

# SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2007

The regular meetings of the San Gabriel City Council and the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency convened on December 4, 2007 at 7:32 p.m. with Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Baldwin, Council/Agencymember Costanzo, Council/Agencymember Gutierrez, Council/Agencymember Huang, Mayor/Chair Sawkins, City Attorney/General Counsel Kress, City Manager/Executive Director Paules and Deputy City Clerk Castruita present.

Pledge of Allegiance

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

Recess Council Meeting

At 7:34 p.m., Councilmember Gutierrez moved to recess; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Agency Meeting

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007

Minutes Approved

Agencymember Costanzo moved to approve the subject minutes; seconded by Agencymember Huang. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

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 AND RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

Adjourn Agency meeting and reconvene Council meeting

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

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 PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Mayor's re-appointment of Norman Garden Planning Commissioner approved

The Mayor is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the various City commissions. At this time it is necessary to appoint two Planning Commissioners. The Council recommended Norman Garden for two-year re-appointment term commencing retroactive to November 1, 2007 and expiring on November 1, 2009.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve the recommendation; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

The Council recommended Vincent Zawodny for two-year term commencing on December 4, 2007 and expiring on December 4, 2009.

Mayor's appointment of Vincent Zawodny Planning Commissioner approved

Vice Mayor Baldwin moved to approve the recommendation; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

#### PURCHASE OF BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTS FOR VINCENT LUGO PARK

Purchase of baseball field lights for Vincent Lugo Park approved

A proposal to purchase four (4) Musco Light Structure Green™ System Sports Field Lights as specified in the plans for the Vincent Lugo Park Baseball Field Improvements is being presented to Council. Musco Lighting is a “sole source” vendor for this sports field lighting which also includes a Musco Constant 25™ warranty and maintenance program that covers 100% of maintenance costs for 25 years.

Musco Lighting provided a quote of \$77,904.00 which includes the purchase price of the lighting, including sales tax, with the additional powder coat paint as recommended by Planning Department staff.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Waive formal bidding and authorize a “sole source” purchase for the new baseball field lights; and,
2. Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Musco Lighting for the acquisition of four (4) Musco Light Structure Green™ System Sports Field Lights in the amount of \$77,904, including sales tax and delivery to be funded from account #122-850-57-97-606.

Parks and Recreation Director Rebecca Perez presented Council with staff report.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to approve; seconded by Councilmember Huang and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

#### EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT WITH THE RATKOVICH COMPANY FOR PROPERTY ADJOINING THE MISSION PLAYHOUSE

Exclusive negotiating agreement with Ratkovich Company for property adjoining the Mission Playhouse approved

On May 5, 2005, the City Council awarded exclusive negotiating rights to the Ratkovich Company of Los Angeles to determine the feasibility of a proposed mixed use development on one of three “opportunity sites” specified in the *Mission District Specific Plan*. Two extensions have been granted since this time with the last extension concluding in March 2007. Despite best efforts of the developer and City, a satisfactory proposal for acquisition and assembly failed to appear.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Affirm that the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement has lapsed;
2. Conclude negotiations with The Ratkovich Company so that the City may entertain other options for the property; and a letter be sent to them thanking them for their efforts in negotiating a project on this site.
3. Direct staff to bring back, for a study session within 60 days, a range of alternatives that the Council may consider for the site, with both short-term and long-term options available for consideration.

Deputy City Manager Steve Preston presented Council with staff report.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve; seconded by Vice-Mayor Baldwin and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FREE TRADE ZONE, INC. TO ASSUME ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES FOR FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) #50-4**

Authorization for San Gabriel Valley Free Trade Zone, Inc. to assume administrative duties for Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #50-4 approved

As part of its work promoting economic development in the San Gabriel Valley, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership administers Free Trade Zone (FTZ) #50-4, which includes two locations in the City of San Gabriel in the industrial/business park districts along Clary and San Marino Avenues. The Foreign Trade Zone program permits participating businesses to receive certain tax and tariff benefits for import and export activities. The Partnership has been the lead entity in promoting the San Gabriel Valley Free Trade Zone since its formation about 10 years ago.

Recently, the Partnership has determined that it is no longer the best suited enterprise to promote and manage the FTZ program. The Partnership has selected *San Gabriel Valley Free Trade Zone, Inc.* (SGVFTZ Inc.), formed by the principals of the El Monte-based Titan Group, to conduct these activities. The SGVFTZ would reimburse the Partnership for a reduced revenue flow attributable to the change.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to sign a letter and direct staff to transmit it to the Partnership and to the applicant, *San Gabriel Valley Free Trade Zone, Inc.*

Deputy City Manager Steve Preston presented Council with staff report.

Vice Mayor Baldwin moved to approve; 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 NOVEMBER 20, 2007

Minutes Approved

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

Recommended Action: Approval

- B. MATERIAL DEMANDS: 72153 - 72302 INCLUSIVE \$1,415,994.77

Material Demands Approved

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

Recommended Action: Approval

Councilmember Huang moved to approve the consent calendar as presented; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

Council Comments and Conference/meeting reports

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.

PRESENTATIONS - 2007 EMPLOYEE SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Presentations – 2007  
Employee Service and  
Achievement Awards

ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING TO ATTEND RECEPTION IN RECOGNITION OF  
THE SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Adjourn Council meeting to  
attend reception in recognition  
of the Service and  
Achievement Award recipients

At 8:27 p.m., Councilmember Gutierrez moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice Mayor Baldwin. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

SAN GABRIEL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

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Nina Castruita, Secretary

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Nina Castruita, Deputy City Clerk

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Kevin B. Sawkins, Chair

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Kevin B. Sawkins, Mayor