

**MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, June 29, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The special meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Mayor Stratford in Hoyer Hall of the Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Stratford, Vice Mayor Shuey, Councilmembers Geller, Medrano, and Pierce. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, City Attorney Dan Adams, Finance Manager Merry Pelletier, and City Clerk Laci Jackson.
2. **CLOSED SESSION** Mayor Stratford announced the following purpose for Closed Session and then adjourned into Closed Session at 6:17 p.m.
 - (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator
Government Code Section 54957.6.
Instructions to City-designated negotiator: City Manager
 - (1) Employee Organization: Clayton Police Officers Association (CPOA)

7:10 p.m. **Report Out from Closed Session:** Mayor Stratford reported the Council gave direction to the City-designated negotiator.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Mayor Stratford.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR-** It was moved by Vice Mayor Shuey, seconded by Councilmember Geller to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted (Passed; 5-0 vote).
 - (a) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2010.
5. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
 - (a) Service recognition to outgoing Trails and Landscaping Committee members: JoAnn Caspar, Victor Geisler, and Jerry Kosel.

Mayor Stratford presented service recognition awards to JoAnn Caspar and Victor Geisler and thanked them for their work on the Trails and Landscaping Committee. He especially thanked them for their hard work on the Measure B campaign. Victor Geisler stated he enjoyed serving and looks forward to serving in another capacity in the future. JoAnn Caspar stated she learned a lot while on the committee and felt she contributed to the community.
6. **REPORTS**
 - (a) Planning Commission – Commissioner Tuija Catalano reported on the June 22nd meeting of the Planning Commission. She stated the Commission discussed a Tree Removal Permit for an Italian Cypress in The Grove park. The Commission approved the removal of the dead tree but asked staff to look at tree replacement options other than London Plane sycamore for site consideration at a future meeting. The Commission also reviewed the Capital Improvement (CIP) Budget and found it to be consistent with the General Plan. Lastly, she thanked the Council for re-appointing her to the Commission.

- (b) Trails and Landscaping Committee – No meeting held.
- (c) City Manager- no report.
- (d) City Council

Councilmember Geller reminded citizens about the Concert in The Grove on July 3rd.

Councilmember Pierce attended a Transportation Authority meeting.

Mayor Stratford attended an East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy meeting, a Library Foundation meeting, and conference call meeting for unsecured debtors of the YMCA.

- (e) Other – None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) Public Hearing on the proposed City of Clayton Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and its 5-Year Capital Improvement Project Budget (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2010-2015.

The City Manager presented the Budget and stated the numbers had not changed since the June 15th meeting. He stated the State Budget situation has not changed since the last meeting. City Budget has a 2% increase overall due to spending in the Landscape District but that General Fund revenues are static. He stated there is an existing gap of \$18,410 to fund operations and that Trust and Agency interest earnings will fill the void. He stated the Police Department operations are now 50% of the General Fund Budget and the Budget in general is labor driven. He stated the City has a healthy reserve to be used for unallocated purposes. He stated a reserve is to help pay for unexpected expenses and the in a perfect world the City would have a sinking fund for replacement of infrastructure but such is not realistic at this time. He then outlined some of the upcoming purchases and projects for the next fiscal year. He concluded by stating the City is a long way from reaching its Gann Taxation Limit.

Mayor Stratford opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m

Howard Kaplan, Clayton resident asked if a sinking fund is not a viable financial approach for the City because there are not sufficient funds? The City Manager responded that was correct.

Mr. Kaplan stated the reserve is there so that replacements of infrastructure will be possible when needed. He stated he like the transparency in the Budget Message but questioned the unfunded liability to CalPERS. The City Manager stated the CalPERS unfunded liability is being paid by the portion of the CalPERS rates (8-10 years).

Mr. Kaplan desired the weed cutting along the trails to be done more frequently and therefore would save time because the weeds would not be as thick. The Mayor stated he would relay Mr. Kaplan's comments to the Trails and Landscaping Committee.

Mr. Kaplan asked what the \$12,000 City Promotional Activity was for? The City Manager stated the money is used to help produce and support community events like Memorial Day and the 4th of July parade where there is no return on the dollar.

With no other public comments, Mayor Stratford closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Geller, seconded by Vice Mayor Shuey to adopt Resolution 19-2010 approving a City Budget for FY 2010-2011 and a 5-Year CIP for FY 2010-2015 (Passed; 5-0 vote).

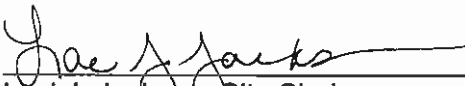
9. ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Consideration of recommended appointments of citizens to the Trails and Landscaping Committee for a two year term of office expiring on June 30, 2012.

It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Medrano to appoint Kelly Marshall, Jake Pauline, and Bob Steiner to the Trails and Landscaping Committee for terms of office expiring June 30, 2012 (Passed; 5-0 vote).

- 11. ADJOURNMENT**– On call by Mayor Stratford the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laci J. Jackson, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL



Hank Stratford, Mayor