

MINUTES

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

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008
6:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 6:07 p.m., Wednesday, October 29, 2008, in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor Pro Tem Lima. The Invocation was presented 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 C. Martins, Council Member
Victor Manalo, Council Member
Tony Lima, Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT: Sally Flowers, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Dadian, City Manager
Daryl Betancur, City Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney

Mayor Sally Flowers was absent during roll call but arrived for the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- APPROVED 4-0-1 FLOWERS-ABSENT

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 ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Anyone who requires audio assistance to listen to these proceedings may request the use of an assistive 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 NOT ON THE AGENDA

This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the City Councilmembers on items that are not already listed on the agenda. 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.

The City Council recessed at 6:12 p.m.. The City Council reconvened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

BUSINESS PRESENTATION

1. REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL ADHOC COMMITTEE ON RESTAURANT PARKING STANDARDS (CASE NO. 2008-39)
AND
ORDINANCE NO. 08-736 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF ARTESIA MODIFYING OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTAURANTS, AND AMENDING THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE SAME.

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney stated that a revised staff report and ordinance was before the City Council with changes by the ad hoc committee. He presented the changes to the document.

There was discussion regarding changes to large properties, small properties and old downtown area.

Venkatesh Koka of Little India Village commented on the difference between banquet hall and restaurants and the parking requirements for these uses.

Phil Howard of 18701 Pioneer Boulevard stated that his property falls under the small property category. He said if he didn't have enough parking then he would need to apply for a variance. He said it was his understanding that a variance would be difficult for approval. He inquired about a takeout food restaurant for his location with limited seating.

Dhanesh Bhindi of 18508 Pioneer Boulevard thanked the ad hoc committee for their work on the parking requirements. He suggested changing the parking requirements for small properties.

He suggested changing the downtown classification from 186th to 187th Street to 183rd to 187th Street.

Motion by Council Member Nelson seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lima to close the public hearing. Motion carries with no objections. 4-0-1 Manalo-Absent

Motion by Council Member Martins seconded by Council Member Nelson to direct staff to bring back Ordinance No. 08-736 with amended changes at the next Regular City Council meeting. Motion carries 4-0-1 Manalo – Absent

Said motion carries in the following roll call vote:

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

The City Council convened into closed session at 8:20 p.m.
The City Council reconvened from closed session at 8:45 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
Title: Interim City Clerk
Title: City Clerk/City Treasurer
Direction given by the City Council to the City Manager

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 18510 Corby Avenue, APN# 7039-00-2021
City Negotiator: Maria Dadian, City Manager
Negotiating Party: Pentecostal Church of God
Under Negotiation: Price and Term of Potential Purchase of Property
Direction given to the City Manager; No final action

3. RECESS BACK TO OPEN SESSION

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no additional citizen comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Nelson – Stated he went with the Daryl Betancur, City Clerk to see the new copier the city would be acquiring

Mayor Pro Tem Lima – Thanked Council Member Martins and Council Member Nelson on their work with the off street parking requirements

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

GLORIA CONSIDINE
INTERIM CITY CLERK