

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF VILLA PARK, CALIFORNIA

The City Council of the City of Villa Park met in regular session Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 17855 Santiago Boulevard, Villa Park, California.

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
Bob Fauteux	Councilmember

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Rich Freschi	Councilmember
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STAFF PRESENT:

George Rodericks	City Manager
Cristina Sundstrom	Deputy City Clerk
Leonard Hampel	City Attorney
Warren Repke	City Engineer

FLAG SALUTE:

Villa Park Elementary School sixth-graders, Damien Johnson and Katelyn Roland, led the flag salute.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation of Commendation to Stacey Barnett, an Eighth-Grade Student from Cerro Villa Middle School, for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Mayor Bortle made a presentation to Stacey Barnett, an eighth-grader from Cerro Villa Middle School, who in turn read her autobiography to the Council. She hopes to be a doctor some day and travel in Europe.

2. Presentation to Outgoing Councilmember W. Bill MacAloney.

Mayor Bortle presented a plaque and gavel to out-going Mayor Pro Tem Bill MacAloney.

Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney spoke about his goals and accomplishments for Villa Park. A partial list is listed below:

- Rejuvenation of Town Hall meetings since 2001
- Addressing the traffic surrounding Villa Park schools
- Suggesting publication of a quarterly City newsletter (*Villa Park Highlights*)
- Improving the City website, www.villapark.org
- Adopting a Strategic Plan
- Identifying the need for a cell site
- Rejuvenation of Neighborhood Watch Program (currently about 55 groups)
- Code Enforcement (no longer done by the City Manager)
- Hiring of a motorcycle cop
- Hiring an excellent City Manager

Councilmember Bell thanked Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney for his four years of service to the City (2000-2004) and for his numerous contributions.

Councilmember Fauteux commended him as well for his years of service.

3. Presentation of Plaques to Eight CERT Program Graduates:

- Councilmember Bell
- Uschi De Rose
- Paul De Rose
- Ines Kuhl
- Albert Kuhl
- Elke Kuhl
- Jeannine Loucks
- Robert Pitts
- Captain Jeff Taylor, Honorary Villa Park CERT Captain Jeff Taylor

Mayor Bortle presented the plaques to those graduates present: Councilmember Bell; Ines Kuhl; Albert Kuhl; Elke Kuhl; and Jeannine Loucks. There are 26 applicants ready to attend the next CERT training in the spring.

Captain Taylor discussed that the CERT graduates went over 13 different types of disasters. There will be a C.P.R. class in December or January, 2005 as additional training.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION MATTERS:

Due to the fact that the Registrar of Voters will not be certifying the results of the November 2, 2004 General Election until November 29, 2004, consideration of Resolution No. 2004-2788, the Oath of Allegiance for new Councilmembers, and the election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem by the City Council will be continued to a Special meeting on December 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM.

It was moved by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Mayor Bortle, and carried by the following roll call vote to continue items 1-3 above to a Special meeting on December 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Bell, Fauteux, Bortle

NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	MacAloney
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Freschi
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Wayne Silzel, 18202 Montana Circle, acknowledged the CERT graduates. Learning to protect your family is a sobering experience. Soon there will be a trained response team leader in every neighborhood of Villa Park. Also, he thanked Mayor Pro Tem Bill MacAloney for his years of service on the City Council. He stated that his leadership was the type that every city needs.

Karen Holthe, 18975 Mesa Drive, spoke on behalf of the Villa Park Community Services Foundation, Inc. She recited another original poem giving all the pertinent information to the audience about the December 5, 2004 Annual Boat Parade.

Phil and Kathy Hurwitz, Phil's Unocal owners, were present to hear Karen Holthe's announcement that the Boat Parade Committee is recognizing Phil Hurwitz as the 2004 Boat Parade Grand Marshal. The theme for this year's parade is "Electrical Spectacle" and begins at 3:45PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacAoney, seconded by Councilmember Bell, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve Consent Agenda Item#'s 1 - 5:

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

1. Consideration to Waive Reading in Full of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Approved Action: That the City Council waive the reading in full of all ordinances on the Agenda.
2. Consideration of City Council Minutes of October 26, 2004. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the Minutes of October 26, 2004.
3. Consideration of List of Demands for October 31, 2004. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the List of Demands for October 31, 2004 numbered 1 through 21 in the amount of \$24,351.49.
4. Consideration of List of Demands for November 16, 2004, numbered 1 through 36 in the amount of \$126,133.40. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the List of Demands for November 16, 2004 numbered 1 through 36 in the amount of \$126,133.40.

5. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2003-04 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter. Approved Action: That the City Council receive and file the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

CITY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OR REFERRALS:

Councilmember Fauteux attended a Serrano Water District meeting on November 9, 2004 at which the fact that the 8 inches of rain has put Irvine Lake's water level at a healthy level was discussed. The District will not be purchasing additional water at this time.

Another topic of discussion was Irvine Company's development in east Orange and the run-off into Irvine Lake associated with this project. There is some concern over the quality of the run-off from this development and the possibility of contaminating Irvine Lake. An EIR is due out in an audit report on December 8, 2004.

Regarding the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Annual Financial Report and Management Letter, he stated that the auditor's, Conrad & Associates, comments were favorable about the city's management of resources.

City revenues are greater than \$156,000, of which some are in reserves. He noted that the City's budget is approximately 1% of the Orange Unified School District's budget.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager:

1. Budget Amendment for Eucalyptus Tree Remediation - \$11,000.

City Manager Rodericks stated that the City's tree trimming and maintenance budget does not have sufficient funding to accommodate the tree remediation project. As a consequence, a budget amendment would be necessary.

City Manager Rodericks reported that the Community Development/Public Safety Committee met to discuss options since the October 26, 2004 City Council meeting.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2004-2786, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park, authorizing a budget amendment for tree remediation of eucalyptus trees on portions of Loma Street and Valley Drive.

Councilmember Fauteux confirmed with the arborist that the proposed treatment would be injected into the tree and poses no health risk to residents.

Councilmember Bell commented that the cost to treat the trees is substantial and that there is a risk of falling trees. He suggested that the City do a test on a small number of trees as a sample.

Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney expressed his concern about public safety.

Public testimony was given by the arborist, Al Galuchie of Pacific Green, who stated that the proposed Mauget Imicide treatment would last for about a year and a half as opposed to spraying insecticide, which is short-lived. The proposed treatment is not a guarantee that no trees will die, however, it is like an insurance policy to save the trees. There are 93 trees affected and the cost for removal would exceed the cost of the treatment. Trees die slowly and there is not much concern for liability.

Further public testimony was given by Mrs. Lynn Bjorklund, 9342 Hunting Circle, who has a eucalyptus tree that is totally infested with the tortoise beetle. Al Galuchie, the arborist from Pacific Green, told Mrs. Bjorklund that eucalyptus trees are native to Australia and so is the tortoise beetle. Nearly all the "blue gum" trees in Villa Park are infested.

City Manager Rodericks stated that no budget amendment would be necessary for \$1,500 to conduct treatment on a sampling of about 15 trees. He suggested that trees be identified for sample treatment located outside the curb and gutter right-of-way. Results should be evident within 6 months.

It was moved by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Mayor Bortle, and carried by the following roll call vote for Pacific Green to conduct a treatment on a sampling of about 15 tortoise beetle infested eucalyptus trees at a cost of \$1,500:

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

2. November/December Edition of the Villa Park Highlights.

City Manager Rodericks recommended that the City Council review the November edition of the City newsletter and authorize the production of the edition.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney, seconded by Councilmember Fauteux, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve the November/December edition of the *Villa Park Highlights*:

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

City Attorney: No report.

City Engineer: No report.

City Clerk: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Deborah Pauly, 18122 Gloria Circle, asked City Manager Rodericks to include information on the closing of Center Drive from 4:45 p.m. to approximately 6 p.m. during the Boat Parade on December 5, 2004 in the November/December edition of the *Villa Park Highlights* newsletter.

ORDINANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 2004-2787 Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Records.

Councilmember Fauteux questioned City Manager Rodericks concerning historical documents and verified that the City was not destroying any records of historical value.

It was moved by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Mayor Bortle, and carried by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2004-2787, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park, authorizing the destruction of certain records:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Bell, Fauteux, MacAloney, Bortle
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Freschi
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mayor Bortle and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM to a Special meeting on December 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of certifying the election results of November 2, 2004 and reorganizing the City Council.

Patricia L. Bortle, Mayor
City of Villa Park

ATTEST:

George J. Rodericks, City Clerk
City of Villa Park