

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### CITY OF VILLA PARK, CALIFORNIA

The City Council of the City of Villa Park met in adjourned session Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 17855 Santiago Boulevard, Villa Park, California for the purpose of a Town Hall Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bortle called the meeting to order.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

##### **COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patricia Bortle	Mayor
Bill MacAloney	Mayor Pro Tem
Bob Bell	Councilmember
Rich Freschi	Councilmember
Robert McGowan	Councilmember

##### **STAFF PRESENT:**

George Rodericks	City Manager
Cristina Sundstrom	Administrative Secretary/Deputy City Clerk
Leonard Hampel	City Attorney

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Former Mayor, Carol Kawanami, led the flag salute.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

##### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. City Council Committee Appointments – Electoral Term Appointments to Aviation, Orange County Fire Authority, and Orange County Sanitation District.

Councilmember McGowan said he opposed this action item being brought up for a vote on a Town Hall meeting agenda and would prefer to see it voted on in a regular City Council meeting, February 24, 2004.

Councilmember Freschi stated that keeping the City Committee appointments on an annual basis done by the Mayor gives more exposure of Villa Park to the County of Orange and that changing this process would give the Mayor more power than he/she has had in the past. He stated his preference that the Mayor choose the City Councilmember each year that she/he feels is the most competent.

Councilmember Bell stated that he is not in favor of a change in the current City Committee structure.

Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney agreed that, as a Councilmember, it is nice to have the opportunity to serve on different committees. He also pointed out that when you have two new Councilmembers joining the Council later this year, it is important to make them a well-rounded Councilmember by having them serve on various committees.

It was moved by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Freschi and carried by the following roll call vote to not consider electoral term appointments to City Committees:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Bell, McGowan, Freschi, MacAloney
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Bortle
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Woody Rickerl, Vice-President of Serrano Water District Board of Directors, addressed the Council about the pending rate increase of 29%. He announced that a vote will be taken at the special meeting on February 17, 2004, 8 A.M. A letter is being mailed to all residents explaining the reasons for the rate increase.

Serrano Water District obtains water from Irvine Lake run-off and from underground sources. Due to the lack of rain since 1999, no significant run-off has been obtained. As a result, the District has had to resort to purchasing water.

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Robert Fauteux, 9912 Briley Way, commended the City Manager for the production of the City's quarterly newsletter.

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Teri Elmendorf, 10291 Camden Circle, reported that she is enjoying writing her column twice a month for the Orange City News. It gives her the opportunity to spotlight interesting residents and happenings around Villa Park.

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John Fader, Villa Park Community Services Foundation, Inc. Board Member, discussed the second annual Gala which will take place again at the Villa Park Town Center on Saturday, April 24, 2004. The theme is a secret for now.

Mary Lynn Fader, Villa Park Women's League President, announced that their "Chocolate" meeting would take place February 11, 2004 at the City Council Chambers. Mardi Gras tickets for the League's fundraiser February 28<sup>th</sup> can be purchased from member Julia Peterson. She may be contacted at 538-8121

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Sally Stack, 18471 Santiago Blvd., addressed the Council about her neighbor, Steve Chorak's, construction project. She has discussed her concerns with the city staff and will continue to do so until the project is completed.

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Carol Kawanami, 18072 Athens Avenue, said that she came to see the electronic voter machine demonstration and listen to what others in the community had to say.

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Denise Bittel, 18603 Villa Drive, PFSO President of Cerro Villa Middle School and President-Elect at Villa Park High School, addressed the Council about the safety surrounding the four schools in Villa Park. She reported that traffic concerns are

addressed in Orange Unified District's Facilities Plan that would be implemented if Measure A , on the March 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot, passes. Traffic on Serrano could be addressed by this plan as well as traffic on Taft Avenue.

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Kathy Moffat, Orange Unified School District Trustee, reported that the Orange County Treasurer, John Moorlach, has given Measure A an A rating.

Councilmember Bell voiced his concern that the speaker might be entering into dangerous territory by speaking in support of the Bond Measure. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued interest in the Orange Unified School District.

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Belinda Bender, 18262 Evergreen Circle, thanked the Council for lowering the speed limit on Villa Park Road to 40 m.p.h.

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Deborah Pauly, 18122 Gloria Circle, announced that she is once again in charge of the raffle items for the Community Services Foundation, Inc.'s Gala on April 24, 2004.

She further discussed her opinion on Measure A and how this will affect the property taxes in Villa Park.

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City Attorney Hampel explained that the Brown Act **does not** preclude an explanation in so far as it effects matters within the jurisdiction within the City. The Brown Act **does**, however, preclude political issues and the City Council does not take positions of Bond issues that go beyond the City Council's jurisdiction.

Mayor Bortle stated that VPCATV is willing to telecast a debate between the two sides of the Bond Measure. It was later decided that this will be broadcasted live on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.

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**TOWN HALL ITEMS:**

1. Demonstration of Electronic Voting Machines – Orange County Superintendent Bill Campbell.

Supervisor Bill Campbell gave a brief presentation on the mechanics of the electronic voting machines. Two machines were on hand for the residents to practice on and the Supervisor stayed after the meeting was adjourned to answer any questions or concerns of the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Mayor Bortle and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

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Patricia L. Bortle, Mayor  
City of Villa Park

**ATTEST:**

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George J. Rodericks, City Clerk  
City of Villa Park