

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Burbank was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 275 East Olive Avenue, on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mr. Wiggins, Mayor.

Invocation           The invocation was given by Thos Peterson, Elder, Little White Chapel.

Flag Salute           The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Council Member Golonski.

ROLL CALL

Present- - - -       Council Members Golonski, Kramer, Laurell, Murphy and Wiggins.

Absent - - - -       Council Members None.

Also Present -       Mr. Ovrom, City Manager; Mr. Barlow, City Attorney; Ms. Alvord, Assistant City Manager; and, Mrs. Moioffer, Deputy City Clerk.

Oral Communications       Mr. Wiggins called for oral communications at this time.

Citizen Comment       Appearing to comment were Trudy Israel, Academic Curriculum Coordinator for Burbank Adult School, speaking on the school's Career and College Fair to be held March 8, 2001 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Adult School; Don Elsmore, on Airport issues, questioning whether Airport Commissioners are being copied on correspondence between City and Airport, on parking lot leasing and zoning at Airport, and noting that the public should be noticed when those meetings take place; Esther Espinoza, on inflammatory remarks used in Council Chambers, and on City's responsibility to defend minorities and do more for ethnic community; Maria Proctor, on traffic problems and amount of traffic on Olive Avenue at Warner Bros., on problems with heavy trucks from the Snyder project causing potholes in roads, and questioning if the AMC Project is still trying to get financing; Bob Etter, on concern with the cleaning establishment at Fairview Street and Magnolia Boulevard having a vapor extraction unit that emits toxins into air, questioning if video taping of someone stealing campaign signs is City business, and on Council members not accessing voice mail in a timely fashion; Irma Loose, on the definition of City business, on restraining order involving a Council member at which time Ms. Loose was asked by Mayor Wiggins to sit down; Mark Barton, on Old Police Block total assistance and other delayed or failed projects; Ted McConkey, citing Roberts Rules of Order under which a speaker may appeal decision to

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the full Council, asking why there was trouble getting information on AMC Theater, and on property at 170 West Providencia Avenue and lack of posted notice that the site is radioactive and fence being in disrepair; Mike Nolan, on restraining order being City business because of connection to city staff and elected officials, and on exercising restriction on freedom of speech; Fred Haas, on Lockheed site construction and toxic residue; LaVerne Thomas, on special requirements for large operations according to Air Quality Control Management District on track out of bulk material onto paved roadways as a result of operations, noting that M. David Paul filed a notice for the track out, on the Zelman Project risk evaluation report, expressing concern that they don't monitor the south side of project where the residential area is, on the Waxman Report in which Burbank was cited as one of three top areas for pollution in the Los Angeles Basin, and stating the City needs to be prudent of project sites and pollutants in soil; Gloria O'Donohoe, on comments from a previous meeting regarding possible fraud on absentee voter ballots and assuring that the absentee ballots had been counted by herself and three other Clerks and refuting any question of fraud, and noting that 3,282 absentee ballots were received; R. C. "Chappy" Czapiewski, on Mr. Golonski's candidate statement in sample ballot, and on the National Historic Preservation Act definition of historic property, eligibility for inclusion, and the City's lack of attention to historical preservation; Ron Vanderford, questioning financial assistance to Sears Great Indoor, on rejections of first ROAR initiative and City's failure to produce letter from the Attorney General upholding the City's position, and on firing of former City employee Gary Yamada; Howard Rothenbach, on February 7 letter to Airport from City and amendment to application on parking lot B, asking if City would consider allowing Airport to lease the entire B-6 property and build terminal, and whether or not consideration has been given to undergrounding Hollywood Way; Dr. Theresa Karam, on issue of chromium 6 in regards to Mayor Wiggins' company, and asking status of illegal billboard at Stevie Wonder's property on Magnolia Boulevard.

Staff  
Response

Members of the Council and staff responded to questions raised.

7:55 P.M.  
Hearing  
1211  
Weed

Mayor Wiggins stated that "this is the time and place for the hearing on the confirmation of the itemized written report of the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures for the County of Los Angeles regarding the abatement of

Abatement	nuisances by the removal of weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt from certain real property pursuant to Resolution No. 25,931 of this Council."
Notice Given	The Deputy City Clerk was asked if notices had been given as required by law. She replied in the affirmative and advised that no written communications had been received.
Staff Report	A report was received from Mr. Feng, Public Works Director, which stated that the purpose of the annual weed abatement program is to remove the nuisances created on various private properties by weeds, rubbish, refuse, and brush as these nuisances include potential fire hazards and are a haven for rodents and vectors. The report noted that the property owners may complete the abatement themselves, or the County of Los Angeles will clean their property of weeds and debris, keep track of the charges, and seek reimbursement through the private property tax bill as a lien against the property. The report concluded by stating that the list of properties to be abated was presented to the City Council and notice of the public hearing was sent to each property owner.
Hearing Closed	There being no response to the Mayor's invitation for oral comment, the hearing was declared closed.
Motion	It was moved by Mr. Golonski and seconded by Mrs. Murphy that "the following resolution be passed and adopted:"
1211 Weed Abatement	<u>RESOLUTION NO. 25,940:</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES IN THE CITY OF BURBANK, AS CONTEMPLATED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 25,931.
Adopted	The resolution was adopted by the following vote:  Ayes: Council Members Golonski, Kramer, Laurell, Murphy and Wiggins. Noes: Council Members None. Absent: Council Members None.
1504 Water Quality	Mr. Lantz, Assistant General Manager, Burbank Water and Power (BWP), reported on the request from the City Council at

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the October 10, 2000 meeting for staff to begin presenting weekly oral presentations updating the Council and public on Burbank water quality. He began by discussing activities which have taken place since the last report. First, he said that BWP collected water system samples for total chromium and chromium 6 on February 14, 2001 and discussed the results, noting there were four or five readings which were higher but seven readings that were the same as or lower than in January. He noted that it appears that the higher readings are influenced by the GAC Treatment Plant at the Lake Street property.

Next, Mr. Lantz discussed a meeting that was held on February 22 in Sacramento sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Association of California Water Agencies. He noted that a formal report of this meeting will be sent to the Council in next week's agenda packet. He then said that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the Department of Health Services has requested the National Toxicology Program to initiate animal studies for new chromium research and formally put the request in for that action. He noted that OEHHA appears to be in the process of requesting that the University of California system conduct an independent review of the existing research on Chromium 6 which could lead to a new chromium 6 PHG but this type of review will take two to three years.

Lastly, he discussed the following upcoming activities: the meeting scheduled for February 28 with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), CH2Mhill, and Lockheed is rescheduled for March 7 to discuss some of operating concerns and aquifer testing; BWP will be meeting on Tuesday March 6 in San Francisco to discuss the progress of well and aquifer testing; the next meeting with the Department of Health Services over Senate Bill 2127 will be held in April and BWP; and, in the near future, BWP will present additional information on the Water Quality Blending.

Following discussion, Mayor Wiggins requested that the Council be kept up to date with new bill amendments as they move through the different legislative committees.

The City Council received the report.

- Motion                    It was moved by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Laurell that "the following items on the consent agenda be approved as recommended."
- Minutes  
Approved                The minutes for the regular meetings of January 30, 2001 were approved as submitted.
- 1411-2  
Alley Vacation  
Moss/Varney  
Streets N. of  
Magnolia  
(V-330)                    RESOLUTION NO. 25,941:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO CONSIDER THE CONDITIONAL VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN MOSS STREET AND VARNEY STREET, NORTH OF MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD (V-330).
- 1209  
PSA w/Clifford  
Dev. Group for  
Capital Project  
Mgmt. Svcs.                RESOLUTION NO. 25,942:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BURBANK AND CLIFFORD DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC.
- Adopted                    The consent agenda was adopted by the following vote:  
  
Ayes:        Council Members Golonski, Kramer, Laurell, Murphy and Wiggins.  
Noes:        Council Members None.  
Absent:      Council Members None.
- Public Comment        Mr. Wiggins called for the second period of oral communications at this time.
- Citizen  
Comment                Appearing to comment were Mark Barton, who reiterated his request regarding the Old Police Block and lack of response from Council; Irma Loose, on Stevie Wonder billboard and expressing her insistence that this land belongs to the City of Burbank and thus the City has jurisdiction over the property, and asking whether the City purchased the old Thrifty Drug Store site on Hollywood Way and Magnolia Boulevard; R. C. "Chappy" Czapiewski, on aviation history and lack of City Council interest in recognizing those involved in aviation, and historical buildings being destroyed; Esther Espinoza, on hiring of minorities; Bob Etter, on following up on a loose dog and calling the animal shelter, and suggesting Council Members be required to respond to voice mail in a more timely manner;

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Ron Vanderford, on Sears Great Indoors assistance, and on Gary Yamada leaving the City Planning Division; LaVerne Thomas, on West Providencia site which was to have been decontaminated in the early 1960s under the oversight of the Federal government and their continuing responsibility for the site, and on vacuum sweepers she has recommended in the past which have decreased in price and supporting the City purchasing these sweepers; Mike Nolan, on restraining orders enforced by the Burbank Police Department; Ted McConkey, on the Charter giving the Council authority to advise the City Manager on personnel matters, on Gary Yamada's history with the City and his waiving any claim to confidentiality of this matter, and on his belief that the Planning Department is deteriorating; David Piroli, on concern with the Council cutting speakers off, and asking about election results noting concern with their availability to the Council prior to being available to the citizens; and Howard Rothenbach, asking if there is the possibility that a 21661.6 hearing can be avoided by letting the Airport lease property, if so, can property be leased for a terminal as it can be leased for a parking lot, on memo from January 9, 2001 staff report on Airport and cost of relocating Hollywood Way, and on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) desiring the City to pursue relocating Hollywood Way and acquiring different portions of the runway safety area noting the benefits of related measures such as curving of Hollywood Way.

Staff  
Response

Members of the Council and staff responded to questions raised.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Kay Moioffer, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED MARCH 27, 2001

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Mayor of the Council  
of the City of Burbank