Council meeting.

Recommended Action: Approval

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS: 66834 – 67035 \$1,024,818.57

Material Demands  
Approved

This is the presentation of the “Register of Demands and Warrants” for the payment of City expenditures.

Recommended Action: Approval

C. MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Miscellaneous Employees’  
Retirement Program  
Amendment  
Ordinance 563-C.S.  
Approving Amendment  
Adopted

CalPERS recently changed the method of benefit calculations for the miscellaneous employee’s retirement plan that significantly decreases their retirement benefit. To address this situation, a restructuring of retirement benefits for miscellaneous employees has been approved by the Council. The City has met all the requirements of CalPERS to implement the amendment. Ordinance 563-C.S. was introduced and approved on first reading at the September 19, 2006 Council meeting. It is now being presented for adoption on second reading.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

- (1) Adopt Ordinance 563-C.S. to Approve an Amendment to Contract Between the Board of Administration California Public Employees’ Retirement System and the City Council of the City of San Gabriel to provide Section 21354.5 (2.7% @ 55 Full formula) for local miscellaneous members with the City continuing to pay employer and employee contributions.
- (2) Reduce City contributions to the miscellaneous employees’ deferred compensation plan from 8% to 4% effective July 1, 2007.
- (3) Utilize contributions refunded to the City by CalPERS and payroll reduction credits to implement the program in a cost-neutral manner for the City and employees.

D. RESOLUTION 06-33 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FOR THE VINCENT LUGO PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

Resolution 06-33  
Approving Application for  
Regional Park & Open  
Space Grant  
Adopted

The City is eligible to receive \$100,000 of grant funding through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District program for the renovation of Vincent Lugo Park. To receive the funding, adoption of the subject resolution is necessary.

Recommended Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution 06-33.

- E. REQUEST SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF JUNIPERO SERRA SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB FOR PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL FOR A DINNER AND DANCE BEING HELD AT GRAPEVINE PARK

Alcohol Request  
Junipero Serra Senior  
Citizens Club  
Approved

San Gabriel Municipal Code Section 99.03(g) requires Council approval to serve alcoholic beverages, other than wine and champagne, for events held at the Grapevine Park.

Recommended Action: Approval subject to the condition that all requirements of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board are met.

- F. RESOLUTION 06-31 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT DEED FROM DENNIS D. JACOBSEN FAMILY HOLDINGS II, LLC TO THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL RDA SITE “A” - CASE PL-04-011  
102-120 SAN GABRIEL BOULEVARD – SHOPPING CENTER

Resolution 06-31  
Accepting Grant Deed  
Jacobsen Family Holdings  
RDA Site “A”  
102-120 S.G. Blvd.  
Shopping Center

The subject project was conditionally approved to include dedication of certain portions of the property for traffic mitigating measures. The subject resolution accomplishes this.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

- (1) Adopt Resolution 06-31.
- (2) Accept the Grant Deed Document including Exhibits “A” and “B”.
- (3) Authorize the City Engineer to execute the acceptance certificate.
- (4) Authorize staff to submit the Grant Deed to the County for recordation.

Councilmember Baldwin moved to amend the agenda to include a late item submitted on behalf of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce for permission to serve alcohol on October 20, 2006 at Grapevine Park; seconded by Councilmember Huang. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Vice Mayor Sawkins moved to approve the consent calendar as amended; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. The motion passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Council Comments

Each Council Member addressed the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. Also, the Council gave reports on meetings they had attended.

ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL MONJE TO NOVEMBER 7, 2006 AT 5:30 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM "A" FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT ON THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT AFTER WHICH THE COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO HOLD A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STUDY SESSION AND RECONVENE THE AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn Council Meeting &  
Reconvene Agency Meeting

At 8:36 p.m., Council/Agencymember Baldwin moved to adjourn and reconvene as indicated above; seconded by Council/Agencymember Costanzo. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Agency Meeting

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2006

Minutes Approved

Agencymember Costanzo moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Vice Chair Sawkins. The motion passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Agency at this time.

C. ADJOURN AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn Agency Meeting

There being no further business to discuss the Agency meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

SAN GABRIEL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

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Cynthia A. Trujillo, Secretary

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Cynthia A. Trujillo, C.M.C., City Clerk

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David R. Gutierrez, Chair

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David R. Gutierrez, Mayor