

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF VILLA PARK, CALIFORNIA

The City Council of the City of Villa Park met in an adjourned regular session Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 17855 Santiago Boulevard, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Ulmer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Rich Ulmer	Mayor
Brad Reese	Mayor Pro Tem
Rich Freschi	Councilmember
Deborah Pauly	Councilmember
James Rheins	Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

Ken Domer	City Manager
Len Hampel	City Attorney
Warren Repke	City Engineer
Jason Carson	Associate Planner

FLAG SALUTE

Dr. Robert Helton led the flag salute.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Robert Helton, 10051 Briley Way, stated communication is very important in the City. He mentioned he has had a great deal of dropped cell phone calls and hopes that the City Council can resolve the issue.

Bob and Charlotte Bell, 18501 Robyn Way, announced the Villa Park Friends of the Library 11th Annual Yang Ching's Dinner Event. The dinner will be held Monday the 19th at Yang Ching's in Orange. Tickets are \$30 and the social event starts at 6 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Consideration of Cellular Phone Issues and Potential for Locating Cell Towers within the City.

City Manager Domer presented the staff report stating this is an ongoing issue within the City and introduced Toni Ingneri from ATS Communications. ATS Communications is in a contract with the City to develop a Wireless Master Plan. Mr. Ingneri gave a presentation to the City Council regarding the process of developing the Wireless Master Plan to include the radio frequency studies conducted, the computer analysis performed, and the data collection completed to include physically locating any wireless antenna within the City or surrounding the city. In addition, Mr. Ingneri discussed the alternatives that were not pursued for a cell tower, including a Lemon/Villa Park Road site and the Towne Centre. Mr. Ingneri also presented a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) concept for the City. A DAS system is a series of smaller antennas placed on current utility poles around the City that can provide a carrier city-wide coverage or help fill holes in existing coverage. The DAS would be built by a third party firm and leased to individual carriers based on their needs. The preferred location for the base equipment would be at City Hall, but could be within a radius of up to 12 miles from the City. The DAS is connected via fiber optic cables and can be utilized for a future wi-fi system.

City Council discussion and public input ensued relating to the City's wireless master plan and cellular phone issues. In particular, residents spoke in favor of the DAS system over a cell tower at the corner of Taft and Sycamore. The overall feeling was that the service was needed but the City needed to maintain the aesthetic appearance and would be better served by a DAS system.

After discussion led by Councilmember Freschi regarding moving forward rapidly with the project, it was moved by Councilmember Freschi to Direct the City Manager to get 3 proposals and present them within the next 3 months. The motion failed to lack of second.

After brief discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Reese, seconded by Councilmember Pauly and carried by the following roll call vote to direct the City Manager to have ATS Communication's research the DAS System; and if feasible, obtain proposals from carriers to be reported back at the April Council meeting:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Reese, Pauly, Ulmer
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Freschi, Rheins
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

RECESS

2. Consideration of Adopting a General Fund Reserve Policy to Implement a General Fund Reserve of 25% of General Fund Revenues and 25% of Capital Improvement Program Seven Year Average Expenditures.

City Manager Domer presented the staff report stating this is a continued item from the February meeting. The City Manager explained the history of the General Fund Reserve policy and the steps taken prior to the meeting including the discussion and recommendation by the Investment Advisory Committee and the Finance Committee.

City Council discussion regarding the wording, percentages, and general policy concerns ensued. The general consensus is that a strict policy must be developed and adhered to, so the fiscal stability can be ensured on a year to year basis. More specifically, City Councilmember's wanted the policy to be further clarified and if possible, simplified.

It was moved by Councilmember Pauly, seconded by Councilmember Rheins and carried by the following roll call vote to adopt the General Fund Reserve Policy; Directing the City Manager to clarify the wording:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Pauly, Rheins, Freschi, Reese, Ulmer
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mayor Ulmer and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. in honor of Van Van Emon.

W. Richard Ulmer, Mayor
City of Villa Park

ATTEST:

Kenneth A. Domer, City Clerk
City of Villa Park