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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, JULY 14TH, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m., Monday, July 14th, 2008, in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor Flowers. The Invocation was led by Retired Pastor Douglas Van Gessel while the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. William Ward of the Artesia Historical Society.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL – PRESENT: Larry Nelson, Council Member
Tony Lima, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Flowers, Mayor

ABSENT: John C. Martins, Council Member
Victor Manalo, 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

(In Accordance with the Court's Decision in Rubin v. City of Burbank, only non-Sectarian prayers/invocations are allowed during the invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. William Ward of the Artesia Historical Society.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- APPROVED 3-0

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.

Luis Gonzalez- Mr. Gonzalez stated he wanted to follow up regarding the last meeting and appreciated the help that the City tried to give them last time and mentioned that there were a couple of things that did not work as they had envisioned. Mr. Gonzalez wanted to know if the ad-hoc committee will have meetings to address some remaining issues.

BUSINESS PRESENTATION

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEE RENE MORAN, PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER I

Rene Moran made some brief comments about his employment with the City and stated he is glad to work for the City of Artesia and will strive to do a good job.

2. RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The following City employees received certificates of recognition and were praised for a job well done during the relay for life event: Madalena Galindo, Melissa Gobas, Susie Gomes, Valorie Sucatre and Susan Palomares.

3. CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZING THE ARTESIA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Senior Citizen Club were present to receive the certificate and stated that all seniors are welcomed to participate in the activities.

4. ARTESIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

Veronica Bloomfield, President made a brief report with highlights of Historical Society's events.

5. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL – JUNE 2008

Item was continued due to Sergeant Knapp not being available to make the presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that Items 6 through 25 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 Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to approve the consent calendar with the exception of items 12, 14 and 20. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

- 6. EXCUSING COUNCILMEMBERS WHO ARE ABSENT FROM MEETING
- 7. WAIVING OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES LISTED ON AGENDA
- 8. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL DEMANDS
- 9. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORTS (REPORTS WILL BE PRESENTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)
- 10. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
 - REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES OF JUNE 9TH, 2008
 - SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING – MINUTES OF JUNE 16TH, 2008
 - SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING- JUNE 23RD, 2008
- 11. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES
 - PLANNING COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MAY 27TH, 2008
- 12. BUSINESS LICENSE PERMIT PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES- REVISE IN-HOUSE POLICY TO EXPEDITE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Mayor Pro Tem Lima indicated he had a question regarding whether or not the change was like for like and about the shortened of the period of the applicant had shortened considerably and asked staff for comment.

Maria Dadian, City Manager commented that with respect to the changes that the ad-hoc committee had met and there was discussion regarding the processing of business license issuing with one of the main concerns being the like for like commercial retail establishments that come forward and apply for licenses in addition to the service and professionals; that those business which establish themselves in the correct zoning area and that is comparable to what we allowed in the code in terms of zoning that they have the ability to come forward and submit a business license if they change ownership and is a like for like business operation they can apply and that the difference we concluded and agreed to was that there are three areas that no longer will be applicable to a like for like business that is the floor plan, site plan and requirement of the building and safety inspector doing inspections. Further, Ms. Dadian stated that the ad-hoc committee supported that concept and for all others such as variances and CUP's they continue to be subject to all the existing conditions.

Motion by Council Member Nelson seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to accept the ad-hoc committee's recommendation. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

13. SIX MONTH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES UPDATE

14. A REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3, PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Lima asked for an explanation of Proposition A and C.

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director explained that these are restricted transportation funds to the city through a 1% voted tax and they are used for transportation issues only; that they are subject to auditing by the County Auditors.

Motion by Council Member Nelson seconded by Council Member Lima, to receive and file. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

15. CASE NO. 2005-58 CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 08-2096 FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 64268 (BHINDI'S INTERNATIONAL CROSSROADS PROJECT)
16. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTRACT CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES- SERVICE LEVEL AUTHORIZATION
17. BALL FIELD ALLOCATION AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT
18. PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT FOR CASE NO. 2007-20 (VARIANCE) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17732-38 NORWALK BOULEVARD IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE
19. PASSPORT PROGRAM UPDATE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2008
20. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN ARTESIA 2008

Council Member Nelson stated that he had pulled this item to comment that he is pleased with the additional programming that staff is doing and make the event more exciting than it has been in the past. Item received and filed.

21. FISCAL YEAR 2006 NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
22. NOTIFICATION RELATIVE FROM TIME WARNER CABLE APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CONCERNING A STATE VIDEO FRANCHISE
23. AN UPDATE ON THE BILL BOARD PROJECT ASSOCIATED WITH AN AGREEMENT WITH VAN WAGNER COMMUNICATIONS
24. RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENT RELATIVE TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT INTERACTIONS FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO (1) BANQUET HALLS AND THE PARKING RELATED RATIOS AND (2) MEASURE V TAXES
25. R F DICKSON COMPANY, INC. ANNUAL RATE INCREASE

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Koka Villa Inc. 18720 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701

A request for approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 70428 to consolidate three separate parcels of land into one parcel of land for the construction of a new 10 unit apartment complex for the property located at 18728-32 Arline Avenue in the Multiple Residential (M-R) Zone.

Resolution NO. 08-2098

Okina Dor, Associate Planner presented the staff report indicating that this is a request for a Tentative Parcel Map No. 70428; that it had gone to the Planning Commission last month; that the site consist of two vacant parcels and one developed single-family residential unit. Mr. Dor further stated that the Planning Commission had recommended to present the Tentative Parcel Map to the City Council with the direction to staff and the applicant to withdraw the variance application for the construction of the carport and revise the plan to incorporate the enclosed garage for the proposed development and that the other item was to relocate the front yard fencing and gate to 10 feet behind the front yard property line that is visible from public view, in addition to reducing the height of the perimeter fencing along the front to comply with the code requirement of 3 feet 6 inches vs. 4 feet 6 inches. Mr. Dor stated that the maximum allowed fencing is 42 inches maximum with the applicant proposing a combination of block and columns with decorative wrought iron; that item number four is to direct staff to bring back a resolution of approval to address the construction of the garage as well as adding a condition that requires a one-way access via the alley way, which is something that is going to be determined by the traffic engineer and the rest of staff in terms of what would be the perfect circulation pattern that could accommodate for access off of the alley way because the alley is only 15 or 16 feet in width and it will not accommodate a two way access.

Vankatesh Koka- Mr. Koka as applicant stated that they had proposed this project based on what the City Council had proposed earlier in terms of the carport; that they had submitted a proposal for the carports and this gets denied. Mr. Koka stated that the Planning Commission would have approved it if they had a resolution of approval. He stated that his main question is that when the Planning Department decides to deny something and they could have both a resolution of approval and a resolution of denial and instead they just prepare a resolution of denial.

Maria Dadian, City Manager stated that with respect to this matter that her understanding is that when a staff report is prepared and the findings determined that our code requires certain standards when we build that we have to go by those standards as a checklist and that if the application of what is prepared and presented to us deems or determines that it does not comply with the code then staff has to move forward to make a determination that is not in compliance, therefore we recommend denial, with that, we then move forward and prepare a resolution of denial.

Motion by Council Member Nelson seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to adopt resolution No. 08-2098 as read by title. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

ORDINANCES

- 27. ORDINANCE NO. 08-733- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, REPEALING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ACUPRESSURE ESTABLISHMENTS AND ACUPRESSURISTS, REVISING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE PROVISION OF MASSAGE OPERATIONS AND AMENDING TITLES 3 AND 9 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE. (FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION) (ITEM TO BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 11TH)**

RESOLUTIONS

- 28. FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET**

AND

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2094 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, ADOPTING A FINANCIAL PLAN AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager/Finance Officer presented the staff report stating that this item addresses the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget and as alluded to earlier item 37 is going to be discussed and considered now since we are dealing with a budget request from the City Attorney's Office.

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney presented a brief report about his budget request and stated that he is speaking not as City Attorney but as a private individual and as representative of his firm as this matter has an economic impact upon his employer. Mr. Ennis stated that he heard this item being discussed at the budget workshop of July 7th, a week ago and that a couple of questions were raised by members of the City Council. Mr. Ennis, stated that from the report under the additional services category there is an increase in the budget amount of \$20,000 dollars and that the reason for that is that he is anticipating that there will be a great deal of work coming up in terms of the housing element , a new general plan inclusive of the sustainability element, the work on the downtown plan and there are other projects coming down the pike in this fiscal year; that some of these can be properly budgeted and paid for out of Redevelopment funds such as the Downtown plan and the parking structure; but that

however, when it comes to issues related to the General Plan, the housing element and the sustainability plan those are not items that can be budgeted out of Redevelopment Funds; and that is the rationale for that budget increase request.

Moreover, Mr. Ennis explained that the other question the City Council had, had to do with the issue of the basis for the percentage increase in the rates and as it is indicated in the letter he submitted earlier and that he stated is basically an effort in trying to catch up on how inflation has affected the rates over time. Mr. Ennis further explained that in regards to the question of why didn't he ask for this request last year and submit this request in two small increments rather than a larger one is that he felt reluctant to make a request at a time when there were two new council members elected and that in that in June he would then have to ask them for a rate increase. Mr. Ennis stated that he felt better to kind of work with the group and then would come back with a request the following year.

Mr. Nelson asked of the City Attorney as to why can't they just put an escalator clause on the contract and be done with it so that this does not become a yearly occurrence.

Mr. Ennis indicated that if those were the wishes of the Council he will be happy to put an automatic inflation adjustment.

Mayor Flowers commented that this would be based on a CPI (Consumer Price Index).

Mayor Pro Tem Lima commented that since we are so behind on our budget that it is simply a time when the City is right up against the wall and given the economic climate it will be quite difficult to consider any requests at the moment.

Mr. Ennis stated that in his official capacity he will be happy to discuss ways for revenue enhancement.

Mr. Lima asked if the City Attorney was available to discuss this matter at some point. Mr. Ennis suggested an ad-hoc committee could be named to meet with him or the full council as the council wished.

Mayor Flowers indicated that she does not have a problem this year providing for the CPI increase; that she had a conversation with another council member but that they did have a problem with the entire 6%. Further, she stated that we are behind as well.

After further discussion the consensus was to appoint an ad-hoc committee consisting of Mayor Flowers and Mayor Pro Tem Lima to meet with the City Attorney; to continue this item until the meeting can be held.

Motion by Council Member Nelson seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to appoint an ad-hoc committee and continue this item. Motion carries 3-0 without objection.

Ms. Menzel continued with the rest of the budget presentation indicating that there is also a resolution associated with the budget that is here for adoption.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to adopt the budget Resolution No. 08-2094 as read by title. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

29. RESOLUTION NO. 08-2095 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENTS IN SR2SL-5355(020) CITYWIDE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALK, SIGNALS, BIKEWAY, RADAR SPEED DISPLAY, HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMPS, AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report and stated that this item pertains to the Safe Routes to School grant program allocation and this is a house-keeping item.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to adopt Resolution No. 08-2095 as read by title. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

30. RESOLUTION NO. 08-2097 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE CONTAINING DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2009.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to adopt Resolution No. 08-2097 as read by title. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

31. RESOLUTION NO. 08-2099- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA UPATING THE LOCATIONS OF STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS BE FUNDED UNDER PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to adopt Resolution No. 08-2099 as read by title. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION(S)

32. CASE NO. 2008-30

VARIANCE

17820-26 Pioneer Boulevard

Suparana Inc. The India Restaurant, 17824 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701
A request to expand the kitchen and storage areas of an existing restaurant in an existing commercial retail building (Ziba Beauty Center) located at 17820-26 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.
Resolution No. 2008-27P

This item was continued to August 11th, 2008 at the request of the applicant.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to continue. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

33. CASE NO. 2008-32

DESIGN REVIEW

18718-18792 Pioneer Boulevard

Young Ding, Little India Village, 18760 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701
A request for a design review for approval to allow exposed neon light accents to an existing commercial center "Little India Village" located at 18718-18792 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.
Resolution No. 2008-29P

Okina Dor, Associate Planner presented the staff report and stated that this is a request for a design review approval for the respective property. Mr. Dor graphically demonstrated what the neon sign will look like based on the plans and that this had been approved by the Planning Commission subject to one additional condition and that was to add condition No. 21 that the applicant property owner shall paint all bolt screw braces to match the color of the building façade within the center.

There was a brief discussion regarding the item with Mayor Pro Tem Lima bringing up the subject of sign maintenance with Mr. Dor indicating that item No. 5 of the staff report would address that point and that condition No. 13 basically bounds the applicant to patch, repair and maintain the sign.

Council Member Nelson asked if any thought had been given to green lighting.

Mr. Dor commented that the neon lighting was what the applicant had proposed and that there was no discussion regarding green lighting.

Venkatesh Koka- Applicant stated that he is willing to consider other options as long as it is more economical for him.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to approve subject to adding condition No. 22 which shall read that all neon lighting shall be maintained in an operable form and not in a manner that would be in disrepair and any lighting that requires repairs should be completed within 30 days. Further, condition No. 23 was added to read that the applicant will explore the use of green lighting vs. neon lighting if such option is more economically feasible. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

STAFF REPORTS

34. A REPORT REQUESTING CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE A JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Maria Dadian, City Manager asked that her office will coordinate the schedules of the City Council and the Public Safety Commission tentatively for August 25th and possibly the 18th of August.

35. FORMATION OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA SPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND REVIEW OF BY-LAWS).

Clayt Iske presented the report indicating that the sports advisory council will serve as a link of communication between the youth and adult sports organizations; that it will be comprised of 6 members who will have voting privileges and that the membership will consist of the user groups that utilize Artesia and A.J. Padelford Park for their sports programs; that the by-laws were submitted as well.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to approve as presented. Motion carries 3-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

36. DISCUSSION ON THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENT ON PIONEER BOULEVARD TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Mayor Flowers reported that she had spoken to Mayor Pro Tem Lima and that we are going to meet and asked who all needs to be part of this meeting.

Maria Dadian, City Manager commented that if the City Council is directing staff to put together a team to work on this, we will move accordingly and that staff needs date and time availability of Council members to set up the meeting; that a number of community organizations should also be involved.

37. CITY ATTORNEY'S BUDGET AND RATE INCREASE REQUEST

This item was continued and discussed with Item No. 28 as discussed earlier.

38. A REPORT RELATIVE TO THE AUDIT OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT WORKSHEETS

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to receive and file. Motion carries 3-0 without objection.

39. AMERICA IN BLOOM SYMPOSIUM AND AWARDS IN COLUMBUS, OH.

Maria Dadian, City Manager made some brief comments about the contents of the staff report and asked for direction on this matter.

After a brief discussion the consensus was that Mayor Flowers, Council Member Nelson and City Manager Dadian will attend on behalf of the City.

40. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FIVE YEAR LEASE FOR COPY MACHINES

City Clerk/Treasurer Betancur presented the staff report and after a brief discussion the City Council provided direction for the City Clerk to fine tune the proposal and obtain comparable quotes on a 36 months lease to determine fiscal impact. Item continued to August 11th.

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.

Pete Ochoa- Mr. Ochoa made some brief comments regarding the upcoming trip to Jamay on September 16th, and spoke of the travel arrangements he is working on and stated that there are two options one is the option of traveling on a Sunday and come back on a Wednesday and the other is leaving Wednesday and be in Jamay, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and come back Wednesday morning; that the price of tickets for these two packages is \$395.00 each; that he has already reserved the tickets for City Council members and that he is asking for a date to confirm.

Mr. Frank Lipski- spoke regarding a new revolutionary technology he wants to offer to the city regarding fuel economies.

Mr. Venkatesh Koka- Addressed the City Council regarding the November 1 event.

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 Nelson

- Spoke about the pet adoption clinic on July 19th where they will be micro chipping pets for free

Mayor Pro Tem Lima

- Congratulated the City for a great job in the relay for life event
- Spoke about his observation that the offices of the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney are not in sync all the time and have poor communication
- Made comments regarding the Planning Commission staff and City Council's goals and ideals that everyone is doing their own thing; that it seems that often times the recommendation from staff and the City Council is not what the City Council envisions
- Spoke about the frequent requests for variances and inquired as to whether is appropriate or inappropriate for applicants to call members of the City Council seeking their votes on particular matters/projects

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Mayor Flowers

- Reported on having attended Independent Cities Association conference
- Spoke about homelessness and whether or not the City has a homeless problem
- Made a brief comment regarding the status of the Wi-Fi and asked that this be revisited

ADJOURNED- 9:40 p.m.

DARYL BETANCUR, CMC
CITY CLERK/TREASURER