

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FONTANA  
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 30, 2016**

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**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m.**

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, in the City Hall Flex Room at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. Mayor Warren called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None.

Best, Best & Krieger Attorney Victor Ponto was present on behalf of City Attorney Jeff Ballinger, who was on vacation.

**B. Public Communications**

Ms. Johnnie Long, Historical Society Member and General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Member, spoke on the following topics:

Rose Bushes--The 800 rose bushes that were trimmed looked beautiful;

GPAC--The GPAC (General Plan Advisory Committee) open house that was held at the Don Day Center had very low attendance from the community; there were three people;

Museum--She had been contacted by Terry Cook, Vice President of Kaiser Ventures, to discuss a donation to the Historical Society. When Kaiser Steel closed in 1983, there were many museum quality items that had been stored in Riverside, and they wanted to donate them to Fontana and the Historical Society;

55+ Senior Community--She was still interested in a 55+ senior community. If the Westgate Specific Plan did not work out, maybe the 55+ could go there.

Mr. Matt Slowik, Fontana resident, inquired about the sketch of the museum and the time frame.

City Manager Hunt responded that the City was looking for the community to have fund raisers for the museum.

### **C. Goal Setting Workshop**

City Manager Ken Hunt summarized the purpose of the City Council's goal setting workshop and the budget that was needed to accomplish the goals. Mr. Hunt stated he had taken a different approach from previous years and the following topics would be discussed: 1) The kind of projects that were being worked on and what could be accomplished; and 2) The kind of projects that had been brought up by the City Council and community members to start working on.

#### **I. BUDGET**

City Manager Hunt referred to the budget handout for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, prepared by Management Services staff and dated January 20, 2016. Mr. Hunt provided an overview of the budget and stated that there was a positive variance in reserve and basically the City would break even.

Mayor Warren inquired about the Office of Emergency Services.

Mr. Hunt stated that the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) would come out of the fire district's budget.

Council Member Tahan inquired about personnel costs.

City Manager Hunt stated that personnel costs were about \$60.0 million.

Council Member Tahan asked whether that amount included non-personnel costs.

City Manager Hunt stated that the amount included everything that was not personnel cost related.

Council Member Tahan asked about grant matching funds.

Discussion ensued regarding the grant program.

Council Member Tahan asked whether the City was trying to live within its budget.

City Manager Hunt stated that the City was trying to live within its means.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's budget reserve.

#### **II. LAST YEAR'S COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

City Manager Hunt summarized last year's Council priorities and stated that there had been discussion to hire a consultant to develop a marketing strategy. Mr. Hunt referred to the handout entitled "Strategic Communications, Marketing and Branding Plan", dated August 2015, that was prepared by The 20/20 Network.

City Manager Hunt stated that there had been discussion to consolidate events, which had been done.

City Manager Hunt announced that the City closed the deal on the sale of the park and ride in October 2015 for \$1.5 million, which would go into the City's reserve.

### **3. PROJECT UPDATES**

#### **(1) Amphitheater**

City Manager Hunt referred to the Miller Park Amphitheater Design #4 handout and stated that the summer concerts were to be held at the same location. He stated that construction could take six to nine months and could start in the fall of 2016; therefore, the forecast was that it may not be available for the 2017 concert series. He added that over a half a million in seed money had been set aside from a CFD (community facilities district), grants and park development.

#### **(2) Marketing/Economic Development**

City Manager Hunt stated that the City Council supported the idea of bringing in a consultant to develop a marketing strategy. It was his intention to create the position this year as a marketing/public information officer and the position would work out of the City Manager's office.

Council Member Tahan inquired about the marketing budget.

Mr. Hunt stated that the Council would receive a budget that was balanced and the position would be included.

Council Member Tahan stated that he had shared his concern over the last three years and just wanted to make sure that the position was covered.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert asked whether a new position would be created.

Mr. Hunt stated that a new position would be created, but the Police Department had their own position.

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of a new position, budgeted funds, and duties and responsibilities.

Mayor Warren stated that staff was directed to review the Council's recommendation and develop the position. The position would work with all the departments but everyone had a different philosophy on the position, and Council should let staff come back with a recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding funding the position.

Council Member Sandoval stated that he wanted to make sure that staff brought back information on whether the position was needed, because sometimes it was important to

save money as well.

(3) Ventana

City Manager Hunt stated that Ventana was about 100 acres, located near Duncan Canyon, and was owned by the City. He stated that the Council had authorized an RFP (Request for Proposal) and that four RFPs had been received from development companies. He summarized the process.

(4) Fontana Sports Park

Deputy City Manager Debbie Brazill presented the concept plan for the Fontana Sports Park and noted that it was located in the South Fontana area and was the old chicken ranch on Santa Ana Avenue.

Council Member Sandoval asked whether the park would be near the Cypress Overpass.

Ms. Brazill stated that the park would be located at the southeast corner of Santa Ana Avenue and Cypress Avenue.

Council Member Sandoval asked whether this was about changes to SWIP (Southwest Industrial Park Specific Plan) along Jurupa Avenue for warehouses.

City Manager Hunt stated that the General Plan update would address the issue.

Council Member Sandoval stated that he was concerned about warehouses near Sierra Avenue and Jurupa Avenue.

Discussion ensued regarding location of the park and warehouses.

(5) Fire Projects

City Manager Hunt stated that the fire district was doing well financially and summarized how the fire district was funded. Mr. Hunt spoke on Fire Station 73, an enhanced inspection program, and the Emergency Operation Center.

Mr. Hunt announced that the grand opening of Fire Station 73 would be held on Friday, March 18, 2016 and a response time of 4-6 minutes was the goal.

Council Member Tahan asked about the 18% of property taxes going to the fire district.

Mr. Hunt stated that was set by the state and the county because of the dissolution of redevelopment.

Council Member Tahan asked where the sites were located for people to go to after a disaster.

City Manager Hunt stated that the City had a plan in place and would use community centers, schools and churches.

Council Member Tahan asked about training for Council Members and staff.

Fire Chief McLinn stated that fire staff was working with Police Department Captain Ramsey's staff and the Public Information Officer for training.

Mayor Warren made comments about communicating the plan in place to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert asked whether the three inspection positions were new positions.

Mr. Hunt stated that they were new positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert referred to the emergency center to be offered at George's Sierra Shell Station.

Fire Chief McLinn stated that fire staff would be reaching out to the community regarding the B.E.A.R. program and how they could contribute and identify resources.

Council Member Roberts inquired about the insurance rating.

Fire Chief McLinn stated that the Fontana fire department was not too far from being top rated and would be meeting on the findings and obtaining a road map on how to get there.

Discussion ensued regarding new development in the foothills and the fire overlay.

Fontana Chamber of Commerce President Idilio Sanchez stated that homeowners were coming to him because their insurance had tripled.

#### (6) Flood Control

City Manager Hunt stated that the issue was that the back bone system necessary to deal with the flooding and storm drain had not been done, and there was no place for that water to go. He outlined that under Baseline Avenue there was a flood control channel—Fontana West Channel and Interstate 10 Channel—two back bone systems. Mr. Hunt stated that the Fontana West Channel was the responsibility of the County of San Bernardino Flood Control District and talked about the cost once it was built.

Mr. Hunt talked about the next challenge, between Foothill Boulevard and the I-10 Freeway, and was not sure how to fund it.

Council Member Tahan stated that he was concerned about building an express lane and flooding issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert stated that she was concerned about older schools and flooding.

Discussion ensued regarding flooding, schools, express lanes and collection of fees to offset the deficit.

(7) Water Projects

City Manager Hunt talked about the reclaimed water project that was under construction in south Fontana and would be completed at the end of 2016.

Mr. Hunt stated that the Fontana Water Company was doing an interesting project by taking water out of Lytle Creek and the Sandhill Plant and transferring the water to the Vulcan Pit. If Fontana Water could bring 200 acre feet to the Vulcan Pit during the year, they can then use the water during the summer months. By using this method, Fontana Water Company could provide a larger supply of water.

Mr. Hunt reported that the southeast corner of the City was hooked into the Rialto sewer system and the City was trying to divert the effluent from Rialto's system to the City's system. Mr. Hunt stated that a feasibility study would be prepared.

(8) Slover/Etiwanda Avenue Intersection

City Manager Hunt spoke on the need for the intersection at Slover Avenue and Etiwanda Avenue and that the project costs would be shared by the City of Fontana (\$6.0 million) and the City of Ontario (\$2.0 million). For Fontana's share, \$2.0 million would be funded by development impact fees and \$4.0 million would be funded by Measure I funds.

(9) Restaurant Marketing

City Manager Hunt stated that a firm had been hired to assess the need for high end restaurants, which had been completed. He added that a list of high end restaurants had been compiled, focusing on two to three areas of the City, near established intersections.

(10) Cherry Improvements

City Manager Hunt stated that the proposed Cherry Improvements would be north of Baseline Avenue, adjacent to the Westgate Specific Plan area. He added that interim improvements would include an intersection, and signalization and striping at Walnut and Baseline Avenues.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic concerns.

Mr. Hunt noted that construction could be as early as June or July 2016.

(11) Kaiser Museum

City Manager Hunt stated that people in the community were needed to help raise funds. He added that staff would be bringing forward a concept plan for the museum.

Discussion ensued regarding federal and state grants.

Council Member Tahan inquired about the cost.

City Manager Hunt stated approximately \$3.0 to \$5.0 million.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert stated that she would like to see the museum built and suggested that Mr. Phil Cothran, who is on the Historical Society Board, work on fund raising.

Mr. Hunt stated that the design was not shelf ready and could be changed.

(12) Auto Center

City Manager Hunt announced that the KIA dealership was under development and staff was working hard on bringing in two more dealerships.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

(1) Veterans Memorial/Historical Plaza

City Manager Hunt stated that the veterans memorial would be a WWII Memorial and would be approximately \$800,000. He added that the veterans memorial could be placed at the Rose Garden and would involve the veterans to determine whether other veterans, such as, Korean War, Vietnam War, etc., were to be included.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert mentioned that there was a memorial at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which had grown to add more people.

Discussion ensued regarding a subcommittee to meet with the veterans' group.

By consensus of the City Council, Mayor Warren and Council Member Sandoval were selected to be members of the subcommittee.

(2) Challenge Field

City Manager Hunt stated that a small challenge field was needed for handicap individuals and space purposes. The proposed challenge field would be 20,000 square feet, on a half acre, and about half a million. The proposed locations would be Veterans' Park, North Tamarind, or the former bird farm area in the south end of the City. Mr. Hunt added that the park needed to be accessible and visible and have adequate parking.

Mayor Warren asked whether the Special Olympics could be held there.

Discussion ensued regarding the location and concept plan.

Mayor Warren asked whether other groups could use the challenge field.

Council Member Sandoval stated that he had visited a challenge field in Yucca Valley and other groups used it; the challenge field was multi purpose.

Council Member Tahan suggested that the challenge field be near Seville Park.

Further discussion ensued regarding the park location, such as, Central Park, Seville Park, etc.

Mr. Hunt stated that Jack Bulik Park was an excellent field if the City Council was willing to take away one of the organizations that used the park.

Mayor Warren stated that there was a need to do more family oriented programs and suggested looking at options.

Mr. Hunt asked whether the City Council was willing to remove or change the use of an existing field.

Mayor Warren requested that staff bring back options for discussion.

Council Member Sandoval stated that he did not think that special needs children should be separated from regular children. He added that there are families that have both special and regular children.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert inquired whether the City could partner with the school district.

City Treasurer Koehler-Brooks added that a central location was crucial and should consider all ages, from five years to 65 years old, that could use it.

### (3) Enclose Miller Park

City Manager Hunt stated that in order to put a roof over the pool area that the building would need to be torn down and rebuilt. He stated that the project would be approximately \$5.0 million.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert stated that seniors were being bussed out of the city because the pool was not enclosed, and they needed an enclosed pool because of their therapy needs.

Mayor Warren added that Miller Park was historical and may not be the best place to have an enclosed pool area.

### (4) Zoning Administrator

Deputy City Manager Debbie Brazill summarized the definition of a zoning administrator, who typically was a zoning administrator, what types of projects or applications the zoning administrator decided on, and the purpose of a zoning administrator.

Mayor Warren noted that the City of Ontario's Planning Director was designated as the zoning administrator.

Ms. Brazill stated that typically a planning director filled the role and provided an objective point of view on certain activities, but did not take away from the Planning Commission's role.



Discussion ensued regarding the zoning administrator and cities that have them and who also performed code enforcement functions.

Mayor Warren stated that she would like to have staff look at the zoning administrator function.

Council Member Tahan asked whether a workshop could be scheduled.

Mr. Hunt stated that a workshop was scheduled for the Development Process Authorities and Responsibilities.

(City Attorney Victor Ponto left the workshop at approximately 10:00 a.m. and returned at approximately 10:10 a.m.)

(5) Parking for Electric Chairs

City Manager Hunt stated that the question had come up regarding parking for electric chairs.

Discussion ensued regarding possible locations for parking of electric chairs.

(6) Beech Interchange

City Manager Hunt summarized that the project study report had been completed and the next step was to get SANBAG (San Bernardino Associated Governments) to recognize the Beech Interchange as a project. Mr. Hunt outlined the estimated project costs and possible time frame.

Council Member Tahan stated that the City did not have to spend all the money but needed to start the process and maybe allocate some seed money, such as, \$1.0 to \$1.5 million.

Discussion ensued regarding how to make the project shelf ready.

Mayor Warren asked that if \$3.0-\$4.0 million a year was spent and then the project was shelf ready, how long would the project take.

Mr. Hunt stated that \$15.0 million would be needed to make the project shelf ready.

Administrative Analyst Monique Molina stated that if the environmental was cleared, then SANBAG would be able to consider the Beech Interchange as a project. Ms. Molina stated that \$5.0 million was needed for the environmental study.

Further discussion ensued regarding the location, time frame, estimated cost and benefits of the Beech Interchange.

(7) Quiet Zones

City Manager Hunt summarized the need for quiet zones and the estimated cost per intersection.

(8) Summer Youth Hiring

City Manager Hunt summarized the summer youth hiring program and stated that the City worked with the school districts. He stated that part time staff was hired for the summer and the City had a total of 500 part time employees for the after school program and aquatics.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert asked whether another job fair could be held before summer.

Mr. Hunt stated that another job fair could be held.

Mayor Warren stated that the summer youth hiring program was a good program for the Fontana Chamber of Commerce to partner with the school districts. Mayor Warren stated that if the chamber could hire summer, part time staff, then the county could pay for it.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert concurred that the chamber should become involved in the program.

Fontana Chamber of Commerce President Idilio Sanchez concurred that they can work with the school districts.

Council Member Tahan stated that businesses could sponsor some students and they could also apply for internships.

Discussion ensued regarding an internship program and funding for the program.

Mayor Warren stated that staff were available to take care of what Council had directed and that the county was the agency to obtain funding for this area.

Council Member Tahan added that students would gain work experience to add to their resume; obtain assistance with finding what they wanted to do in a profession or vocation; and ultimately have a good future.

Fontana Unified School District Board Member Mary Sandoval stated that she had attended the Alignment USA in Tennessee and San Bernardino County would be working on this and all the school districts would be working with the county.

Discussion ensued regarding a job fair and the hiring of full and part time employees.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert thanked the Police Department for their programs and great job targeting the apartment complexes.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert announced that the Mutli Housing Crime Free Meetings

had been well attended and to let them know about the Neighborhood Watches.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert stated that the police and fire volunteer programs had grown.

Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert thanked the City Manager, Police and Fire Departments, Code Enforcement, Community Services and all the City departments who help make the city successful.

Council Member Roberts complimented City Manager Hunt and staff for being the most professional city, who can do a very tough job and make it look easy.

Council Member Sandoval thanked the staff for coming out on a Saturday morning. He added that the Council was here for all residents, 55+ and older.

Council Member Tahan stated that it was good to see all the projects and that the City was doing well overall but could see more efficiencies. Mr. Tahan added that the City was growing and there would be challenges, but the council was here to serve the community.

City Treasurer Koehler-Brooks thanked the staff for all their hard work and thanked the residents for attending.

City Clerk Lewis stated that there was a possibility that the City may have a museum and expressed concerns regarding the appearance of the downtown area on Sierra Avenue, between Arrow Boulevard and the Santa Fe Railroad tracks. Mrs. Lewis suggested some nice restaurants, and added that people who lived on the north side of town did not realize that there was a downtown area.

Mayor Warren talked with her neighbors and a few of them had attended the State of the City and saw the video about what was happening in Fontana. Mayor Warren stated that she asked the group whether they had visited city hall, GPAC meetings, or the library and their response was that they did not because they trusted their leaders. Mayor Warren stated that the leadership was consistent and the staff was consistent as well, and added that the City had the pleasure of having the best City Manager, and the public loved what the City was doing.

Mayor Warren thanked everyone for attending the Goal Setting Session.

#### **D. Closed Session**

The Closed Session was held at 12:00 noon in the City Hall Flex Room with Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Salazar-Wibert and Council Members Roberts, Tahan and Sandoval present.

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

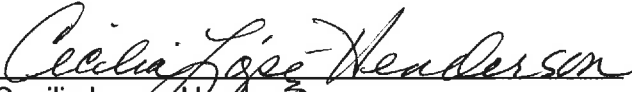
There were no public communications received on the following Closed Session Item:

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957**


Title of Position: City Manager

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Adjourned Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 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 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

  
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Tonia Lewis  
City Clerk