

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF VILLA PARK, CALIFORNIA

The City Council of the City of Villa Park met in regular session Tuesday, October 26, 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
Rich Freschi	Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT:

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

FLAG SALUTE:

Greg Winterbottom, Chairman of OCTA Board, led the flag salute.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Bell introduced Orange County Fire Authority Chief Domanico who was in the audience.

Erik Kuli, 9102 El Rito Drive, President of the Villa Park Community Services Foundation, Inc., spoke briefly about the installation of the Clock Tower and the dedication ceremony that will be held at the Halloween Fest celebration on Saturday, October 30th at 4:30 p.m. As for the Halloween Fest, there will be hay rides, food booths, candy from the merchants, the Library and City Hall and child i.d. kits available at the Villa Park Community Services Foundation, Inc. booth.

The Boat Parade will be on December 5, 2004 with the parade commencing around 4:45 p.m. on Taft and ending at Center Drive around 6 p.m. There will be live entertainment, boat parade awards, culminating in the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

The next Boat Parade Committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 15, 2004.

Councilmember Freschi stated that the Boat Parade applications are available at City Hall or online (www.villapark.org) for a cost of \$20.00 made payable to the Community Services Foundation, Inc. Also he remarked how beautiful the clock tower is and called attention to the nice quotation on volunteerism on the base of the clock. He added that there are still several spaces available for purchase on the bench adjacent to the clock tower at the cost of \$500.00 each, which are tax deductible.

Orange County Judge Frederick Aguirre addressed the Council about Grand Jury recruitment. A resident of Villa Park himself, Mayor Bortle presented him with a City pin. Judge Aguirre pointed out that Charlotte Bell and Councilmember Bob Fauteux are both former Grand Jurors. Grand jurors serve for one year and are paid at the rate of \$50 per day for a 5-day work week. The Judge stated that it is a worthwhile experience investigating county and local agencies and returning indictments on criminals. Jurors must be at least 18 years-old, an American citizen, and have no criminal background.

Applications are available at City Hall until the deadline on January 14, 2005. For questions one may call (714) 834-6747 or visit the website at www.occourts.org/grndjury.

APPOINTMENTS:

Consideration of Villa Park Cable Television Board of Directors Appointments.

- Don Coppersmith
- Teri Elmendorf

City Manager Rodericks reported that no applications were received after the positions were advertised.

It was moved by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Councilmember Fauteux, and carried by the following roll call vote to accept the appointment of the two incumbents, Don Coppersmith and Teri Elmendorf, to the Villa Park Television Board of Directors for another three-year term (through 2007):

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Scott Brophy, 10612 Potter Circle, and Villa Park Little League representative addressed the Council about the upcoming sign-ups. The dates are as follows: November 4, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m, November 6, 12:00-4:00 p.m., and November 13, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Cerro Villa Middle School Auditorium. The public may wish to visit their website at www.villaparkll.org for more information on the organization.

Steven Marquez, 10172 Dorothy Circle, addressed the Council about a situation that occurred on October 20, 2004 after an E Network email regarding the Candidate's Forum on October 27, 2004 ended up with a Councilmember releasing his personal

information to one of the City Council candidates. He suggested that in the future the City consider using a common email address so that this never happens again. Mr. Marquez said that he felt it was problematic that a City would have City Councilmembers use personal email addresses for City business. He suggested that the City of Villa Park have one common email address to avoid these embarrassing situations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilmember Freschi, seconded by Councilmember Bell, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Freschi, seconded by Councilmember Bell, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve Consent Agenda Item #2 with two minor corrections submitted by Councilmember Fauteux, namely a typo on page 3 and deletions on pages 4 and 5 of the September 28, 2004 Minutes and approve Consent Agenda Item #3 due to Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney's absence from the October 5, 2004 Town Hall meeting:

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

Councilmember Fauteux pulled item #7 with the comment that there are approximately 200 field incidents per year in Villa Park and that no residents have complained of the Animal Care Services. It is an annual cost of approximately \$7,000 to the City.

It was moved by Councilmember Fauteux, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve Consent Agenda Item #7:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Bell, Fauteux, Freschi, MacAloney, Bortle
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
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 September 28, 2004. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the Minutes of September 28, 2004.
3. Consideration of Town Hall Minutes of October 5, 2004. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the Minutes of the Town Hall meeting of October 5, 2004.

4. Consideration of List of Demands for October 8, 2004. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the List of Demands for October 8, 2004, numbered 1 through 29 in the amount of \$18,593.90.
5. Consideration of List of Demands for October 26, 2004, numbered 1 through 24 in the amount of \$152,650.77. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the List of Demands for October 26, 2004 numbered 1 through 24 in the amount of \$152,650.77.
6. Consideration of Quarterly Reports for Period Ending September 30, 2004. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the Quarterly Reports for Period Ending September 30, 2004.
7. Consideration of Agreement for Animal Services Between the County of Orange and the City of Villa Park, Fiscal Year 2004-05. Approved Action: That the City Council approve the Agreement for Animal Services Between the County of Orange and the City of Villa Park, Fiscal Year 2004-05.
8. Consideration of Sewer Easement for 19411 Mesa Drive. Approved Action: That the City Council accept the sewer easement across 19411 Mesa Drive and authorize the City Clerk to record the documents.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Bell discussed the Orange County Fire Authority Torch Relay Ceremony on Saturday, October 23, 2004 which honored all the firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. A number of Villa Park residents donated to this fundraiser to help cover the cost of the monument and plaques of \$500,000. Councilmember Bell was joined by Mayor Bortle and Alan Bortle and Councilmember Fauteux at this event.

Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney announced that a Candidate's Forum for the three City Council candidates will be telecast live on VPTV Wednesday, October 27th at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Freschi spoke about the Brain Tumor Foundation's third annual fundraiser, called the Angel Walk, in Huntington Beach, raised about \$105,000. The Villa Park participants (about 35 people) raised \$4,000.

Councilmember Freschi also announced the date of the Santa Parade – December 11, 2004.

CITY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OR REFERRALS:

Regarding the City/Schools meeting held on October 18, 2004, Councilmember Bell reported that the parking problem is on-going and that the OUSD staff should be sending a report to the City in the near future, possibly before the November 16, 2004 City Council meeting.

Community Development/Public Safety Committee.

- Hillcrest Avenue Parking Restrictions

Councilmember Freschi stated his belief that it is the Council's job to assist residents if they wish to change a problematic situation. He suggested that the residents be asked to pay for the costs involved in installing 2-Hour Parking Zone signs.

It was moved by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Councilmember Fauteux, and carried by the following roll call vote to continue this matter to the February 22, 2005 City Council meeting, at which time Orange Unified School District may have another solution making parking restrictions on Hillcrest Avenue unnecessary:

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Continued Consideration of Declaration of a Public Nuisance at 19409 Mesa Drive.

Mayor Bortle opened the Public Hearing.

This item has been continued since the July 27, 2004 City Council meeting.

Mr. Joe Wells was present to answer questions from the Council.

City Engineer Repke stated that most conditions have been satisfied by the property owner of 19409 Mesa Drive, Joe Wells. The final Grading Plan is in the process of being completed by Mr. Wells' engineer. The neighbor behind Mr. Wells blamed him for drainage problems which were successfully addressed today by Mr. Wells. Two 6 inch drains were installed today. Also, Mr. Hack's (neighbor) property pipe was extended. The site is being secured and he recommends that the City Council give Mr. Wells one last extension until the December 14, 2004 City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney asked City Attorney Hampel and City Engineer Repke if the City had received a cash bond. The response was in the affirmative in the amount of \$10,000. He then asked about whether the Grading Plan had addressed soil compaction, to which City Engineer Repke replied that the soil compaction issue has been taken care of to his satisfaction.

Councilmember Fauteux asked City Engineer Repke about possible dangers to other neighbors considering the fact that the retaining wall collapsed during the recent storm.

City Engineer Repke replied that he would characterize Mr. Wells' situation as a nuisance that could possibly cause damage to others. City Engineer Repke stated that the retaining wall problem will be investigated and that he guessed it was due to the drainage system behind the wall.

Councilmember Bell asked City Engineer Repke whether there was a correlation between the Grading Plan and the retaining wall collapsing. City Engineer Repke replied that he did not know.

It was moved by Councilmember Freschi, seconded by Councilmember Bell, and carried by the following roll call vote to continue the Public Hearing to the December 14, 2004 City Council meeting:

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

- Continued Consideration of Variance Permit No. 0598 for a Detached Entry Arbor/Portico with Stone Columns at 8 Feet in Height – (Location: 9782 Eastwood Circle; Applicants: Robert and Luisa Wudrick).

Mayor Bortle opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Rodericks reported that this Public Hearing was continued from the September 28, 2004 City Council meeting and that staff could not recommend approval of the application for a Variance. The applicant submitted a revised plan separating the structure into two structures. One of the structures is attached to the main structure and only requires approval through a Site Plan Review. The other structure is a stand alone structure still located in the front yard setback and requires a Variance.

Councilmember Freschi stated that if the portico did not pass the coral tree he would favor a Variance. He questioned the location of the structure, indicating he favored the placement as far back as the coral tree is located on the property.

Mayor Bortle closed the Pubic Hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Fauteux, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney, and carried by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2004-2776, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park denying Variance Permit No. 0598 for a detached entry arbor/portico with stone columns at 8 feet in height (Location: 9782 Eastwood Circle; Applicants: Robert and Luisa Wudrick):

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

- Consideration of Conditional Use Permit No. 0600 for an outdoor fireplace exceeding 12 feet in height (Location: 19231 Parker Circle; Applications: Art and Colleen Julian).

Mayor Bortle opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Rodericks reported that the applicant is requesting permission to construct a detached outdoor fireplace of approximately 13 feet 7 inches in height.

The Villa Park Municipal Code requires a Conditional Use Permit for all structures exceeding 12 feet in height.

The subject property is located at 19231 Parker Circle in the E-4 Small Estate zoning district.

The applicant is proposing to add a detached patio cover that does not exceed 12 feet in height. The detached patio cover only requires approval through the Site Plan Review process. However, the applicant is also proposing an outdoor fireplace in close proximity to the patio cover. Building codes require that the chimney of the fireplace exceed any adjacent roofline by 2 feet where such roofline is within 10 feet. As a result, the applicant has chosen placement for the fireplace which necessitates that the peak of the fireplace exceed 12 feet in height.

Based on a review of the project application, the proposed project meets the objectives of the Villa Park Zoning Code and complies with height, lot coverage, floor area, and setback requirements.

Staff recommended approval of the application.

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a Public Hearing, review the application, and make appropriate findings thereto.

Hearing no questions for the applicant present, Colleen Julian, Mayor Bortle closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Councilmember Fauteux, and carried by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2004-2785, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 0600, for the addition of a detached outdoor fireplace of approximately 13 feet 7 inches in height, with conditions, (Location: 19231 Parker Circle; Applicants: Art and Colleen Julian):

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

4. Consideration of Conditional Use Permit No. 0601 for a recreational court with lighting (Location: 9461 Villa Isle Drive; Applicant: Harvey Yung).

Mayor Bortle opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Rodericks reported that the Villa Park Municipal Code requires a Conditional Use Permit for recreational courts, the necessary fencing, and any associated lighting.

The subject property is located at 9461 Villa Isle Drive in the E-4 Small Estate zoning district.

The applicant is requesting permission to install a 6,900 square foot multi-use recreational court with lighting. The applicant is aware of the City's standards for recreational court installation and has designed the project accordingly.

The City's standards for recreational courts allow for the following conditions:

- Fencing not to exceed 10 feet in height;
- Requirements for the installation of landscaping to minimize the impact;
- Requirements for the removal of any net, canvas, or other screening device in excess of other normal fence height requirements based on neighbor impact;
- Permitted lighting hours from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.;
- No light fixture shall be located at a horizontal distance less than 10 feet from the nearest lot line;
- No light supporting pole may be located at a horizontal distance less than 5 feet from the nearest lot line;
- No light fixture or pole may be taller than 22 feet; and
- Power ratings of the lights shall not exceed 500 watts per light.

Staff recommended approval of the application.

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a Public Hearing, review the application, and make appropriate findings thereto.

Applicant Dr. Harvey Yung was present to answer questions of the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney asked City Manager Rodericks how much light was recommended for the tennis/basketball court.

Councilmember Bell asked City Manager Rodericks to explain the Musco lighting specification as discussed at the last City/Schools meeting.

City Manager Rodericks explained the standards and suggested Dr. Yung consult with his contractor about the use of Musco lighting for this project. Dr. Yung will be given this information during his permit process.

Mayor Bortle closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney, seconded by Councilmember Freschi, and carried by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2004-2784, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park, for construction of a lighted tennis/basketball court and associated fencing on the west side of the property, with conditions, (Location: 9461 Villa Isle Drive; Applicant: Harvey Yung:

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

STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager:

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

City Manager Rodericks reported that early in October the City became aware of an infestation affecting the Eucalyptus trees on portions of Loma Street and Valley Drive. The City contacted a certified arborist to inspect the trees. The arborist reported that of the 93 infected trees, 91 are infected by Eucalyptus Tortoise Beetles. The remaining 2 are infected by Lerp Psyllid.

The Tortoise Beetles chew on the leaves of the trees and render the trees susceptible to other pests. The most effective method of treatment is by trunk injection using Mauget Imicide. The City obtained three estimates for treatment of the trees using the Mauget Imicide method. Due to the current condition of the trees and the urgency with respect to treatment, Mauget Imicide provide the most efficient and effective manner of treatment.

The three estimates obtained were:

- Pacific Green Horticultural Services - \$10,680
- RPW Services, Incorporated - \$11,990
- B & J Tree Service - \$9,800

B & J Tree Service removed their bid from consideration, citing that they had underestimated the work necessary to complete the project. The other two bidders remain for consideration by the City Council.

The lowest responsive bidder is Pacific Green Horticultural Services at \$10,680. The arborist has indicated that immediate treatment is necessary to prevent a total loss of the tree(s). The eucalyptus trees vary in size, age, and degree of infestation. For those trees where the infestation has not consumed fifty (50%) percent of the tree, the arborist recommends treatment as quickly as possible to save the tree. For those trees where the infestation has consumed more than fifty (50%) percent of the tree, the arborist indicates that treatment may not be as effective and removal may eventually be necessary.

If the tree cannot be saved and must ultimately be removed, the tree will be replaced pursuant to our street tree replacement program. The minimum size tree that may be planted to replace a street tree is a 24-inch box tree with a minimum 2-inch trunk diameter. Trees will be replaced as funding permits.

A letter will go out to each adjacent property owner notifying them of the treatment program and the possibility of removal. If the tree is to be removed, each resident will be given the opportunity to fund a replacement tree in advance of waiting for City funding to come on line.

The City's tree trimming and maintenance budget does not have sufficient funding to accommodate the tree remediation project. A budget amendment is necessary.

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.

Public testimony was given by Don Ebrite, Lincoln Street, who conducted his own field study of the situation. He stated that he was disappointed that the arborist was not present to answer some questions. He does not favor paying for a treatment that will only last a year or two. He believes this a waste of money and said that the risk from trimming the trees is greater than this infestation. He disagreed with City Manager Rodericks' count of properties affected. He counted 10 or 11 properties with trees on their property and 10 or 11 residences across from these affected properties.

City Manager Rodericks noted that letters would be sent out to residents on both sides of the streets affected.

Mayor Bortle confirmed that the cost of remediation of \$11,000 would take care of 93 trees.

Councilmember Freschi favored postponing any decision until the November 16th City Council meeting.

Councilmember Bell stated that he needed more information. He hoped to prevent or limit the City's liability and wanted to invite the arborist to attend the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney echoed his sentiments on wanting the professional to explain to the Council his findings.

Councilmember Fauteux commented that these trees are mature and that similar sized trees have been removed on Valley Drive.

City Manager Rodericks stated that the removal cost per tree is approximately \$1,500.

It was moved by Councilmember Freschi, seconded by Councilmember Bell, and carried by the following roll call vote to continue this item to the November 16, 2004 City Council meeting pending a field trip by the Community Development and Public Safety Committee (Bell and Fauteux):

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

2. Band Sponsored Car Show on November 13, 2004 Parking Request.

City Manager Rodericks reported that the Villa Park High School Band is planning a car show for Saturday, November 13, 2004. The event is scheduled to last from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a snack bar selling breakfast items and BBQ items for lunch. Late model car owners will pay a pre-registration fee to park in the high school student lot and display their vehicles. Vendors will also be in attendance. A disc jockey will be providing music and the high school jazz band will perform. The School District and Activities

Director have approved the event.

Spectators will be parking in the teacher lot with possible overflow to street parking. The Villa Park High School Booster Club, Villa Park High School Band, and Villa Park High School are requesting permission for a one day parking variance to allow parking on the north and south side of Taft Avenue between Santiago Boulevard and Center Drive. There will be parking along Nichols Avenue as well.

The applicable sections of the Villa Park Municipal Code are as follows:

- Section 19-3.3 of the Villa Park Municipal Code restricts parking on the south side of Taft Avenue from Santiago Boulevard to Center Drive through a series of mixed one-hour parking, no parking, no stopping, and loading zones.
- Section 19-3.4 of the Villa Park Municipal Code prohibits parking on the north side of Taft Avenue from Santiago Boulevard to Center Drive.
- Section 19-3.1 of the Villa Park Municipal Code restricts parking on Nichols Avenue from Taft Avenue to Serrano Avenue from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only.

Signs can be bagged and/or temporary signs setup to allow parking in any restricted areas, subject to review by the City's Traffic Engineer for safety. As school is not in session during the event, parking on Nichols Avenue is not an issue.

It is also recommended that Villa Park High School assist with traffic control and direction by providing volunteers or staff to help direct parking within the parking lot and overflow parking onto the street.

On October 19, 2004 the request was reviewed and approved by the City's Community Development/Public Safety Committee to recommend to the City Council.

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Traffic Engineer to review the parking restrictions on Taft Avenue and authorize the placement of temporary signs and/or the bagging of existing signs where appropriate to accommodate the event and require Villa Park High School's assistance with traffic control and direction during the event by providing volunteers or staff to help direct parking within the parking lot and overflow parking onto the street.

It was moved by Councilmember Freschi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem MacAloney, and carried by the following roll call vote to authorize the placement of temporary signs and/or the bagging of existing signs where appropriate to accommodate the event; and require Villa Park High School to assist with traffic control and direction during the event by providing volunteers or staff to help direct parking within the parking lot and overflow parking onto the street:

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

3. Notice of Dates for Boat Parade (December 5, 2004) and Santa Tour (December 11, 2004).

City Manager Rodericks explained to the Council that the Boat Parade is slated to occur on Sunday, December 5th and the Santa Tour on Saturday, December 11th.

City Attorney:

On October 26, 2004 City Manager Rodericks, Building Inspector Bill Tarin and City Attorney Hampel met to discuss code enforcement. As a result of Building Inspector Tarin asking the City Attorney about a way to beef up the administrative fine procedures.

City Attorney Hampel stated that an Ordinance will be drafted and brought before the Council soon for consideration regarding the ability to lien the property through a Resolution process.

City Engineer: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Robert Helton, 10051 Briley Way, posed two questions for City Manger Rodericks, City Engineer Repke, and a comment for the Council:

- (1) Is Cingular getting absorbed by AT&T and is the City making contact with Cingular regarding cell tower installation in Villa Park?
- (2) Directed to the City Engineer, what is the status of the Taft Median project?
- (3) A comment about the re-striping on Santiago Boulevard at the western entrance to the Town Plaza. He stated that he believed this to be a negative change, as people are use to the old way. He does not think the Plaza is as accessible as it should be.

City Manger Rodericks responded that the City continues to look for a cell tower solution.

City Engineer Repke replied that the Taft Median project is under design. A TEA grant application was submitted to OCTA for Fiscal Year 2004-05 for funding the project. He anticipates hearing about the status of this grant application in the near future.

City Manager Rodericks explained that the re-striping and no left turn sign were installed to address safety concerns of numerous residents.

Woody Rickerl, Board Member of Serrano Water District, addressed the Council about the fact that current water levels, due to the rain, have brought the levels up to 1,000 acre feet, which yields extra water. As a consequence, the Water District may prolong its purchase of more water.

Councilmember Freschi mentioned an article which appeared in the Orange County Register that reported on a study conducted on how quickly one could get information from public agencies. He wanted it noted for the record that Villa Park, thanks to its staff and a wonderful and efficient website, was one of the agencies that is disseminating good information to the public in a timely manner.

ORDINANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mayor Bortle and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM to a regular adjourned meeting on November 16, 2004 at 7:30 PM.

Patricia L. Bortle, Mayor
City of Villa Park

ATTEST:

George J. Rodericks, City Clerk
City of Villa Park