

**MINUTES  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANAURY 27, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Highland was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Lilburn at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

The invocation was given by Councilman McCallon and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Luis Chavez, Boy Scouts of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jones, McCallon, Scott, Timmer, Mayor Lilburn  
Absent: None

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Richard Haller gave a presentation to the City Council regarding his leave of absence for him to serve in the Air Force Reserve. He would like to express his thanks for allowing him to serve a tour in Iraq, for the support of the City Council and staff as well as the community.

**COMMUNITY INPUT**

Ms. Joanna Weck stated she is the owner of Surreal Salon and Day Spa. Since the initial opening of the salon she has had problems with her massage licensing. Massage is meant for healing, therapy or relaxation but it is not a massage parlor. She had to obtain a CUP permit and the fees were listed at \$6,200 which she paid. As she renews her license every year the fee is \$415 which is the fee to reapply for a massage license. She is just renewing, she is not trying to reapply every year. She has been informed the massage license has to be reapplied for every single year. All massage technicians pay for their own business license, therefore, she feels the city is receiving double the fees since her and her technicians are paying fees.

Mayor Lilburn asked if she has spoken to staff regarding this issue.

Ms. Joanna Weck stated she had and she was informed by staff they are following the municipal code for the City of Highland.

City Manager Hughes stated he would like to suggest this item be forwarded to the Public Safety Subcommittee for further discussion and possible action.

Mr. Andy Huey stated wanted to offer his congratulations to Mayor Lilburn and Councilwoman Scott for their appointment to the City Council.

## **CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A MOTION** was made by Councilman McCallon, seconded by Councilman Timmer, to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5-0.

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances  
Waived the reading of all Ordinances in their entirety and read by title only.
2. Warrant Register  
Approved Warrant Register No. 476 for January 27, 2009, in the amount of \$519,360.03 and Payroll of \$76,754.10.
3. Treasurer's Report for December 2008  
Received and filed Treasurers Report for December 2008.
4. Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Status Report  
Received and filed the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program status report.
5. Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for Engineering and Environmental Services for Street Improvements north of San Bernardino International Airport
  1. Approved the agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., to provide engineering and environmental services for street improvements north of San Bernardino International Airport; and
  2. Authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement.
6. Easement Acceptance – Highland/Victoria Street Improvements
  1. Accepted the Grants of Easement for Road and Drainage Purposes from Ronica Aguilar, Mark and Elizabeth Beguelin, Carl Gudmundson, and Sam Christ; and
  2. Directed the City Clerk to record the Grants of Easement.

## **CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY LEGISLATIVE**

7. Water Conservation Program/Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers

Assistant Public Works Director Barton gave a brief review of the staff report.

Mr. Doug Hendrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, stated some 50 years the district signed a contract with the State of California for what was then known as the Feather River Project, supplemental water supply from

northern California, and it is now known as the State Water Project. We thought up until 18 months ago this was plenty of water to meet all the needs of the continued growth of our district at least until 2050. In May of 2007, the Department of Water Resources shut down the pumps that deliver water to Southern California to save a small fish called the Delta Smelt. Since this time the Department of Water Resources and others have been working with a resource agency to produce a biological opinion for the Delta Smelt, which is an endangered species. This has led our district to reconsider some of our planning and some of our programs. We have to start relying more on water conservation type initiatives that have been implemented in other parts of southern California. He is present tonight to speak about demand management. Supply management is simply increasing the supply/demand management and trying to reduce the appetite. Some of the programs that have been evaluated are plumbing retrofits, educational programs but the one tonight has to do with irrigation efficiency. The Municipal Water Board has directed their staff to get involved in these programs and to focus on large water uses such as parks, large irrigated turf areas and to ask for cooperation from local agencies. Weather based irrigation controllers are also known as smart controllers. Essentially the weather station gathers weather data such as temperature, wind speed, humidity, and precipitation and combines this information into a number called evapo transportation or ET. This is simply a measurement of how much water is needed to keep the vegetation alive or thriving on each day. This information is sent to a centralized server and then sent out to the paging network to individual controllers. They control how much water is applied based on the actual needs for that day. A 24 station of irrigation controllers covers about 2 acres. Savings is approximately 17 acres feet over the life of the controller. Based on the cost of \$1,200 this comes to \$70 per acre foot. To put into perspective the cost of retail water supply today is somewhere between \$400 and \$500. The payback period for each one of these controllers is approximately two to three years. Our district has authorized a 50% incentive program where we cover half of the cost of purchase, installation and maintenance of the weather based irrigation controller. The district ward has authorized an offer of \$200,000 which would then be matched again by \$200,000 from all the water agencies within our district. In Highland where you have a water district and a city who operates the parks, it has been thought perhaps the 50% of the remaining costs would be split again between the City of Highland and East Valley Water District. Staff has provided a list of parks which would be covered under this program and a proposal has been done. The cost of the proposal is between \$25,000 and \$35,000. The range is basically a difference between having your own weather station and using someone else's weather station.

Councilwoman Scott stated she would like to inquire about the maintenance costs. You expect to have the controllers to have a two-year life before replacement.

Mr. Hendrick stated no the controllers should last between 20 and 30 years.

Councilwoman Scott asked if the replacement fee for each controller is approximately \$200 each?

Mr. Hendrick stated the controllers installed are approximately \$1,500.

Councilwoman Scott stated she is concerned about the maintenance costs and the replacement costs after we install the system. She also is concerned about Beattie Middle School being listed as one of the parks. Beattie Middle School belongs to the school district and the school district has football fields and so forth. She would think the various schools, Redlands and San Bernardino Unified, would want to get in on something like this for their athletic fields. She is concerned about Beattie because in 2008 the City of Highland paid \$30,382.72 in water bills for Beattie Middle School.

**A MOTION** was made by Councilman McCallon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to authorize city participation in a water conservation program jointly funded by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and East Valley Water District to install weather-based irrigation controllers for the City's parks. Motion carried, 4-1, with Councilwoman Scott dissenting.

8. Proposition 1B Projects – Second Installment

City Engineer Wong gave a brief review of the staff report.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Scott, to designate the second installment of Proposition 1B in the amount of \$791,955 for pavement rehabilitation on Boulder Avenue and on Church Street. Motion carried, 5-0.

9. Letter of Support Requesting \$11.8 billion from the President-Elect's Proposed Stimulus Package to be Used in California

City Clerk Hughes gave a brief review of the staff report.

Councilman Timmer stated he has concerns with what the federal Government is doing at the national level. He has concerns with the City Council endorsing this kind of fiscal mismanagement.

Councilwoman Scott stated this request is inadequate in terms of asking a city government for support.

City Manager Hughes stated the Green Valley Initiative is basically asking for support of what the Governor is requesting regarding the stimulus package.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Scott, to not draft a letter of support requesting \$11.8 billion from the President-Elect's Proposed Stimulus Package to be used in California. Motion carried, 5-0.

10. Update on SANBAG, SCAG, Omnitrans, Work Program and Regional/Legislative Issues/Development Issues/Subcommittees/AB 1234 Updates

Community Development Director Jaquess stated on January 21, 2009, LAFCO acted to approve the Environmental Impact Report for the merger of the Water Conservation District and the Muni District. They did not take any other action, therefore, the environmental action has not been certified. It is not an action that is subject to any time limit or any challenge. We have communicated with the Water Conservation District due to Council's support of their position. They have indicated they are not anticipating any action on their part. LAFCO did agree to include another new third party financial audit of the records of both Muni and the Water Conservation District.

Mayor Lilburn stated she attended the League of California Cities Policy Committee for the Housing Community and Economic Development in Sacramento on January 21, 2009.

City Clerk Hughes stated Councilman McCallon and herself attended the Administrative Services Committee for the League of California Cities on January 22, 2009, in Sacramento.

11. San Bernardino International Airport Authority and IVDA

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:50 p.m., the City Council and Redevelopment Agency convened into closed session regarding the following:

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the following property:

Property:	APN 1192-421-01
Negotiating parties:	Joseph Hughes, City of Highland County of San Bernardino
Under negotiation:	Instruction to City's negotiator concerning price and terms of payment.

At 6:59 p.m., the City Council and Redevelopment Agency convened into open session, with all members present, making no announcements.

## ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Lilburn adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Betty Hughes, CMC  
City Clerk

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Penny Lilburn  
Mayor