

## **MINUTES**

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

7:00 P.M.

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The regular meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m., Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor Flowers. The Invocation was led by Reverend Bud Melton of the Trinity Christian Center in Artesia while the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Karen Speers, Beautification and Maintenance Commissioner.

### **CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** John C. Martins, Council Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maria Dadian, City Manager  
Daryl Betancur, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney  
Jose Hernandez, Assistant Planner  
Clayt Iske, Parks and Recreation Director

(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** – Karen Speers, Beautification and Maintenance Commissioner

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - APPROVED 4-0**

### **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.

There were no citizen comments.

### **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

1. INTRODUCTION TO MISS ARTESIA COURT AND MISS TEEN ARTESIA COURT

Ms. Artesia Court and Miss Teen Artesia Court were present to receive their portraits.

2. CITY PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION FOR MADALENA GALINDO'S YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ARTESIA

Madalena Galindo was presented with certificates of recognition for her outstanding services to the City of Artesia and the community. She received certificates from Assembly Member Tony Mendoza, Supervisor Don Knabe and the Artesia City Council Members, Mayor Flowers, Mayor Pro Tem Lima and Council members Nelson and Manalo.

3. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO THRIFTY OIL COMPANY CITY OF ARTESIA FOR BEING IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES INDUSTRIAL WASTE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2007 CALENDAR YEAR

A certificate of recognition was presented to company representative.

**BUSINESS PRESENTATION(S)**

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

Sergeant Greg Knapp of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department presented the quarterly report.

5. GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY OVERVIEW ON RATE INCREASE AND STATE AND LOCAL WATER SITUATION

Paul J, Rowley, District Manager with Golden State Water Company presented the report and spoke relative to the water situation in California, how the rate increase case process works and water conservation strategies.

6. THE "NO-COST" WIRELESS MASTER PLAN

This item is continued to the September 8<sup>th</sup>, regular City Council meeting.

7. CERRITOS COLLEGE PROJECT HOPE 2008 COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Graciela Vasquez, Director of Health Services presented a report relative to their efforts in working in partnership with many community based organizations and invited the City Council to the Health Fair event, which is to take place on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*It is recommended that Items 8 through 28 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, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, and 25

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

8. EXCUSING COUNCILMEMBERS WHO ARE ABSENT FROM MEETING
9. WAIVING OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES LISTED ON AGENDA
10. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL DEMANDS

11. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORTS

12. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING- MINUTES OF JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING- MINUTES OF JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to approve the minutes of July 7<sup>th</sup>, and regular City Council meeting of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with the stipulated corrections. Motion carries 3-0-1 with Council Member Manalo abstaining.

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

13. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION – MINUTES OF JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION- MINUTES OF May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION- MINUTES OF MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
BEAUTIFICATION & MAINTENANCE COMMISSION- MINUTES OF JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

14. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR'S 2008 ANNUAL REPORT NAMES ARTESIA IN GREATEST PERCENT CHANGE IN INCREASED ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Mayor Flowers asked City Manager Dadian to present a brief report on this item. Ms. Dadian stated that the Los Angeles County Assessor's 2008 annual report names Artesia in greatest percent change in assessed property valuations and that we are listed among cities such as Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Malibu and other affluent cities.

15. SIX MONTH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES UPDATE

16. CONSIDERATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

Mayor Flowers stated that she had pulled this item because she did not see the contract and asked if a contract could be brought back at the next meeting. Motion by Mayor Flowers, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carries without objection.

17. A REQUEST FOR THE DISPOSAL OF EXCESS EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE

Council Member Nelson stated that in a recent conference he had attended, there was some discussion about cities being green in discarding excess equipment and that there are organizations out there that will take items such as tables and chairs and they will reuse, recycle and reduce in an environmentally friendly manner and that is done through LARA; and that we are members of LARA. Further, Mr. Nelson asked staff to get a hold of LARA to determine if any of these items could be recycled.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to approve the item and direct staff to coordinate with LARA. Motion carries without objection.

18. SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS FOR SOCCER PLAY IN ARTESIA PARK

19. CASE NO. 2003-21 CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 08-2104- FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 26370 (BRANSON TOW)
20. CASE NO. 2006-17 CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 08-2105-FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 066275 (GRIDLEY ROAD SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES)

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney stated that this item is a matter of approval for a Final Parcel Map and that this item is in proximity to the Mayor's property and Mayor Pro Tem's property requiring both to abstain and therefore, there is no quorum to act on the item. Item is continued to the next City Council meeting in September.

21. VETERAN'S DAY STATUS REPORT
22. CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF A NEW FARE STRUCTURE FOR NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM
23. GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COMPREHENSIVE INITIATIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Council Member Nelson indicated that the Gateway Cities COG is the first in Los Angeles to talk about homelessness; that in the future they are going to require that a city staff member addresses homeless issues; that Kudos to Supervisor Don Knabe who financially supported this from the start.

24. 2008 PET ADOPTION/RABIES/MICROCHIP CLINIC

Council Member Nelson made brief comments about the pet adoption clinic stating that it went very well and that perhaps next year we can do it at an earlier time during the year to coincide with other city event(s) such as Public Safety week or some similar event.

25. CONSIDERATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES OF ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Mayor Flowers stated she had pulled the item to seek clarification as to what we are doing here and made some brief comments with respect to the cost. City Manager Dadian stated that it is for this fiscal year and that this is a project that we considered in the budget proposal that we recently presented and that it was an authorized budgeted expense when we approved the budget; that because of the cost associated with it and the contract; and that this is presented here to let the Council know that we are moving forward with the expenditure.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to accept as presented. Motion carries without objection.

26. AGREEMENT FOR BILLING OF DIRECT ASSESSMENTS 2008-2009
27. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

#### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

28. **RESOLUTION NO. 08-2100** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

Maria Dadian, City Manager stated that this is a house-keeping item that we do every year when we have to as a city adopt a congestion management plan and ensure that we are adopting it in accordance with provisions of California Government Code, which requires a public hearing.

Mayor Flowers open the public hearing. Seeing none a motion to close the public hearing was offered by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo. Motion carries without objection 4-0.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to adopt Resolution No. 08-2100. Motion carries 4-0.

Said resolution carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**29. 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)**

Jose Hernandez, Assistant Planner presented the staff report indicating that this item was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission; that this ordinance puts in place some restrictions as to how the stipulated procedures will be done. Mayor Flowers opened the public hearing and seeing none a motion to close the public hearing was offered by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima. Motion carries without objection 4-0.

Council Member Manalo inquired as to whether or not the people who provide massages need to receive state level certification and if it is necessary for the City to also issue a business permit if they already have one. Mr. Ennis, City Attorney indicated that we have a separate ordinance which would require the technicians to get a technicians permit from the City; that however, most of the changes that involves this document have to do with allowing limited massage in a beauty parlor and those individuals will just be required to comply with the state licensing requirements.

Mr. Ennis further stated that he stands corrected that the changes will provide that the massage services that are provided in a beauty salon may only be provided by a person possessing a valid city issue massage technician permit and that yes, they will need the city's own approval in addition to the state one.

Maria Dadian, City Manager interjected stating that the issue with cleaning up the City's massage ordinances were presented to the city by the Sheriff's Department licensing bureau indicating that our massage and acupuncturist referenced in the code related to those individuals who are doing massages in salon and/or places that identified themselves as foot massage are regulated by the State of California. Further, Ms. Dadian stated that the intent with these changes is that when people come to City Hall for such applications/permits that they would have to demonstrate in accordance with state law that they have their massage technicians permit and/or a cosmetology permit; that the changes also give law enforcement a tool to address some of the activities that are taking place in some of these establishments.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo, to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 08-733 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said Resolution carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**30. PUBLIC NUISANCE HEARING TO ABATE CONDITIONS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12003 RENDOVA AVENUE, ARTESIA (APN 7033-010-010)**

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented the staff report indicating that this is a public hearing relative to public nuisance to abate conditions at the property located at 12003 Rendova Avenue in Artesia; that this property has been a challenge on which the city began code enforcement proceedings back in June 2007; that the property has changed ownership from the original owner and it is now owned by a company called "We Construct" and that we are seeking authorization to abate the public nuisance conditions.

After a brief discussion about the property, members of the City Council expressed that that the property does not look that bad and that abatement procedures can begin in terms of cleaning up (landscaping) the property to make it more presentable in the neighborhood as long as the trees and vegetation stay in place. City Council provided direction for the City to move forward with a general clean-up, to remove the tree trunk left in the front yard and to maintain the bushes, trees and other landscaping features.

Ms. Dadian also indicated that the City is working with the City prosecutor's office in terms of enforcement and that the City Council has the authority to order the abatement of this property and that once the City Council makes that determination then a Resolution ordering the abatement of this property can be then brought back to the City Council for approval.

Mayor Flowers opened the public hearing. Seeing none a motion was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, seconded by Council Member Manalo, ordering a clean up by city forces. Motion carries by 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**31. RESOLUTION NO. 08-2102- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA ESTABLISHING THE SPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO FACILITATE THE SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND USE OF ARTESIA PARK**

Clayt Iske, Parks and Recreation Director presented a brief report and stated that this is an organization that will allow all youth sports organizations that utilize Artesia Park and A.J. Padelford Park to become a more effective voice for the parks patrons, to develop scheduling, to address maintenance issues and renovation programs and other matters related to sport programs.

Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima to adopt Resolution NO. 08-2103 as read by title. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**32. RESOLUTION NO. 08-2103- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA OPPOSING FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE STATE BUDGET DECISIONS THAT WOULD "BORROW" LOCAL GOVERNMENT, REDEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

Maria Dadian, City Manager presented a brief report indicating that this is a resolution that opposes fiscally irresponsible budget decisions that will borrow local government redevelopment and transportation funds; that the City Council is aware that the state is proposing to borrow monies from cities to balance their budget and that essentially this is a campaign that is being spread throughout California stating the cities position.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, seconded by Council member Nelson, to adopt Resolution No. 08-2103 and direct staff to send a copy of the signed resolution to the League of California Cities, California Contract Cities Association and Independent Cities Association. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **33. 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**

Maria Dadian, City Manager stated that this is a requested item to be continued once again; that we did receive correspondence.

Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima to continue this item.

Council Member Nelson inquired as to a procedural question stating that if we were to move forward with the item what would happen. Mr. Ennis, City Attorney responded that the City Council is permitted to do so over the objection and request of the applicant and that the Council does have that discretion. Further, Mr. Ennis stated that if you were to do it in terms of setting it for public hearing at the next meeting, then that would be the opportunity for them to publicly comment on the item.

Council Member Nelson asked that if he were to object, if the matter would go automatically to public hearing. Mr. Ennis indicated that with the majority vote of the Council, the City Council could set the matter for public hearing rather than affirm the action of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Nelson objected to the original motion made by Council Member Manalo, which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima. Mr. Nelson offered a "substitute" motion given by way of his objection.

After a brief discussion with respect to parliamentary procedure and how to dispose of Mr. Nelson's objection and upon direction from Mayor Flowers, a roll call was ordered to be done first on the second or "substitute" motion offered by Mr. Nelson.

Substitute motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to set the matter for public hearing. Motion fails 2-2 for a lack of quorum.

Said motion fails by the following roll call vote:

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

Original motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima to continue the item at the request of the applicant. Motion fails 2-2 for lack of quorum.

Said motion fails by the following roll call vote:

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

Due to the lack of consensus on this item no action of the City Council is said to have taken place and the item automatically is continued to the next regular City Council meeting as requested by the applicant.

**34. CASE NO. 2008-35**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
17901 Pioneer Boulevard**

A request for approval of a conditional use permit to allow a beauty salon business at 17901 Pioneer Boulevard # N in the Pioneer Specific Plan.

**Resolution No. 2008-33P**

Jose Hernandez, Assistant Planner presented the staff report and stated that this is a request for a beauty salon proposal for the Artesia Oasis Plaza located within the Pioneer Specific Plan; that there is a cap in terms of how much is allowed within the center for services and professionals.

Council Member Nelson asked whether or not the cap was at 15%. Mr. Ennis City Attorney stated that the cap had been increased to 16% by way of Resolution 1928.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, seconded by Council Member Nelson, to affirm the Planning Commission recommendation. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**35. DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO PERMITTING THE USE OF GUEST ROOMS ON ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN THE R-1 ZONE.**

Mayor Flowers abstained. Council Member Manalo stated that this is an item he requested to put on the agenda and stated that he wanted to have some discussion relative to permitting the use of guest rooms on accessory structures in the R-1 Zone; that we do have within the code language that defines guest rooms; that we do not have any permitted use in the code right now for when a person wants to put a guest room on top of a garage. Mr. Manalo further stated that in his case in his house, they were wishing to build a guest room on top of the garage and then he found out that is not a permitted use; that he wanted to have this discussion to see if the City Council would consider putting some standards to allow that in the R-1 Zone.

Mr. Ennis indicated that there is in place what is called a second unit ordinance, which allows for separate independent living units to be located on certain R-1 properties;

that those properties will be those in the R-1 Zone that have at least 10,000 square feet of land area and then there is limitations in terms of the size; that it has to be no less than 150 square feet and no greater than 640 square feet and other restrictions and that those are permitted uses in the R-1 Zone provided that they meet the minimum lot size.

Council Member Nelson stated that he was under the understanding that it was ok to have two stories. Mr. Ennis stated that there are provisions about the height of the structure and quoted from the municipal code, "*second dwelling units shall not be located on the second floor of an attached or detached garage, carport of other accessory structure unless the primary residential structure is two stories in height and provided the height of the structure that includes the second dwelling unit does not exceed the height of the primary residential structure*" thus it would be allowed if your main residence was two stories and it would not be allowed if the main residence is not two stories.

Council Member Nelson asked if an applicant chose to put a second story on his house and just have a bedroom or a guest room or what have you then would that be ok?

Mr. Ennis responded that normally a second unit has its own separate entrance and exit from the main residence; that if it is attached to the main residence then it is basically an independent unit in and of itself where you don't use the other aspects of the home or don't go through the home to get to the unit, to the interior of the home to get to the unit.

After an extensive discussion on this item, the City Attorney clarified that the main issue is that accessory structures qualify as a guest house and that therefore is permissible under the current code provisions relative to guest houses.

### **36. DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO CONSOLIDATING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-734- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, MOVING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF ODD-NUMBERED YEARS**

Daryl Betancur, City Clerk/City Treasurer presented the staff report indicating that this is a follow up discussion from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting where he was asked to bring this back; that this is an item not for action but for further discussion; that there are a couple of items the City Clerk has included in this report with respect to additional cost detail and that indicates the savings to be in excess of \$78,000 if the City were to consolidate its general municipal election; that if the City Council decides to move forward a number of activities would have to take place including drafting an Resolution that will go before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and that we need time to get on their Board agenda. Further, Mr. Betancur stated that what we are asking here is for authorization to consolidate the City's election with the Cerritos College Board District and the ABC Unified School District for November 2009; that the City Clerk is seeking policy direction on this item.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the merits of the proposal with some members of the City Council expressing opposition in terms of the concerns they have in extending their own terms and the justification before the voters for this action.

City Clerk/Treasurer Betancur indicated that the intend of this proposal from his perspective is trying to save money that the City desperately needs and nothing else; that the Council may exercise its discretion with respect to what needs to be done here.

Council Member Manalo commented that since he was the person who brought this up, he wanted to comment that the evidence is clear since the City is forecasting a pretty tight budget over this year and the next couple of years; that \$78,000 worth of savings in his view is regarding the City Council's fiduciary responsibility to take; that it would be wise for the City Council to view this; that it will go to public hearing and that if there are members of the public who wish to attend and make their comments heard that he is more than willing to listen. Mr. Manalo further stated that he is looking purely as a way to save money over the next couple of years and that \$78,000 is pretty significant for the City's budget.

City Clerk Betancur commented that in terms of the cost vs. savings, that we need to keep in mind that the \$17,500 estimated election cost is for times when there are three vacant or three seats to fill on the City Council; that when there are only two seats up for re-election the cost of the election would naturally be much less.

Mayor Flowers stated that this item is on the agenda for discussion only and that it is scheduled to go on public hearing for the regular City Council meeting in September; that the City Clerk should set the matter for public hearing and bring back an Ordinance at the next regular City Council meeting.

### **37. STATUS REPORT RELATIVE TO COPIER SERVICES**

City Clerk/Treasurer Betancur presented a brief report, stating that he had entertained another quote from a referral that Mayor Pro Tem Lima had suggested from someone who had serviced his copiers in the past, which he found very reasonable; that this item is here for information purposes only with the recommendation being that the item gets tabled until the City revisits the budget discussions again in October 2008.

Motion by Council Member Manalo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to continue the item to October. Motion carries without objection.

### **38. STATUS REPORT RELATIVE TO WEBCASTING AND STREAMING VIDEO CAPABILITIES**

City Clerk/Treasurer Betancur provided a brief report indicating that at the request of Council Member Nelson he had spoken to another vendor called IQM2, which is located in New York but which also provides streaming video services at a reasonable cost. City Clerk Betancur further stated that based on the prior conversation of June 9<sup>th</sup>, he had contacted references for 12 miles out and that they have an excellent reputation for customer service; that all the cities that they are doing business with spoke highly of their service; that he had confirmed that the company will provide the agenda manager software which is based on a word document template that we may have to just purchase the licensing software. Mr. Betancur proceeded to demonstrate the capabilities of the streaming video and stated that it has full indexing capabilities and other unique features.

Mayor Pro Tem Lima stated that we need to be cautious with our expenditures in general. Mayor Flowers asked if this expenditure will fall under any of the special restricted funds and also inquired about the portion that covers redevelopment. City Manager Dadian indicated that she would find out what source of funding can be used and will provide a report at the next regular City Council meeting.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima, to continue to the next meeting. Direction was given for the City Manager to look into sources of funding and for the City Clerk/Treasurer to bring back an agreement to present to the City Council. Motion carries without objection.

### **39. FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENT**

Clayt Iske, Parks and Recreation Director provided a brief report indicating that the City of Artesia is currently in the Planning Process of developing a festival of lights, which

will be held on Saturday, November 1 from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m., and that to assist with the planning of this event, the City has developed an ad-hoc planning committee, which is comprised of Mayor Flowers, Mayor Pro Tem Lima, and city staff; that the festival will take the form of a street fair on Pioneer Boulevard between 187<sup>th</sup> Street and 183<sup>rd</sup> Street; that it will incorporate public works staff and sheriff's department staff to provide security and support; that the event is going to solicit the help of the merchants and community groups and that there are organizations that have already committed to participating.

Venkatesh Koka and David Keray- Business owners provided comment regarding the event stating that this event needs to be properly marketed if it is going to be successful; that they are willing to work with the City to make this a good event.

#### **40. CITY OF ARTESIA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL AND ASSOCIATED PROJECTED COSTS**

Clayt Iske, Parks and Recreation Director presented a brief report highlighting the scheduled of events and more detailed information of revenues and expenditures associated with this event; that they have developed special events for the year 2009 with these events to take on a 50's theme; that these events include a 5K fun run, walk event, a Mayor's dinner to be scheduled for February, golf Tournament on March 20<sup>th</sup>, in addition to a community birthday celebration on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, in the form of a community barbecue from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.. Mr. Iske further stated that there will also be a recognition ceremony in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that a recital; that the Carnival is scheduled for October as well as the parade.

Council Member Nelson suggested that perhaps a time capsule can be incorporated into the event. Item was received and filed with direction given to staff to bring back in October for more discussion.

#### **41. CONSIDERATION OF CITY CLERK/TREASURER COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT**

Mayor Flowers stated that in closed session direction was given to the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to work with the Human Resources Director and bring information back to the City Council at the next City Council meeting.

#### **42. CONSIDERATION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR A RATE INCREASE**

Mayor Flowers stated that she, Mr. Lima, the Mayor Pro Tem and City Manager Dadian had met regarding the rate increase and that they had discussed some cost saving items that the City Attorney's Office had come up with; that 19 items total were discussed; that cost saving items that can be implemented right away were identified; that these can be prioritized on a timeline.

Mayor Flowers further stated that Commissioner Sordrager is interested in looking at these items and help in prioritize them and determine if any of these measures will work for the city; that after a lengthy discussion the consensus was to give half of the increase; that even with a 4.5% percent increase, this still come under.

City Attorney Ennis indicated that this is a number that they can live with and that they will be implementing some cost cutting measures to stay within that budget number.

Motion by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Manalo to approve the ad-hoc committee's recommendation of the rate increase in the amount of 4.5% to be retroactive to July 1, 2008. Motion carries 4-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

#### **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.

Mr. Venkatesh Koka- Spoke regarding their wishing to participate in the festival of lights event.

Mr. Dave Keray- Informed the City Council that the Indian merchants have formed the Little India Chamber of Commerce and that they wanted to have a fund-raising event during the festival of lights; that they want to work with the city on this 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

- Inquired about the “bread truck” (Mobile Command Post Unit) and asked as to what are we planning to do with it
- Spoke regarding product stewardship and asked that this be placed on a future agenda
- Made brief comments about solar panels and inquired as to whether or not the city has a solar panel ordinance; stated that this could be placed on a future agenda
- Stated that someone from the City of Pico Rivera contacted him and inquired about bull fights and that they want to have bull fights in Pico Rivera at the Arena
- Wanted to know about the status of the city store and asked that an update be provided on September 8<sup>th</sup>

Council Member Manalo

- Made comments relative to the corner of Pioneer and Artesia Boulevard and asked as to what will happen to the medians in terms of landscaping
- Spoke about the safety considerations of the left-turn lanes at Artesia-Pioneer Blvd intersection
- Inquired as to whether or not the city has a maintenance schedule for the trees on Pioneer Blvd and asked that an update be provided September 8<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Pro Tem Lima

- Congratulated city staff on coordinating a terrific National Night Out Against Crime event
- Spoke about the budget issues in the City of Long Beach and stated that the city needs to be fiscally conservative and freeze all unnecessary expenditures
- Attended a luncheon installation on July 14<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Flowers

- Spoke of the letters that were mailed to the soldiers with Parks Director, Iske stating that these were care packages containing a number of useful items and also containing a letter signed by the Mayor on behalf of the City Council and which also had all of the names of the Council Members thanking the soldiers for their service to our country

- Received call from Edgar Arranda regarding toilet program
- Made brief comments about the trip to Jamay and inquired as to whether or not the City Council Members who are traveling were interested in doing a community project while they are there
- Stated that the National Night Out Against Crime event was well attended and that the music added to the festive atmosphere

#### **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE**

Council Member Nelson

- Reported on having attended the California Resource Recovery Conference in Burlingame, California where he had obtained some useful information for Artesia

**ADJOURNED –11:0-5 p.m.**

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DARYL BETANCUR, CMC  
CITY CLERK/TREASURER