



**CITY OF SANTA PAULA  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES • MAY 15, 2017**

**I. CLOSED SESSION - CITY HALL ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Crosswhite called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Clint Garman, Martin Hernandez, John Procter, Vice Mayor Ginger Gherardi and Mayor Jenny Crosswhite were present. Also present was City Attorney John Cotti.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

*The City Council may move into a closed session pursuant to applicable law, including the Brown Act (Government Code §§ 54950, et seq.) for the following purpose:*

**A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT**

Government Code Section 54957

City Manager Recruitment

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED</b>
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**4. CONTINUED MEETING TO 6:30 P.M IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**II. REGULAR MATTERS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Crosswhite called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION**

Reverend Audrey Vincent led the invocation.

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember Hernandez led the flag salute.

#### **4. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Clint Garman	Councilmember	Present	
Ginger Gherardi	Vice Mayor	Present	
John Procter	Councilmember	Present	
Jenny Crosswhite	Mayor	Present	
Martin F. Hernandez	Councilmember	Present	

#### **5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

No reportable action.

#### **6. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Presentation by Chief McLean to Ariana Iniguez for Her Dedicated Service to the City of Santa Paula.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED</b>
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#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **Public Speaker**

Larry Hicks, 123 N. Mill Street thanked staff for the great job on Mill Street.

#### **8. CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice Mayor Gherardi informed the community that this week is "Bike to work week". She also stated that the Caltrans turnarounds have been overturned.

Councilmember John Procter thanked Vice Mayor Gherardi for all her work with the Caltrans turnarounds.

Councilmember Martin Hernandez spoke briefly regard Ventura Regional Sanitation District with regards to Toland Road Landfill.

#### **9. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gherardi, seconded by Councilmember Procter to approve final agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## 10. CONSENT CALENDAR

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clint Garman, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Garman, Gherardi, Procter, Crosswhite, Hernandez

- A. **Appointment of Labor Negotiators – Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council: (1) re-appoint independent labor negotiator Melanie Chaney from Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Human Resources Manager Lorena Alvarez, and Finance Director Sandy Easley for the City’s upcoming labor negotiations; and (2) take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

**Report by:** Richard Araiza, Interim City Manager

- B. **Approval of the Purchase of Customer Service Trucks – Recommendation:** It is recommended that City Council: (1) Approve the purchase of two customer service trucks in the amount of \$53,487.70 from Santa Paula Chevrolet; (2) Allocate \$57,088 for the purchase and additional outfitting of equipment; and (3) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

**Report by:** John L. Ilasin, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Ed Mount, Community Services Director

## 11. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **14-CDP-02 Hardison House/Williams Homes Project (1226 Ojai Rd.) - Revised – Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council: (1) Open a public hearing regarding project changes stipulated in the settlement agreement; (2) Repeal Resolution No. 6991 in its entirety and adopt Resolution No. 7045 adopting Final MND Addendum No. 1 and approving Amended Vesting Tentative Map for Tract No. 5928, Amended Planned Development Permit for Project No. 14-CDP-02, and 36 Growth Management Allocations; and (3) take such additional actions as may be appropriate.

**Report by:** Chris Williamson, Consultant Planner

Councilmember Procter recused himself due to conflict.

Public hearing opened at 6:48 p.m.

### Speakers

Gabrielli Muratori expressed her gratitude to the members of community and those working on a better solution especially Amber Michelson and the San Buenaventura Conservancy. She also thanked the City of Santa Paula and Williams Homes for reaching a settlement.

Gabriel Zamora a representative for the Santa Paula Conservancy stated concerns have been addressed in the settlement agreement. He also stated that Santa Paula is fortunate to have such great developer who took the opportunity and revised the project to transform all negative energy to positive.

Steven Schaefer, President of the San Buenaventura Conservancy spoke briefly regarding the preservation of the Hardison House Project stating the plan before the Council is a very good plan.

Scott Smith of Williams Homes thanked all who have been involved with the process especially, the Planning Department, Pam Murphy and Steve Schafer and Gabriel Zamora from the San Buenaventura Conservancy.

Vice Mayor Gherardi's motion included a condition that the developer put in a side walk at the full length of the property with Caltrans' approval.

Public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ginger Gherardi, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Garman, Gherardi, Crosswhite, Hernandez
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Procter

**B. Temporary Roadway Closure at Telegraph Rd. and Hallock Dr. Intersection – Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council: (1) Receive public hearing comments; and (2) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

**Report by:** John L. Ilasin, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer

Public hearing opened at 7:48 p.m.

Councilmember Procter recused himself due to conflict.

Public Speakers

Cindy Muller, General Manager for Sawyer Petroleum stated the street closure will shut down her business. She is open to suggestions for an alternative road.

James Clark, owner JE Clark stated he operates a 24 hour fueling facility, also the fuel supplier for the City. He stated that they service 70 to 100 big rigs per day and will lose customers with the closure. He also stated he is in favor of the temporary re-route road that Vice Mayor Gherardi was referring to and other solutions would be catastrophic for his business.

Saian Venegas, Santa Paula residents and employee of JE Clark stated she is in favor of the alternative re-route through the vacant property to Highway 126.

Councilmember Garman's motion included to look into both options simultaneously: (1) re-route road from vacant property to exit Hallock, and (2) contract Caltrans to possibly re-route from vacant property to exit Highway 126.

Public hearing closed at 8:28 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clint Garman, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Garman, Gherardi, Crosswhite, Hernandez
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Procter

C. **Groundwater Ordinance Amendment – Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council: 1) Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 1264 of the City of Santa Paula amending Sections § 52.055 through §52.999 of the Santa Paula Municipal Code updating the Groundwater Conservation Ordinance; (2) Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Ordinance updating the Groundwater Conservation Ordinance; (3) Set the Ordinance for second reading and adoption at the City Council meeting scheduled for June 5, 2017; and (4) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

**Report by:** John L. Ilasin, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Caesar Hernandez, Regulatory Compliance Specialist

Councilmember Procter returned to the dais.

Public hearing opened at 8:30 p.m.

Public hearing closed at 8:33 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ginger Gherardi, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clint Garman, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Garman, Gherardi, Procter, Crosswhite, Hernandez

## **12. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. **Appointment of City Manager and Approval of an Agreement for City Manager Services – Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council: (1) Appoint Michael Rock as the Santa Paula City Manager; and (2) Approve a City Manager Employment Agreement, setting forth the terms and conditions under which Mr. Rock will serve as the City's City Manager.

**Report by:** John C. Cotti, City Attorney

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin F. Hernandez, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ginger Gherardi, Vice Mayor
<b>AYES:</b>	Garman, Gherardi, Procter, Crosswhite, Hernandez

**B. Adopt Resolution No. 7050 to Summarily Vacate an Offer to Dedicate 79 Acres of Property to City – Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 7050 approving the summary vacation of an offer to dedicate 79 acres of property for an open space preserve within the East Area 1 development thereby allowing the conveyance of that property to the eventual East Area 1 Homeowner’s Association for preservation and maintenance.

**Report by:** Janna Minsk, Planning Director

Councilmember Procter recused himself due to conflict

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ginger Gherardi, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clint Garman, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Garman, Gherardi, Crosswhite, Hernandez
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Procter

**13. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Procter returned to the dais.

It was moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Procter to request staff to bring back a status report from the IT Department on future improvements of the City's website. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Crosswhite adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Lucy Blanco City Clerk