

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 11, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 17855 Santiago Boulevard, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Freschi called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Rich Freschi	Mayor
Patricia Bortle	Mayor Pro Tem
Bob Fauteux	Councilmember
Rich Ulmer	Councilmember

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Bell	Councilmember
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STAFF PRESENT:

Kenneth Domer	City Manager
Cristina Sundstrom	Deputy City Clerk
Todd Litfin	Assistant City Attorney
Warren Repke	City Engineer

FLAG SALUTE:

Boy Scout Jacob Berkstrom of Troop 345 led the flag salute.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mary Silzel, Montana Circle, addressed Council about a letter she wrote to City Manager Domer in August, 2005 in which she stated that she was concerned about the "boarding houses" popping up in her neighborhood as well as a registered sex offender who was renting a room in a house close to her residence.

Councilmember Fauteux replied that the City Attorney is working on a way of addressing the boarding house issue. Ms. Silzel's letter was to be acted on through the Public Safety Committee.

Don and Patricia Lamb, Neighborhood Watch Captains, 10211 Robin Hood Circle, addressed Council on the same subject of Boarding Houses. They stated that there is one at the end of Sherwood Circle, and that they are hoping the City will look at this issue more closely.

City Manager Domer stated that it is important to distinguish between Boarding Houses and Board and Care Homes. He stated that the City would need to concentrate on the Boarding House (rentals) rather than the Board and Care Homes, which are under the jurisdiction of the State.

Jan Paleno, Montana Circle, addressed the Council about her concern as well that there are about four Boarding Houses near her.

STUDY SESSION:

1. Report on water issues: Groundwater Replenishment System – Orange County Water District.

Communications Director of Orange County Water District, Ron Wildermuth, gave an update on the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS).

He reported that Orange County is helping with global water shortages with the research that has gone into the Ground Water Replenishment System. Imported supplies are at risk in the future. The cost is projected to be as much as 8 billion dollars over the next 20 years.

Furthermore, there are concerns about the Colorado River since there is currently a drought, leaving no water surplus.

The water industry is changing; since the 1960's the demand has increased by 39%.

The quality of water is better than bottled water. The GWR System is a form of reverse osmosis. The System will help manage periods of drought and replenish supplies in between droughts. State and federal grants received for this System totaled 92 million dollars. It will go online in 2007. It is expandable, should we need more water. The two agencies paying for the GWR System are the Orange County Water District and the Orange County Sanitation District.

Mayor Freschi pointed out that tours can be arranged of the GWR System by calling the OCWD and requesting that a group, such as the Rotary Club, have a tour of the facility. He asked Mr. Wildermuth how much water will be produced annually by the GWR System.

Mr. Wildermuth responded that enough water for 144,000 families in Orange County will be produced annually.

Mr. Wildermuth briefly discussed the Santiago Pits. Pumps were installed to raise and lower the level of the 160 foot pit. They send water down the Santiago Creek, where it is recharged.

Serrano Water District President Woody Rickerl addressed the Council about the enviable project (of GWR System) and how it is known nationally and internationally. SWD has three wells. Orange County Water District charges \$200/acre foot for "well" water. As a comparison with Irvine Lake, their charge is only \$120/acre foot. The wells are about 600-1,000 feet deep.

Mr. Rickerl gave an update on the LAFCO/SWD situation. He reported that Villa Park will retain its coterminous sphere of influence, which will be explained at LAFCO's October 12, 2005 meeting. He thanked resident Deborah Pauly for her efforts in gathering signatures (about 1,300) from registered voters on the unofficial petitions which were presented to LAFCO's Commissioners.

2. Transportation and Traffic Impacts

Greg Winterbottom, resident and OCTA Board Member, introduced OCTA employee David Simpson.

Measure M was passed by the voters originally in 1990. It sunsets on April 1, 2011 and requires a 2/3 majority in order to pass. The last of the Measure M funds will be dispersed to cities in 2010.

Background on Major Investment Study

OCTA and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in partnership with the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/E TCA), are working to develop solutions that will improve travel between Orange and Riverside counties. The first phase of the Riverside-Orange County Major Investment Study (MIS) began in the Summer of 2004 working with the public to identify the key concerns and issues related to improving mobility between the two counties. Based on the feedback received, a Purpose and Need Statement was created that provided a starting point for developing conceptual alternatives to help relieve congestion.

In Spring 2005, five conceptual improvement corridors and 13 alternatives were developed and presented at several public meetings where community members provided valuable feedback to the Study team. At the conclusion of this planning process, five corridors (A, B, D and SR-91) and four alternatives remained.

In October 2005, the public will have an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the alternatives being considered. Later this year, the MIS Policy Committee will recommend a locally preferred strategy for improving travel between Riverside and Orange Counties.

Deborah Pauly, Gloria Circle, asked if OCTA is set up to administer Measure M funds. She stated that there were no state funds for such projects before OCTA was formed. She asked whether Orange County was different from other counties by having their own Transportation District. Mr. Winterbottom replied that about one-half (½) the counties in California have their own Transportation District.

Councilmember Fauteux asked Mr. Winterbottom about the multi-use tunnel. He stated that we should not sell short the tunnel concept at this point and said that things are always changing.

Mr. Winterbottom stated that the tunnel is a viable option for Orange County. However, it would not help northern Orange County. The tunnel is still being considered.

Mayor Pro Tem Bortle is on the Super Committee for Measure M. It has been proposed for OCTA Measure M to extend for 30 years.

Councilmember Fauteux stated that it will take a 2/3 majority or 66% +1 in order to extend Measure M.

Mayor Pro Tem Bortle opened discussions about the planning of Emergency Task Force. She and Councilmember Ulmer (Public Safety Committee) have asked residents Carol Kawanami and Robert Drobish to attend the Task Force meetings. Their first meeting was held at City Hall on October 11, 2005. City Manager Domer and Lt. Chris Visconti take part in the meetings, as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Bortle explained that the residents of Villa Park, in case of an emergency, would need to be prepared to take care of themselves for the first 72 hours before getting outside help. An Ordinance in effect gives the City Manager the authority to declare a state of emergency and the City Council has 72 hours to vote on it.

She stated that we need input from volunteers for the Emergency Task Force. The # 1 priority is self-reliance. The City is fortunate to have 50 CERT members and an active Neighborhood Watch Program. Concerning radios within the City, Orange Unified School District (OUSD) is prepared to assist. The City will have to look at executing an M.O. U. with OUSD. John Fader, a HAMM Radio operator, and Wayne and Mary Silzel will help the Emergency Task Force. Staff is working on a combined roster and map of CERT and Neighborhood Watch volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mayor Freschi and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. to the next regular City Council meeting October 25, 2005.

Richard A. Freschi, Mayor
City of Villa Park

ATTEST:

Kenneth A. Domer, City Clerk
City of Villa Park