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ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL- CITY OF ARTESIA
ARTESIA CITY HALL, ARTESIA CALIFORNIA
18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m., Monday, May 12th, 2008, in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor Flowers. The Invocation was led by Reverend Bud Melton, Senior Pastor of the Trinity Christian Center in Artesia while the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant Greg Knapp of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Son of a gun.

CALL TO ORDER- 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL- PRESENT: Victor Manalo, Council Member
John C. Martins, Council Member
Tony Lima, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Flowers, Mayor
ABSENT: Larry Nelson, Council Member
ALSO PRESENT: Maria Dadian, City Manager
Daryl Betancur, City Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney
Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager/Finance Officer
Okina Dor, Associate Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Sergeant Greg Knapp- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - APPROVED 4-0

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to approve agenda as presented with the exception that item #33 is to be made item # 2A and be heard after the second ceremonial presentation. Motion carries without objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS

Anyone wishing to speak to the City Council should fill out a speaker card and give that card to the City Clerk at the staff table prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please observe a time limit of three (3) minutes when giving your presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Anyone who requires audio assistance to listen to these proceedings may request the use of an assisted listening device (ALD) from the City Clerk. If you require said device, please come forward to the City Clerk at the staff table for assistance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA OR ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE HEADING CONSENT CALENDAR

This time is for members of the public to address the City Council on items that are not listed on the agenda or items listed under the heading consent calendar. Any public comments that cannot be heard within the next 20 minutes will be heard at the end of the meeting.

Pete Schnauffer- AFSCME District Council 36 Representative- Mr. Schnauffer addressed the City Council regarding employee relations issues and stated that he is here to thank the Council for the salary survey that was done last year and which was very helpful.

Mike Steger, Brian Hall and Lewis Whilden- with the LaRouche Political Action Committee all spoke regarding the foreclosure situation and the financial crisis in the United States and overinflated housing markets and inquired about the possibility of having the City Council adopt a resolution in support of the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act and stated that they will be working with city staff on this matter.

Alicia Alcazar- Nursing student at CSULB spoke regarding the community assessment study collaborative presented to the City Council on October 15th, 2007 and presented a brief follow up report.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

1. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR FORMER PLANNING COMMISSIONER PAUL DA VEIGA FOR SERVING THE CITY FROM 2001-2008

Mr. DeVeiga was not present and plaque will be mailed accordingly.

2. ELLIOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECIPIENT OF TITLE 1 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A certificate of recognition was presented to a representative from Elliott Elementary School.

2A. DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO PUNISHER'S REQUESTED SCHEDULE (ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA- 4-0)

Mayor Flowers briefly explained how this item came to be addressed now stating that she found out by speaking with Mr. Medina regarding the urgency in the dates asked by the Punishers in terms of the scheduling the state championship games.

City Attorney Ennis stated that due to the multitude of issues associated with this matter that the council may want to entertain only one issue tonight as it may be time consuming to address all of the issues tonight.

Mr. Manalo stated that with respect to the ad-hoc committee, they have made every effort to work with the Punishers in terms of developing a workable solution with respect to the dates and does not know how this came to be placed on the agenda; that his efforts have been to negotiate so that all parties and users needs are addressed equitably.

Bob Medina, Diane Medina, Maria Marquez, Joe Pacheco, Michelle Medina, and Zeke Marquez spoke in favor of the City Council making a decision at tonight's meeting granting the Punishers request for additional dates in June on the Parks and Recreation field allocation schedule to accommodate the upcoming state championships.

After all comments were heard, an extensive discussion ensued with respect to schedules, field rest periods, snack bar operations and the needs of the users, particularly the urgent needs the Punishers have to meet critical deadlines.

The consensus of the City Council was to allow the Punishers to use the field on June 27 and 28 and that they already have the 29th of June with the rest of the days requested still subject to negotiations with the Parks and Recreation Department and other scheduled events.

Mr. Iske, Parks and Recreation Director stated that in the short time he has been with the City, he has been familiar with the Punishers situation and that he is more than willing to work with the Punishers to accommodate their program and deal with the issues they bring to the table, but that at the same time as the Parks and Recreation Director, his job is to also accommodate all other users of the Park in terms of scheduling; that in Artesia is particularly difficult because there is only one park and that the parks need on-going maintenance.

Motion by Mayor Flowers, seconded by Council Member Martins, to approve as follows: **1)** grant the Punishers June 27 and June 28th as additional dates; **2)** and any other rest dates among the remaining seven (7) days that are still at issue, to allow the Punishers on those particular rest dates; **3)** have the ad-hoc committee meet this week and if Council Member Nelson is unable to meet, then Mayor Flowers would sit in his place to try to resolve the remaining seven (7) dates or if Mr. Manalo is unable to meet, the Mayor will also sit in his place. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

BUSINESS PRESENTATION

3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT JANUARY – MARCH 2008

Greg Knapp, Sergeant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department made a brief presentation with an update on the first quarter crime statistics report.

4. GRAFFITI TRACKER SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Greg Knapp, Sergeant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department made a brief presentation regarding a new program used by law enforcement to deter, prevent and prosecute graffiti related crime. He explained the features of what this new technology is supposed to do and what it can do for the city.

After a brief discussion and at the suggestion of Mayor Flowers, the City Council directed staff to look into the possibility of funding this purchase using Redevelopment Agency funds and bring back at the next regular City Council meeting for further discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that Items 5 through 18 be acted on simultaneously in one vote unless a member of the City Council requests separate discussion and/or action on the item. In the event a City Council requests separate discussion on a consent calendar, the City Council will consider that item immediately following approval of the rest of the consent calendar.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to approve the consent calendar with the exception of items 11, 14, 15 and 18. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

5. EXCUSING COUNCILMEMBERS WHO ARE ABSENT FROM MEETING

6. WAIVING OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES LISTED ON AGENDA
7. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL DEMANDS
8. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORTS
9. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING- MINUTES OF MARCH 24TH, 2008
 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING- MINUTES OF MARCH 27TH, 2008
 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES OF APRIL 14TH, 2008
 ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES OF APRIL 15TH, 2008
 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING- MINUTES OF APRIL 28TH, 2008

10. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MARCH 25TH, 2008

11. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF OPTO-MARK BALLOT COUNTER EQUIPMENT

Motion by Mayor Flowers, seconded by Council Member Martins, to approve purchase of the Opto-Mark ballot counter machine, which is option (1) as presented in the staff report with direction given to the City Clerk to inquiry as to possible election consolidation and savings associated with this and present a report at the June 9th meeting. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

12. AWARD OF BID FOR SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

13. SIX-MONTH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES UPDATE

14. CYCLE 7 OF THE STATE-LEGISLATED SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

Council Member Manalo inquired about the funds that go toward public education and asked for a brief report.

Maria Dadian, City Manager stated that the some of the funds go towards activities associated with Public Safety week etc.

Mr. Manalo stated that perhaps we could use the funds also for walk to school week activities to promote environmental awareness and healthy lifestyles; and to work with the School District in promoting this event. Item was received and filed with no formal action taken.

15. INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE “SOLAR AND CLEAN ENERGY ACT OF 2008”

Council Member Manalo briefly commented that this may be something we may want to look at as it gets closer to the election.

Mr. Ben Harvey with Southern California Edison indicated that he would be glad to come back sometime in the fall (September or October) and bring back a report before

the City Council. Council Member Manalo requested this item be placed on a future City Council agenda. This item was received and filed.

16. CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION DINNER EVENT

17. AN UPDATE ON THE BILLBOARD PROJECT ASSOCIATED WITH AN AGREEMENT WITH VAN WAGNER COMMUNICATIONS

18. ESTABLISHING A VEHICLE USAGE POLICY FOR CITY OWNED VEHICLES OPERATED TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL CITY BUSINESS

Mayor Flowers stated she wanted to discuss this item because there was one clause regarding an employee having an insurance coverage of one million dollars and asked for an explanation.

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director stated that this clause applies to those employees who have contracts and who receive a vehicle allowance while the other clauses apply to those employees who do not receive a car allowance but instead receive the IRS allowable mileage reimbursement.

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney reiterated and clarified the definition of employee to include Council Members, and then this would apply to them as well.

Further, Mayor Flowers stated that she has an issue regarding the language in the policy regarding drivers training.

After a brief discussion, City Attorney Ennis suggested that perhaps the City Council could be removed from this policy and have it applicable to everyone else and to continue this to the next meeting.

Motion by Mayor Flowers, seconded by Council Member Martins to continue this matter to the next City Council meeting. Motion carries without objection.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

19. CASE NO. 2008-18

**VARIANCE
18107 Pioneer Boulevard**

Saveed Karan, 18161 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701

A request to approve a parking variance for a restaurant business at the existing commercial retail center located at 18107 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. (Case No. 2008-18)

Resolution No. 08-2086

Okina Dor, Associate Planner presented the staff report indicating that this is a Variance application for 18107 Pioneer Boulevard and that the variance requested is due to the applicant being unable to rent the facility for retail use; that the applicant has many other tenants but they are for food and beverage uses; that the applicant is proposing to use the smallest space for food and beverage uses and that the traffic engineer who prepared the traffic study is in the audience to answer any questions.

Mayor Flowers opened the public hearing.

Ken Husting- Consultant for property owner. Mr. Husting stated that he prepared the traffic study and that with the restaurant that is being proposed there is a deficiency of 5 parking spaces but that the loading zone could be rearranged to allow for loading/unloading during specified hours and then use that as one space to meet the requirement leaving that a shortage of 4 spaces. Mr. Husting further commented that what the applicant is proposing is more of a type of fast food establishment

whereby there won't be a significant need for parking and that the City Council needs to consider the difference between fast food and sit-down restaurant requirements.

Sarla Karan- Property Owner. Ms. Karan briefed the City Council about the history of the property and the financial difficulties that they are having in renting the space and pleaded with the City Council to grant the requested variance because the proposed tenant that they are considering is a bakery store, which will not have additional or significant parking needs. Ms. Karan spoke also of signage, traffic, egress/ingress into this property.

Sreekanth Komatireddy - Potential Tenant. Mr. Komatireddy stated that he wants to lease the space to open up a bakery that is known all over the world and popular with the Indian Community know as Hot Breads; that they have locations in Dubai, Europe and India as well as parts of the United States including Edison, New Jersey and Emeryville, California. Mr. Komatireddy stated that this type of business does well financially and it can bring some revenue to the City.

Council Member Manalo moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Martins. Motion carries without objection.

After a brief discussion regarding variances, the number of vacancies and the economic downturn, the City Council move to entertain motion.

After the discussion, the consensus of the City Council was to direct staff to allow for one space for one parking variance thus allowing for one unit for takeout food facilities; that the applicant would have to forego the use of the middle unit and relinquish entitlements accordingly. Further, the City Council directed staff to develop a resolution citing the conditions of approval and bring that back at the next regular City Council meeting for consideration.

Motion by Mayor Flowers, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to approve one parking variance with the direction provided above. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

20. CASE NO. 2008-20

**CODE AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH
SPECIFIC PLAN
11660-11710 South Street &
19105 Pioneer Blvd**

Jeung Oh, 506 Hauser Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036

A request for an amendment to the South Specific Plan to include to include tutoring medical offices and school/training institution uses for the property located at 11660-11710 South Street and 19105 Pioneer Boulevard in the South Specific Plan area. (Case No. 2008-20)

Resolution No. 08-2087

Okina Dor, Associate Planner presented the staff report stating that the request is a modification to the South Specific Plan to include tutoring, medical offices as well as school/training institutions to be located at the subject site.

Mayor Flowers opened the public hearing.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to close the public hearing. Motion carries without objection.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to adopt Resolution No. 08-2087 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

21. CASE NO. 2008-22

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
REVOCATION
18720-92 Pioneer Boulevard**

A request for revocation of conditional use permit No. 663 (Service and Professional) and No. 666 (Shared Parking) for the property located at 18720-92 Pioneer Boulevard, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. (Case No. 2008-22)

Resolution No. 08-2088

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report indicating that this item was a conditional use permit revocation hearing that what we were requesting at the commencement of this meeting was consideration of revocation of the shared parking conditional use permit for the property located at 18720-92 Pioneer Boulevard and that the staff report provides more specific detail of the history of what had transpired.

Further, Ms. Dadian stated that the City was trying to obtain the shared parking fee assessment of \$124,200 prior to the completion of the project and the issuance of the certificate of occupancy; that a payment plan was approved in four installment payment plan of which two were received; that the third installment was received before it was due on April 22nd and that the fourth and final installment came to the City this evening; that the fees paid were received via a certified check in the amount of \$34,156.40 and that that completes the payment. Ms. Dadian further stated that in light of the payments being made, she is not recommending the CUP revocation but is up to the City Council to consider.

Mayor Flowers opened the public hearing.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to close the public hearing. Motion carries without objection.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, not to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to revoke the CUP and to direct staff to bring back a resolution rescinding the CUP revocation. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

**22. RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

AND

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-732- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA
ESTABLISHING CHARGES AGAINST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE
CITY FOR THE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH
AND WASTE MATERIALS.
(FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION)**

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager/Finance Officer presented the staff report indicating that this is a house-keeping item.

Mayor Flowers opened the public hearing. Seeing none, Mayor Flowers entertain motion to close the public hearing. Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to close the public hearing. Motion carries without objection.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 08-732 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

23. ORDINANCE NO. 08-729

**CODE AMENDMENT
CITY WIDE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, ALLOWING FOR THE INITIATION OF CODE AMENDMENTS BY **CITY STAFF**, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND AMENDING THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE. **(CASE NO. 2008-15)**
(SECOND READING AND ADOPTION)

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney read the title of the ordinance with the proposed amendment to the title to include city staff.

Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 08-729 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

24. ORDINANCE NO. 08-730

**CODE AMENDMENT
CITY WIDE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN ALL ZONES, AND AMENDING THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE. **(CASE NO. 2008-16/PC RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15P)**
(SECOND READING AND ADOPTION)

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney read the title of the ordinance.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 08-730 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

RESOLUTIONS

25. CASE NO. 2008-13

**VARIANCE
11809-A Artesia Boulevard**

A request to approve a parking variance for a new restaurant business (Subway) at the existing commercial retail center (Pioneer Artesia Center) located at 11809-A Artesia Boulevard in the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) Zone. (Case No. 2008-13)
Resolution No. 08-2085

Okina Dor, Associate Planner presented the staff report indicating that this is a resolution of approval that staff was asked to prepare relative to the subway variance.

Ted Befekadu- Prospective Tenant. Mr. Befekadu wanted to know when he can pull the permit.

Herb Lundin- Stated he had sent a letter to the City Manager addressing some of the major issues with the center with respect to the variance. Spoke regarding the previous variance granted.

City Attorney Ennis commented that the letter was received, it is receiving consideration and staff is looking into the records going back to 1976 to determine and ascertain the validity of the alleged previously granted variance.

A brief discussion ensued about this matter with the City Council reaching the consensus that staff is to look into whether or not the parking variance granted back in 1976 still applies to this development or covers the number of parking spaces required; that if it is determined that the variance of 1976 is still valid, then the applicant should be given a refund for the parking variance application fee.

Maria Dadian, City Manager stated that as soon as the letter was received, her office immediately began the process of looking into it and assembling all the files because they are located in different places and had an intern from the City Attorney's office work on this. Further, she stated that the issues are looking at the history of the center from when it was initiated; that the uses that were approved at that time were related to many service professional uses or operations, which is different than what is required of commercial retail operations and that there were no traffic studies in those files only references to numbers etc.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Mayor Flowers, to adopt Resolution No. 08-2085 and direct the City Attorney to determine whether or not the parking variance granted back in 1976 still applies to this development or covers the number of parking spaces required; that if it is determined that the variance of 1976 is still valid then the applicant should be given a refund for the parking variance application fee. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

26. ARTESIA STREET LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2089- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTIONS OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF ARTESIA STREET LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF AN ENGINEER'S REPORT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2090- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF ARTESIA STREET LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2091- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF ARTESIA STREET LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS.

Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Council Member Martins, to adopt Resolutions No. 08-2089, 08-2090 and 08-2091 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

27. RESOLUTION NO. 08-2092- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SECURE 14TH CYCLE USED OIL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented a brief staff report indicating that this is a house-keeping item in which the City has been participating for a long time.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to adopt Resolutions No. 08-2089, 08-2090 and 08-2091 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nelson

STAFF REPORTS

28. FRIENDS OF ARTESIA FOUNDATION NON-PROFIT APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Council Member Manalo appointed Diane Medina to serve as his appointee to the friends of Artesia Foundation Board of Directors. Item is to be continued to the next regular City Council meeting.

29. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Item is to be continued to the next regular City Council meeting.

30. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Clayt Iske, Parks and Recreation Director presented a brief report indicating that staff is requesting assistance from the City Council in planning this event and that the

subcommittees are listed for the City Council to make a recommendation as to who will serve and in what committees.

Mayor Flowers with the consensus of the City Council made the following appointments:

- 5K Run/Walk Committee- Flowers & Manalo
- Parade/Carnival Committee- Nelson & Martins
- Mayor's Dinner- Flowers & Lima
- Community Picnic- Martins & Manalo
- Special Activities- Nelson & Lima

31. DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT A STREET FESTIVAL ON PIONEER BOULEVARD BETWEEN 183RD AND SOUTH STREET

Mayor Pro Tem Lima briefly suggested that perhaps the event could be held at the Artesia- Stater Brothers commercial center and that the businesses there had expressed an interest in participating.

Mayor Flowers suggested that it would be perfect to close Pioneer for a street festival spearheaded by the Artesia Business Association. Council Member Martins suggested that a flyer could be sent to the affected businesses and neighbors and let them know of the event and request their input as to ways to generate business.

Item is to be continued to the next regular City Council meeting.

32. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GOVQA TO PERFORM THE CITY'S SERVICE REQUEST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Andrew Perry, Administrative Analyst presented the staff report and explained what the service request program is about and that the city has used request partners as the application to track complaints, service request calls etc.

Mayor Flowers asked if other vendors had been contacted and requested that this item be brought back after staff has had a chance to contact other providers and see what else is out there.

Motion by Mayor Flowers, seconded by Council Member Martins, to continue to the next regular City Council meeting. Motion carries without objection.

33. A REPORT REQUESTING CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULING SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR BUDGET, RECREATION, PLANNING, AND PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS.

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager stated that staff is looking for direction on dates to set up a number of meetings related to budget, recreation, planning, and public safety matters.

After a brief discussion, the consensus was to set up meetings for the following dates/times:

- Budget Workshop- June 16th, 6:00 p.m. Staff to present and prepare draft budget.
- Planning- June 23rd, Joint meeting with the Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
- Public Safety- July 15th, Joint meeting with the Public Safety Commission, 6:00 p.m.

34. DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008-2009

Item is to be continued to the next regular City Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

This time is set-aside for the public to address the City Council on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council that could not be heard under citizen comment section at the beginning of the meeting.

Venkatesh Koka- Mr. Koka spoke regarding some planning issues he had encountered with the planning department and requested that if there is anything the City Council can do to expedite the project approval process.

G. Singh- Made brief comments with respect to the length of time it takes to process a planning application.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

This is the time for additional general comment, announcements, and requests of staff and/or other issues of concern to Councilmembers that may briefly be presented at this time.

Council Member Martins

- Spoke regarding his desire to see a streamline of the plan check/review process
- Briefly stated that some issues brought up at tonight's meeting can be addressed joint when the City Council meets with the Planning Commission
- Stated that the business license ad-hoc committee will be meeting soon and asked staff to set up a meeting

Council Member Manalo

- Thanked staff for the immediate response received when he reported a slow water leak that he knew about through a constituent call
- Inquired as to the possibility that the City Council would entertain building standards for guest rooms in a private dwelling in the R-1 Zone

Mayor Pro Tem Lima

- Stated that he wanted to know more about whether or not the city had grants for elderly/disabled persons to fix their homes
- Reported on having received complaints regarding demolition on Artesia Boulevard and people asking about when the city is going to fix the streets in this area
- Made comments regarding commissioner's desire to attend the CCCA event in Indian Wells and their willingness to pay for this on their own
- Wanted to know if another Council Member is available to attend the Orange Line meeting in his absence

Mayor Flowers

- Spoke about item No. 34 regarding council appointments stating that LARA and SELACO WIB are available
- Commented on America in Bloom and thanked staff for all their efforts
- Made brief comments about the Cinco de Mayo event and the National Day of Prayer event

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

There were no reports.

ADJOURNED – 12:00 a.m. in memory of Wilma Inskeep, long-time Artesia resident who passed away on August 11, 2007.

DARYL BETANCUR, CMC
CITY CLERK/TREASURER