

CITY OF ARTESIA
ARTESIA CITY HALL, ARTESIA COUNCIL CHAMBER
18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL AND ARTESIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

7:00 P.M.

The special joint meeting of the Artesia City Council and Artesia Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 7:06 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2009, in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor Pro Tem Tony Lima. The Invocation was led by Council member John Martins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Larry R. Nelson.

ROLL CALL- PRESENT: Larry R. Nelson, Council member
John Martins, Council member
Victor Manalo, Council member
Tony Lima, Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT: Sally Flowers, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Dadian, City Manager
Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager
Gloria Considine, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to approve agenda.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS

Announcement presented by the City Clerk.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no citizen comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT AND PLACEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE
COLLECTION RATES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010
AND
DISCOUNTED ADJUSTMENT PROPOSAL FROM CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL
SERVICES, INC.**

AND

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2141

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Artesia Approving a Request for a

Rate Adjustment for Commercial Refuse Collection Effective July 1, 2009
(ADOPTION)

AND

ORDINANCE NO. 09-746

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 presented the staff report for this item.

William Zylstra stated that the increase presented by Consolidated Disposal was not justified. He stated that the City Council can take action by voting "no" on increase.

Richard Fierro of Consolidated Disposal explained the reasons for cost increase.

Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to close the public hearing.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

Council member Nelson inquired if the City was at 38.9% on compliance for AB 939.

Mr. Fierro replied that the percentage was in the high 40% for compliance.

Councilmember Nelson inquired if there was a time when recyclables were worth nothing.

Mr. Fierro replied that about five months ago recyclables were worth nothing because there was no where to sell paper and plastic.

Council member Manalo inquired if there was any way to increase recycling.

Mr. Fierro replied that the commercial disposal was being murphed. He presented new programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Lima inquired on how long the contract is with Consolidated Disposal.

Mr. Fierro replied a 5 year contract that renews yearly.

Mayor Pro Tem Lima inquired as to when this contract began.

Mr. Fierro replied by saying two years ago.

Council member Martins stated that the contract originally was for ten years.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 09-2141 as read by title.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Council Member Martins, to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 09-746 as read by title.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

2- RESOLUTION NO. 09-2143

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 09-2143 as read by title.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

3 – AWARD OF BID FOR SERVICE ROAD PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to award bid to Ruiz Engineering in the amount of \$122,567.58.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

4-RELOCATION PROPOSAL FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD TO THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 18510 CORBY AVENUE AND 18530 CORBY AVENUE AND TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING LEASE OF PROPERTY AT 18803-18809 CORBY AVENUE

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Council member Nelson inquired about the time frame for completion with CEQA and legal work.

City Manager Dadian replied the public works should be completed in thirteen months.

Council member Martins inquired about the cost of relocating public works yard.

City Manager Dadian stated that fencing and boarding was added for security and the cost would be between \$3000 and \$4000.

Council member Manalo inquired if relocation of public works yard would delay parking structure.

City Manager Dadian replied that relocation shouldn't interfere with parking structure.

Council member Nelson inquired about the use of temporary offices for the crew.

City Manager Dadian replied that there was already a structure on the property that could be used for offices.

Council member Nelson inquired if the demolition of the house was put on hold temporarily.

City Manager Dadian replied by saying yes.

Council member Manalo inquired if incentives could be proposed to complete project earlier than projected.

Council member Martins replied that the time frame would be listed in the agreement. He inquired about getting a preliminary report on how many parking spaces could be constructed on the property without a parking structure because the parking structure is a huge investment.

City Manager Dadian replied that a parking study was completed and that number should be in that report. She said she didn't know the number and would need to check the report.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to approve relocation of the public works yard.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

5 – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES BY THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to deny contribution.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

6 –CONSIDERATION OF A VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Motion by Council Member Martins, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to continue consideration of a vehicle replacement program.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

7 – DISCUSSION OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED APPLICATION AND USER FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ARTESIA

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Staff to bring back proposed cost increases for all services.

8 – REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL AND COST CUTTING MEASURE PROPOSALS

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to move forward with transient tax increase to 12.5%.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to move forward and prepare steps regarding parking meters/pay stations.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to obtain additional information regarding red light camera photo enforcement.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Martins, to move forward with business license tax rate increase.

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

Additional information regarding police and fire tax to be brought back to City Council. City Council not interested in Measure V increase.

**9 – DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 BUDGET
GENERAL/DEDICATED FUNDS
RESTRICTED FUNDS
REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Item continued to the budget study scheduled for June 15, 2009.

Miguel Canales, Planning Commissioner thanked and commended City Council, staff and adhoc committee on their work with the budget. He encouraged the City Council not to cut social programs before looking at everything internally. He said the residents would have more respect for the City Council if they take care of the house before taxing.

10 – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Number of Potential Cases

No action taken

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no additional citizen comments

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINS – Requested participation from everyone for the 50th Birthday Party on Friday, May 29, 2009. He stated that he would not be in attendance at the July and August City Council meetings. Requested followup meeting with Verizon and RTA. Requested additional information regarding U-Park.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON – Stated that he thought the meeting was successful and commended staff on their work.

COUNCIL MEMBER MANALO – Stated that he felt good about the meeting this evening and was hopeful in meeting the deficit. He requested increasing the size of the agenda item titles on the overhead projector. He inquired about having Verizon identify the cities on logos. He inquired about Avanguard providing grant writing.

MAYOR PRO TEM LIMA – Stated he was proud of his colleagues and that this meeting showed teamwork. He commented on his attendance at the Contract Cities conference in Indian Wells and the conference in Las Vegas. He said that he attended the Miss Artesia Pageant and wished that more City Council would participate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. with a moment of silence in the Memory of Luis Nunes.

ATTEST:

Gloria Considine, City Clerk

I, Gloria Considine, City Clerk of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on the 13th day of July 2009, by the following roll call vote:

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

GLORIA CONSIDINE, CITY CLERK