

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FONTANA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2016**

WORKSHOP:

A. 5:30 P.M. WORKSHOP

A Workshop Meeting of the Fontana City Council was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Fontana City Hall Executive Conference Room at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The workshop was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert at 5:32 p.m. with Council Members Roberts and Sandoval present; Mayor Warren arrived at 5:40 p.m. and Council Member Tahan arrived at 5:48 p.m.

California Public Utilities Commission Representative Sandy Windbigler presented the workshop item. The Fontana City Council Regular Meeting Agenda was reviewed and City Manager Comments were heard. City Manager Hunt noted that the resolution for Consent Calendar Item CC-C (Homeland Security Grant Program-2015) had been inadvertently omitted as an attachment to the staff report. A copy of the resolution was provided to the City Council.

CLOSED SESSION:

A. 6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session was held at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room with Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert and Council Members Roberts, Tahan and Sandoval present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no public communications received on the following Closed Session Item:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One or more potential cases).

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. 7:00 P.M. Call the Meeting to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Fontana City Council was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016

in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. Mayor Warren called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert, Council Members Roberts, Tahan and Sandoval.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Following the Invocation by Mayor Warren, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Roberts.

PROCLAMATIONS:

A. Burn Awareness Week

Mayor Warren and the City Council Proclaimed the Week of February 1-7, 2016, as Burn Awareness Week in the City of Fontana. Mr. Lou Worthy was present to accept.

B. National Black History Month

Mayor Warren and the City Council proclaimed February as National Black History Month in the City of Fontana. Mayor Warren presented the proclamation to Community Services Department Director Garth Nelson for placement in all the community centers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Retirement Recognition for Fontana Police Chief Rodney Jones

Mayor Warren and the City Council recognized Fontana Police Chief Rodney Jones on his 35 year retirement from the City. The following dignitaries and representatives presented Certificates of Recognition:

Representative from U.S. Representative Pete Aguilar's Office; Mr. Michael Cervantes from Congresswoman Norma Torres' Office; Mr. Christopher Craig from Assembly Member Freddy Rodriguez' Office; County of San Bernardino Supervisor Josie Gonzales; Redlands Police Chief Mark Garcia representing California Police Chiefs' Association; Ms. Lisa Blacksher representing Assembly Member Cheryl Brown; Upland Police Chief Brian Johnson, San Bernardino County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association; Ms. Marybeth Snider, Historical Society President; Fontana Chamber of Commerce President Idilio Sanchez, Incoming President Phil Cothran, and Executive Director Karen Ayers; Fontana Rotary Representative Matt Slowik; Fontana Unified School District Board Members Lorena Corona, Mary Sandoval, Barbara Chavez, and Jesse Armendarez; and School Police Chief Martin Sissac.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Public Communications

Fontana Police Officers' Association Ted Hunt announced the installation of the President and Board of Directors to be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, with a reception at 5:30 p.m., and installation and Excellence in Leadership Award to be presented to the Honorable Norma Torres to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Fontana Council Chambers.

Ms. Tressy Capps, Fontana resident, summarized her comments regarding the 46.9% water rate increase and that Mr. Jeffrey Sessler did not feel the increase was merited because there had been a significant water decline in service due to water conservation efforts.

Ms. Capps summarized an article in the Ontario Daily Bulletin regarding sewer water as a new water source and did not want to have to use this type of water.

Council Member Roberts stated for clarification that this type of water was used for landscaping purposes and not for drinking.

Ms. Capps spoke about the art contest to be held for the General Plan Update and wanted to make sure that everyone was included in the contest. She stated that the art contest appeared to be directed to Fontana Unified School District and Etiwanda School District, and referred to the Fontana Forward Open Art Contest flyer and questioned the reference to "without a car" and who decided on the topic.

Ms. Capps added that she would be attending the Fontana Citizens Police Academy to be held on February 25, 2016 and will try real hard not to be kicked out.

Community Development Director James Troyer and General Plan Consultant Thelma Herrera announced the upcoming General Plan topic workshops to be held at the Fontana Senior Center at 16710 Ceres Avenue, 7:00-9:30 p.m., on February 22, 2016, and the topic to be discussed is Healthy Fontana; on February 25, 2016, and topic to be discussed is Fontana by Design; on March 7, 2016, and topic to be discussed is Fontana is a Complete Community; and on March 10, 2016, topic to be discussed is Sustainable Resilient Fontana. Mr. Troyer added that dinner and a play area for children would be provided and additional information on the workshops would be provided at www.FontanaForward.com. Ms. Herrera provided a Spanish translation of the announcement.

Ms. Maria M. Tannler, 48 year Fontana resident, spoke on her frustration regarding the Post Office service to her home. Mayor Warren referred Ms. Tannler to Police Officer Obie Rodriguez for follow up.

Greater Fontana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce representatives Mr. Saul Navarro, Ms. Socorro Enriquez, Ms. Sandy Guerrero and Mr. Richard Enriquez, collectively thanked the Mayor and the City Council and the Fire Chief for their support.

Ms. Enriquez invited everyone to the Poverty Symposium to be held on March 11, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with several diverse speakers to be in attendance.

Ms. Enriquez gave special thanks to Council Members Tahan and Sandoval for coming out to meet with the pallet yard business owners.

Ms. Enriquez explained that it would be helpful to have information about City regulations and requirements provided in Spanish, as there is a language barrier.

The Concerned Citizens for the Development of North Fontana Deborah Hall Lindsay announced the Unity in the Community 48th Annual Black History Parade and car show to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Fran Givens, Fontana resident, spoke on Black History Month and read a quote about Ms. Harriet Tubman and the underground railroad and that she was known as the "Moses of Her People". Ms. Givens announced that March 10th is Harriet Tubman Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Sandoval, seconded by Council Member Tahan, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "CC-A through CC-D" (AYES: Warren, Salazar-Wibert, Roberts, Tahan and Sandoval; NOES: None) as follows:

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.

B. Approve a Bond Reduction for Tract No's. 18820 and 18820-1

Approve and authorize a reduction of the performance/labor and materials bond posted by Meritage Homes of California, Inc. for Tract No. 18820 (Bond No. 59BSBGL9701) and Tract No. 18820-1 (Bond No. 59BSBGL9702).

C. Homeland Security Grant 2015

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 2016-013** of the City Council of the City of Fontana, approving and accepting a grant in the amount of \$41,963 from the Office of Homeland Security.

2. Authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to sign all related grant documents for the grant; and, make purchases of equipment as outlined in the grant.

D. Resolution of Intent to Form Community Facilities District #81 (Gabriella)

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 2016-014** of the City Council of the City of Fontana of Intention to Establish a Community Facilities District and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes.

2. Adopt **Resolution No. 2016-015** of the City Council of the City of Fontana to Incur Bonded Indebtedness of the Proposed City of Fontana Community Facilities District No. 81 (Gabriella).

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Establishing a Reward for Information Leading to the Arrest and Conviction of the Individual Responsible for the Arson Set Fire of the Pallet Yard at 15642 Slover Avenue (Council Members Tahan and Sandoval to Present)

Mayor Warren stated that the item to be discussed was about establishing a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual responsible for the arson set fire of the pallet yard at 15642 Slover Avenue.

Mayor Warren announced that the City would not tolerate these acts on the business community.

Council Member Sandoval announced that he and Council Member Tahan had met with the pallet yard business owners and discussion about the reward came up. Mr. Sandoval added that the City would not tolerate this type of behavior.

Council Member Tahan stated that these are actions that would not be tolerated in Fontana and thanked Interim Police Chief Ramsey, Fire Chief McLinn and City Manager Hunt for their support.

Discussion ensued regarding matching the reward amount to the amount to be provided by the insurance companies.

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Tahan, seconded by Council Member Sandoval, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Elected Officials Communications/Reports Item "A" (AYES: Warren, Salazar-Wibert, Roberts, Tahan and Sandoval; NOES: None) as follows

To establish a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual responsible for the arson set fire of the pallet yard at 15642 Slover Avenue.

B. Elected Officials Communications/Committee Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert stated that the State of the City had been a wonderful event and thanked the staff and everyone involved.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert announced that she had attended the Ronald McDonald House dinner and Fontana Foundation of Hope Jack Long was honored and was a wonderful event supporting the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert announced the Walk for Kids to help raise funds for the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House which hosts families who have sick children at the hospital. More details to be provided.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert announced that she had attended the active shooter training that was held at Center Stage and County Sheriff McMann had provided the training.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert announced that she had attended the Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and thanked Ms. Tiffany Starks for her help.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert congratulated her son, Daniel, who is a true Bronco fan.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert stated that the Goal Setting Meeting had been great.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert announced that she had attended the senior lunch and encouraged all seniors to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert announced a car show to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 9680 Citrus Avenue in Fontana to help raise funds for the Fontana Leadership Intervention program (FLIP). More information could be obtained by contacting (909) 357-7600, Ext. 29071.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert wished retiring Chief Rod Jones a great retirement and welcomed Interim Chief Ramsey.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert asked that everyone continue to support our military troops.

Council Member Roberts wished his good friend Chief Jones a happy retirement and mentioned that he would be busy in the Rotary Club.

Council Member Roberts congratulated Interim Police Chief Ramsey and added that he would do a great job.

Council Member Roberts thanked Public Works Director Chuck Hays and his team for making the City look good by removing graffiti and litter.

Council Member Roberts stated that the Fontana Fire Museum Association had requested a surplus vehicle to be used to tow the 911 Memorial.

Council Member Sandoval thanked retiring Police Chief Jones for his 35 years of service to the community and the police department, and welcomed Interim Police Chief Ramsey and stated that he had a lot of confidence in him.

Council Member Sandoval announced that Mr. Terry O'Keefe, a long time Fontana Unified School District employee recently passed, and requested that the City Council Meeting adjourn in his memory.

Council Member Tahan thanked the Mayor for the State of the City, and business partners and others who helped make the City successful.

Council Member Tahan congratulated retiring Police Chief Jones for his 35 years in serving the Fontana community and wished Interim Police Chief Ramsey the best.

City Treasurer Janet Koehler-Brooks congratulated Police Chief Jones upon his retirement and thanked him for his friendship.

City Treasurer Koehler-Brooks congratulated Interim Police Chief Ramsey on his

appointment and thanked him for what he would be doing.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis stated that retiring Police Chief Jones was very special to her because last summer she had a very public medical episode and that he had assisted her. He would be greatly missed.

City Clerk Lewis summarized community issues as follows: The Westgate project; the tenuous requests for an over-priced steak house; a persistent resident who has the habit of creating negative issues for the sole purpose of selling space on the social media; the cultural center in the heart of downtown Fontana, which includes an Art Depot, an Art Association, a multi-million dollar Library and Technology Center; a community auditorium, Center Stage Dinner Theater and an amazing Fire Museum, and many other items of interest. Mrs. Lewis added that many of the community issues were in the "core" of the City, and found the reference to "the core" personally offensive. Mrs. Lewis outlined a few of the issues of the cultural area that needed to be addressed, such as, parking facilities for the agricultural museum, parking in the downtown area that was sorely needed, if the planned amphitheater in Miller Park was constructed, funding for the proposed Historical Museum, and other issues. In closing, Mrs. Lewis added that anyone living in the core area and saw blight should call Code Enforcement because it was up to individuals to make a difference by staying involved.

Mayor Warren stated that the City had a balanced approach, and it was always good to hear from others who could provide a balanced approach to problem solving. Mayor Warren stated that several groups had contacted her that lived in the City and they were not interested in moving. Mayor Warren added that as leaders everyone needed to pull together so that everyone could be heard.

Mayor Warren stated that recently a group of parents had complained about the school district and she asked if they had volunteered at the school or had gone to any meetings or talked to the Board Members. Mayor Warren stated that everyone had a responsibility to attend meetings, like the General Plan, and that everyone was an ambassador of the City and to stay involved.

Mayor Warren announced that for the General Plan Topic Workshops that child care and dinner would be provided. Mayor Warren stated that the survey that had been done for the General Plan was a statistical survey, but a survey had been given to anyone who wanted to provide comments.

Mayor Warren thanked City Clerk Lewis for her comments and reminded everyone how important the core was and that it is the heart of the community. Mayor Warren added that the work had begun but not yet done, and that City Clerk Lewis' thoughts were important and also important to a lot of people.

Mayor Warren stated that the City needed to invest in our business owners, and needed to get our developers involved in the 55+ communities.

Mayor Warren thanked the great City of Fontana for the State of the City, which placed the City on the map and that all roads led to Fontana.

Mayor Warren announced that she had attended the Inland Empire Caucus, which honored Jeff Stone as legislator of the year because he works tirelessly for disabled individuals, and she noted that Industrial Support System was also in attendance.

Mayor Warren stated that the City Council meeting would be adjourning in memory of Mr. Terry O'Keefe, who had taught at various schools in the Fontana Unified School District for 35 years.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

A. City Manager Communications

There were no City Manager Communications received.

ADJOURNMENT:

A moment of silence was held for Mr. Terry O'Keefe, 35 year Fontana Unified School District employee, who had recently passed.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in memory of Mr. Terry O'Keefe to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, with a Workshop at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.


Cecilia Lopez-Henderson
Deputy City Clerk

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE
23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.**


Tonia Lewis
City Clerk