

**MINUTES  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 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 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Lilburn at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

The invocation was given by Pastor Rob Zinn of Immanuel Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led also by Pastor Rob Zinn.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**COMMUNITY INPUT**

Ms. Amber Starbuck of Southern California Gas Company stated the Gas Company has received the JD Powers recognition for Best Customer Service in the nation. She would like to discuss the Gas Company's options for customer service regarding checking household furnaces and appliances for proper working order. She also brought handouts for the public regarding important information about the Gas Company and their programs.

Mr. John Farrington stated he owns a piece of property with two units on it and one of the units is empty and has been for two years. He is paying the refuse company a great deal of money for trash that is not being picked up at this empty unit. He is having difficulties coming up with the funds to pay the refuse bill due to the empty unit. He has approached city staff and was informed he could not apply for a refuse exemption because one of the units is occupied.

Councilwoman Scott inquired if the units had separate addresses.

Mr. John Farrington stated the property has the same address but the smaller unit is listed as 1/2.

Mayor Lilburn stated staff will work with Mr. Farrington regarding this issue and try to find a resolution.

Mr. Doug Moss stated his neighborhood is having serious problems with coyote packs. He and other neighbors have lost their pets to these coyote attacks and the coyotes are coming into their yards with no regards for human contact. He is asking for Council's help in resolving this issue.

Mayor Lilburn stated she has spoken with someone regarding this issue as well and she has contacted Animal Control who stated they will be setting traps for the coyotes.

Ms. Nanette Peykani stated she is the new Executive Director for the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce. She wanted to take this opportunity to introduce herself in person and to promote the attendance of the State of the Community Luncheon.

Mr. Hayward Jackson stated he would like to recite scriptures for the City Council.

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

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilman McCallon, 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. Minutes – October 27, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting  
Approved Minutes as submitted.
3. Minutes – October 27, 2009 RDA Regular Meeting  
Approved Minutes as submitted.
4. Warrant Register  
Approved Warrant Register No. 493 for November 10, 2009, in the amount of \$416,906.32 and Payroll of \$75,602.71.
5. Treasurer's Report for September  
Received and filed Treasurer's Reports for September 2009.
6. State COPS Grant FY 2009/2010 Allocation  
Continue to allocate its funding under the annual State COPS grant for the hiring of a Sergeant position under the contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.
7. Agreement with San Bernardino County Flood Control District Regarding Design of Elder Gulch Channel  
Approved the agreement with San Bernardino County Flood Control District regarding design of Elder Gulch Channel.

## CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PUBLIC HEARING

### 8. 2006-2014 General Plan Housing Element Update (Planning Period of January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2014)

Mayor Lilburn opened the public hearing.

City Planner Larry Mainez stated he would like to introduce Michelle McCreedy of the Planning Center. She is present to help answer questions. She has a great deal of experience and has recently dealt with ten other cities. The item before you is an update to our existing housing element. Our current housing element was certified in 2002 and it covered a period from 1998 to 2005. The document before you covers from 2006 to 2014. We are hoping tonight to get some direction from Council on a couple of program and policy items which will get us closer to certification. Staff does advise Council it will still be a challenge as we still have some issues to address as there is a gap in the low income housing provision and we will talk about that in a minute. We submitted our first draft to the State and in the staff report there is a document called the Plan of Response. One by one we indicate to the City Council where it is addressed in the revised element and how we are addressing it. Talking with our consultant we feel comfortable that most of the findings from the State are addressed adequately and we are pretty confident about that. So with that said we will cut right to the issue tonight and that is staff feels is significant and staff needs direction before we put it in a document. The first one that the State recognizes as a constraint for multi-family uses, and this is another way to say apartments, is to require a conditional use permit. A conditional use permit is another step to obtain entitlement first and then move on to another step which is design review. We are proposing Council to consider eliminating that process for apartments. He will explain some of the thought behind this. Here is what staff is proposing and it is something the state recognizes as a viable solution. Cities can adopt standards; the state does not look at how stringent those apartments are. So by developing the standards for apartments we can consider the issue of land use compatibility, set backs, design, you can set the bar pretty high. Obviously he will caution not to make the standards so high that it is almost impossible to build apartments. He thinks it is important to understand when the CUP is eliminated. You are not giving up your land use authority but just adopting another process for developers to look at. This will make it streamlined and it will clear what the standards are. Also, staff is proposing that if there is some interest from Council that we write a program that we would eliminate the process at a certain time, we have to have a certain date, so we will come back with an ordinance amending the provision. Also, at a interim step and not put into the program is staff would bring forward to Council an item for the agenda where Council would be able to look at all the areas of the code that the apartment provision is listed and have a say maybe this needs to be adjusted or maybe it's good enough.

Councilman McCallon stated SB375 states if you don't meet certain things, a city could not keep you from building affordable housing although he is not certain of the exact wording or the section.

City Planner Mainez stated there was a provision and it talked about relief for the CEQA process. There is another law that talks about denying projects for low income housing. There are some restrictions that ties the hands of the city for that. He knows if a city denies a low income housing apartment project he believes the city has to find another spot or something like that. He will look into it.

Michelle McCreedy of the Planning Center stated in order to deny the project it would have to violate the code.

Councilman McCallon stated the other provision in SB375 was the requirement that you had to zone within three years in accordance with your approved housing.

Mayor Lilburn asked isn't this why we get dictated our RHNA numbers?

Councilman McCallon stated the RHNA process is what the state established to make sure cities provided adequate housing for all citizens.

Councilwoman Scott stated the thing that gets her is looking at the RHNA with the current economy and the job losses and so forth and we are going to address the census here in 2010, which can only bring the income down. So she can see mandates coming from the state that instead of 23% we are going to have 48% that will have to be low and very low income. What is Highland's requirement now based on our population and income, how many low and moderate and so forth?

City Manager Hughes stated this is a public hearing. We need to allow staff to make their presentation and open it for Council discussion.

City Planner Mainez stated we will talk about the CUP process and we will come back to that. There is also, not only the RHNA allocation to address the potential growth projection in the SCAG region. Everyone has to provide allowable space and zoning to meet the growth in California until 2014. The other issue is if you look at the table in the staff report and in the housing element, there is a shortfall of the number that falls in the very low category. We historically have had no problem having developers come to us and build above moderate housing. So it is very clear in the stocking that it stands out. There is a gap in the very low construction and without a commitment from the city to either partner with a developer or build the structures or go after existing apartments and put covenants which he believes is an initiative by the redevelopment agency, we are not going to make that goal. We may not even reach that goal but we are going to try and get as close we can tonight. Staff is going to ask for Council's direction to prove our suggested recommendations and again we will resubmit it and see what happens. The economy; this will play key. We did a survey of the prices of our houses. Property values have dropped significantly but it is a double edged sword because

people are losing their jobs, housing is very affordable but without jobs people can't afford them. He understands the state is recognizing that some of the cities are getting a lot of credit for that. There is some lax in terms of how the state reviewers are looking at these housing elements.

Michelle McCreedy stated but they will not reduce your RHNA numbers. What you can do is show them your housing prices for new homes and if you can prove that they are affordable to moderate income whereas in 2005 someone built 12 units in Highland, the state would not consider affordable but perhaps now it might. Some properties such as the Gardner tract are able to show track record of affordability.

City Planner Mainez stated he will conclude by stating to tap into the redevelopment agencies initiative to use existing apartments. You are getting credit in the redevelopment agency and we want to carry it over to the housing element.

Councilman Timmer stated back on the work program we talked about in lieu fees rather than developer build that the city would take that role and he thought the plan was that we were going to use that program to meet our very low and low by working on existing projects by upgrading, refurbishing, putting long term covenants on those to meet not only redevelopment requirements but also meet the housing element. The staff report kind of talks about that we need to increase the program in sense of more money going into that program or we have to identify more sites that need to be involved in the process.

City Planner Mainez stated in the latter part, more apartments. Looking at the draft you will be seeing in December which is the redevelopment agency's five year implementation plan but what he has seen there are a couple of apartments only in there and it only totals like 80 to 100 units. There really isn't enough and he indicated we can get credit for 25% of our lower income housing criteria and 80% to 100% isn't really close enough but it is a good effort and we are going to negotiate that with the state.

Councilman Timmer stated don't we get credit also for the San Bernardino County Housing Authority.

City Manager Hughes stated the county sold the units they owned. This is a public hearing, we do need to have staff finish their presentation and open the floor for discussion.

Mayor Lilburn called for speakers in favor or in opposition. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

Mayor Lilburn stated one of the things she hears people talk about is senior apartments. Can we get credits for low income with this?

City Planner Mainez stated talking with the State, they have recognized what we have done with seniors and they like what we have done. Unfortunately it is not other sectors of the community. It's not the other households, such as single moms, families, things like that. We will not get credit for senior housing.

City Manager Hughes stated we have a significant senior project in the community so it has taken that credit essentially. If we went in and did some of the other projects and built up some of the other categories we could then go for Senior again and get credit but as it stands right now we have used up that allocation.

Michelle McCreedy stated this is a redevelopment law, you have to spend your money according to certain percentages based on your population. They look at seniors vs. families. If you spend all your redevelopment money on building senior housing and none of it on family housing, you are not meeting your development requirements.

Councilman McCallon stated he thought it was Council's direction to that was what we wanted to do as a city was to try to fill our low mod income housing requirements was to go ahead and use the low mod income monies, set aside, go out and try to purchase apartments.

Community Development Director Jaquess stated we have approached every apartment owner in the city. Of those we had two owners come back to say they were interested in talking to us about possible covenants. We have negotiated with both of those and we are currently in the process, we believe, of reaching a point where we are hopefully close to doing covenants on one of those apartment units which is the Raintree Apartments. Once that is concluded we will then go back to the other apartment project which was Base Palm and hopefully reach some agreement with them to accomplish covenants there.

Councilman McCallon asked why are we being asked to expand this program.

Community Development Director Jaquess stated he thinks what City Planner Mainez is suggesting is we should make another effort to go back to the apartments that said they weren't interested before and see if we can regenerate some more interest.

City Planner Mainez stated he did some more research on this and he asked our consultant, he thinks the survey was done a couple of years ago, the market was different so there might be other opportunities. Some new property owners, things like that but when we submit our element to the State for certification, we have to have identified those apartments properties and so there just isn't enough time to get commitment.

Mayor Lilburn asked if we have some identified.

City Planner Mainez stated we have two.

Mayor Lilburn stated so they are asking us to give up the CUP process.

City Planner Mainez stated they aren't asking us, it is identified in the law that it is a constraint and they ask cities to demonstrate somehow that the CUP is not a constraint. As indicated in the staff report, we don't have a history of building apartments here so he can't adequately determine if it's a constraint or not. He knows that apartments were built for seniors but again would that be an adequate assessment if some developer came in and wanted to build apartments.

Councilwoman Scott stated so basically you are asking for rentals. You're asking for rental properties, not lower occupied property. Apartments are usually rentals, not owners.

Community Development Director Jaquess stated from the state's perspective, generally apartments are the only way you can really accomplish housing for lower income families. They don't have the money to buy units and make down payments on units, so apartments is the direction the State has always pushed for.

Councilwoman Scott stated apartments around here are going for \$1,200 to \$1,500 a month and with the housing market the way it is they could buy the homes. The problem is their credit is poor and can't get approved for loans but when you have apartments all you have is basically Section 8, people who don't own property, they are coming from Los Angeles and they tear up stuff. We are mandated that we have to.

City Manager Hughes stated staff is trying to come up with solutions that are both acceptable by the State as well as the Council. We are not going to get everything we want and the State is not going to get everything they want but we need to find a medium. In reality is when we negotiated with the first apartment owner the amount of money he wanted would have wiped out the entire fund so Council has to realize all the nuances here. It's easy to say go out and find some apartments but we have to negotiate with somebody and we have to find somebody who is willing to do it and willing to do it at a reasonable amount of money.

Councilman Timmer stated if we choose to give up the CUP it says we can look at our existing standards and relax them or build them up or do what we need to do. Can we create findings or items of issue, most people don't want to deal with low income housing and apartments because generally it requires more law enforcement, more services and more code enforcement. It creates a higher demand on the city and they generally don't generate any revenue to cover those. Are there certain things we can eliminate the CUP and create certain findings that new projects would have to meet as findings that they have to pay into such as police fund or fire fund or paramedic fund. A lot of low income goes non-profit which then makes them exempt from all taxes period. What could we do to eliminate that and he knows the Planning Commission had some strong feelings about doing that, create certain finding that would help protect the city and if we

are going to get apartment projects let it be ones that are a little higher standard, they will meet the financial requirements of the city based on providing services and those kinds of things.

City Planner Mainez stated he asks to keep an open mind, don't try to solve that tonight because it sounds like you are interested, we will bring it back to you. You will have another chance to analyze the standards, so keep an open mind. Think about the land inventory. If somebody were to come into city hall today or tomorrow and ask to build apartments where would they build. Think about the maps that he presented in the housing element.

Mayor Lilburn stated even though we have something zoned and it is not multi-family, they can't put apartments there regardless if somebody wants to put a low income project it has to be zoned multi family still.

City Planner Mainez stated correct but they could ask for a zone change.

Michelle McCreedy stated on some of the standards that some cities have chosen is if you are going to an apartment building such as 50 units they are required to have on site management. This is a really great way of ensuring there is somebody there at all times to check in on the residents, look at property maintenance and to be a correspondent with the city. That is something you can consider but like City Planner Mainez was saying all of those standards are something that can be revisited at a separate meeting.

Councilman McCallon stated the impressions he had was that developers weren't coming to us and requesting to build apartments because we had changed our standards and made the standards very high that they had to meet for apartments.

City Planner Mainez stated that is not something is he aware of.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated he thinks that is the important issue here is that the State is not saying that the CUP process is in fact limiting this level of housing. They are asking a question. They are simply saying is it a constraint to multi-family housing; no it is not. Now, did we create a standard. Yes we did create a standard but it was for the safety of the individuals who occupied that type of multi-family housing. We did not want to create another "ghetto" that in fact is going to be dangerous to the inhabitants of that parcel. So it was not to eliminate multi-family housing it was simply to set a standard so that those who lived there would be safe in living there and they would be provided with the amenities that in fact would allow them to live there in those conditions. His response back to the State is no. In fact, the process does not constrain multi family housing but in fact it allows for the safety of that type of housing. Now why haven't we had any built is because developers have made the decision that it would not pencil out for them to build that level of housing because they would not be able to get the rent levels that would allow the repayment of their investment in there. That is not our problem that is their problem.

City Manager Hughes stated those are based on the apartment standards that we had, the argument that Council is making, not necessarily on the CUP process. Therefore, if we eliminate the CUP process and we keep the standards or increase the standards, it is the same thing, but Council eliminates whatever the sticking point is for the State but we still have the standards that are controlling it.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated we have identified the fact the CUP is not restricting multi-family housing.

Councilman Timmer stated the reason he asked the question if we eliminate the CUP, what kind of findings or standards can we develop to address some of the concerns and not have the CUP but still have standards in place that we feel comfortable with putting in projects that will be safe and not going to detriment to police and fire and other services we have to provide. Can we put in place something like mello-roos to cover those kinds of projects for funding sources to cover police, fire and code enforcement activities? Those are things he would like to see staff look into and come back and report to Council. His big concern is these are a drain on our resources and how can we protect the services we have to provide.

Councilwoman Scott stated Ms. McCreedy brought something up about the 50 plus units having an on-site manager. She believes even with our own Jeffrey Court we have that rule. We have that in the contract but that manager is not on site during the evening. We need to make it very clear 24 hour on site manager. Also it must be gated and we need to go back to some of the standards that we dropped on Jeffery Court such as the washer/dryer stack pack in each unit so the people wouldn't have to walk up and down the stairs, covered garages, etc.

Mayor Lilburn stated those are still in the standards.

Councilman Timmer stated those are in the standards for conventional apartments. We waived those requirements for that particular project because it was senior. We didn't eliminate those requirements for all apartment projects just for that particular senior housing project.

City Manager Hughes stated he was remiss and didn't introduce Geoff Ward. He is sitting in for Craig Steele tonight.

Mr. Geoff Ward stated City Planner Mainez said it well when he said the housing element is the time you take a step back and look at what land the city has available for development. One thing before you start getting into specific concerns about CUP's for apartment buildings, the first question the State really wants to know is what is the vacant land zone for and what type of housing could be built there. Highland is very close in terms of meeting its RHNA numbers just based on the way everything is laid out, particularly because housing prices have gone down and housing is more affordable here than compared to a lot of places.

He thinks the main issue that staff wants to raise is basically the city needs to look down the road where you could consider zoning for multi-family housing including apartments and two, what standards are going to be set.

Councilman Timmer stated we went through that process when we did the last revision to the State certified housing element. We identified certain parcels of lands and they are all in there but he doesn't think Council took action to include it in the General Plan.

City Planner Mainez stated Councilman Timmer is referring to a policy that staff actually identified three properties that we were going to rezone to a higher density and that was used as a catalyst for the State to approve our housing element. They go back to their comments and they see that we did not zone those properties to a higher density but our explanation to the State negotiating was we in 2006 went a whole different direction, our vision of our city changed. We created policy areas that created new housing opportunities that we never ever thought about in the previous plan period and they struggled with that only because in those planning areas you had to have specific plans or other zoning to really convince them you could get the density per unit. We are really back to the same issue but he is confident we can get over that.

Councilwoman Scott stated there is no more land in Highland.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated he thinks it is critical to take into consideration the year and time that we are in. We don't need to strip the standards all apart and change those until we re-evaluate where we are right now from an inventory standpoint at the new level of housing crisis and what that does to the current standards we have in place.

Councilwoman Scott stated not only the new level of housing standards but also the new level of household income.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated all those factors come into bear but we need to see how those apply to where we are today. Then if we need to do some changes or reshuffling he thinks we should look at it from that standpoint.

Mayor Lilburn stated what exactly is staff looking for.

City Planner Mainez stated the first one is if Council believes it to be appropriate to direct staff to write a program that we would eliminate a CUP process for multi-family housing, again keep an open mind, most of the apartment complexes that will be built in the future will be under specific plans most likely. The Golden Triangle is one you are familiar with; Homeowners Associations, lots of designs, lots of standards, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated in response to that Council would certainly like to look at what are the other alternatives but that doesn't mean that's the way we are going to go. We would like to be able to weigh that against what the process we are using now and is one going to be more restrictive than the other and if it is, then we need to make some changes because the state is not going to approve that.

City Planner Mainez stated we will write the program so it is flexible that Council evaluates the removal of the CUP and balance it against other standards.

Mayor Lilburn asked will it come back to the Council prior to being submitted?

City Planner Mainez stated absolutely. We actually will have to put a date such as June of 2010.

Councilman Timmer stated so the other issue then is we have to address the low and very low issue on how we are going to get to that by whether we expand the apartment refurbish program or something else.

City Manager Hughes stated and he thinks what we could do is the State and the document that we will go back out and do another effort based on the new economics. We will go back out and contact every apartment complex again in the community to see if there is anyone else interested in doing it.

Mayor Lilburn stated she is not sure if the apartment owners understand because the way she sees it is that some of their rents that they are currently charging are low and moderate income fees that they are charging currently. So, they are not going to be losing anything.

Councilman Timmer stated they don't want to lock it up for 50+ years on what they could charge for rent.

City Planner Mainez stated if we want to do this approach the law is very detailed and very specific. There are some hoops we have to jump through. The Mayor brought up an issue that it's affordable now, we certainly will not be able to get credit for that. It's got to be high and then the program is going to bring it down to be more affordable. We have to demonstrate now that the apartments are at moderate or above and we are going to bring it down to something more affordable so the units the Mayor was referring to, we would not be able to get credit for.

Michelle McCreedy stated or the units have to be ready to expire, to have their covenants expire and you are basically preserving those for a longer period of time.

Community Development Director Jaquess stated what staff will do is make a couple of revisions to the document and we will proceed to submit that back to the State as soon as we can in another week or so and we will wait for their feedback.

Councilman Timmer stated the only thing he would ask is if the State is favorable on our two options for us to re-evaluate and look at our standards. He would think we would want to have a committee working with staff or someone with the Planning Commission rather than staff handling it independently and then bringing it Council, to help the process go a little smoother maybe.

Councilman McCallon stated the housing element that you have here, that we are giving you direction on, when you rework this housing element, it will go back to the Planning Commission.

City Planner Mainez stated it would be appropriate if it does go back to Planning Commission so they are aware of the comments and then the direction from City Council.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilman McCallon, to review and provide comments, as appropriate, on the 2006-2014 Housing Element Update; and to direct staff to submit the revised 2006-2014 Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their approval. Motion carried, 4-1, with Councilwoman Scott dissenting.

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

### 9. Establish a Complete County Committee for the City of Highland and Appoint a Chairperson

Community Development Director Jaquess gave a brief review of the staff report.

Councilman Timmer stated we did not form a committee last time this occurred and how does this impact the City of Highland and what relationship does this committee have to the Council versus working with the Census Staff.

Community Development Director Jaquess stated the committee works independently once it is appointed. The Census is asking the Council to appoint a person to serve as Chairperson of the committee and then the Chairperson will try to contact people in the community to promote participation in the community. We will take recommendations from the Council as to who should be on the committee.

Mr. Wes McDaniel stated the guidelines by the Census Bureau state it is a city committee. The Chairperson will report to the highest elected official. The intent is to go find people from community based organizations to promote participation.

**A MOTION** was made by Councilman McCallon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to authorize the creation of a Complete County Committee for the 2010 Census program, and appoint Wes McDaniel to serve as Chairperson for the Committee. Motion carried, 5-0.

10. San Bernardino County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System – National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Renewal

Administrative Analyst Morgan gave a brief review of the staff report.

Councilman Timmer stated he would like a clarification. In the staff report it was stated if projects did not meet the standards, the project must mitigate through an in lieu program. He is assuming these fees would go to the Water Boards rather than to the city.

Administrative Analyst Melissa Morgan stated correct and in the in lieu program is somewhat restraining because in order to contribute to the in lieu program the city already has to put together projects in which the in lieu could go to. Therefore, the city would have to expend funds to create these projects.

Councilwoman Scott asked of the 16 incorporated cities, are they all paying the same amount?

Administrative Analyst Morgan stated no, the fee the city is paying to participate in the group is based on population and land use. Currently the City of Highland is one of lower paying cities because the land use is based on the late 1990's but in the near future the group will be updating the land use meaning our fee will increase.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilman McCallon, to authorize the City Manager to prepare and send a letter of objection pertaining to the San Bernardino County Municipal NPDES Permit Renewal on behalf of the City of Highland. Motion carried, 5-0.

11. Voluntary Expenditure Limit for Local Elections

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

**A MOTION** was made by Councilman McCallon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones to approve Ordinance No. 347 repealing its Voluntary Expenditure Limit since state law no longer authorizes it.

City Clerk Hughes introduced Ordinance No. 347:

ORDINANCE NO. 347  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND,  
CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 2.12.020  
OF TITLE 2 OF THE HIGHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING  
TO VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE LIMITS IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

which title was read.

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

Councilman McCallon stated SCAG will be hosting a joint meeting in December regarding SB375. It will be a meeting with Southern California Associated Government Regional Council, Southern California Leadership Council and the Greater Land Use Economic Council. This meeting will be streamed live on the websites.

Mayor Lilburn stated Omnitrans is now going through the process of interviews for the position of CEO and hope to fill the position by the end of December. In January she was appointed to the Regional Access Networking Board for the Sheriff's Department. Since then she has attended two meetings. Within the City of Highland, Live Scan Reports are now being done at the Police Department. This means we are collecting and generating revenue for our city and supplying a valuable service to the community. Also our police cars now have a system installed where officers can place a fingerprint and get a read out to verify the persons correct name or if they have any outstanding warrants.

City Manager Hughes stated staff has been finalizing the draft of the sign code revision. Staff would like direction from the Council to see if Council would like to appoint a subcommittee to discuss and review the draft. It would appropriate for it to be an Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Lilburn stated the Sign Review Ad Hoc Committee will consist of two members from City Council, two members of the Planning Commission and two members from the chamber. Mayor Lilburn appointed Councilwoman Scott and Councilman Timmer to the Ad Hoc.

Councilman Timmer stated he would like to thank City Engineer Wong as he and Councilman McCallon serve on the San Bernardino County Flood Control Zone 3 Advisory Board and Mr. Wong and his staff has volunteered to take the lead role on Bledsoe Drainage System.

13. San Bernardino International Airport Authority and IVDA

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:42 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 properties:

Property: APN 1192-421-11  
Negotiating parties: Joseph Hughes, City of Highland  
James S. Davidson Family Trust  
Under negotiation: Instruction to City's negotiator concerning price and terms of payment.

### **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the following properties:

Property: APN 1192-421-39  
Negotiating parties: Joseph Hughes, City of Highland  
Jeffrey and Karen Patterson  
Under negotiation: Instruction to City's negotiator concerning price and terms of payment.

At 7:59 p.m., the City Council and Redevelopment Agency convened into open session, with all members present, making no announcements. There was no reportable action taken during the closed session.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Lilburn adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. in memory of the Soldiers of Fort Hood listed as follows:

Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman, 55, of Havre De Grace, Md. She was assigned to the 1908th Medical Company, Independence, Mo.

Maj. Libardo Caraveo, 52, of Woodbridge, Va. He was assigned to the 467th Medical Detachment, Madison, Wis.

Capt. John P. Gaffaney, 54, of San Diego, Calif. He was assigned to the 1908th Medical Company, Independence, Mo.

Capt. Russell Seager, 41, of Racine, Wis. He was assigned to the 467th Medical Company, Madison, Wis.

Staff Sgt. Justin Decrow, 32, of Plymouth, Ind. He was assigned to the 16th Signal Company, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Amy Krueger, 29, of Kiel, Wis. She was assigned to the 467th Medical Company, Madison, Wis.

Spc. Jason Hunt, 22, of Tillman, Okla. He was assigned to the 1st Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Frederick Greene, 29, of Mountain City, Tenn. He was assigned to the 16th Signal Company, Fort Hood, Texas.

Pfc. Aaron Nemelka, 19, of West Jordan, Utah. He was assigned to the 510th Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

Pfc. Michael Pearson, 22, of Bolinbrook, Ill. He was assigned to the 510th Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Kham Xiong, 23, of St. Paul, Minn. He was assigned to the 510th Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

Pvt. Francheska Velez, 21, of Chicago, Ill. She was assigned to the 15th Combat Support Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

Mr. Michael Cahill of Cameron, Texas. He was a civilian employee on Fort Hood.

Submitted by:

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Betty Hughes, CMC  
City Clerk

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Penny Lilburn  
Mayor