

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006

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 5:08 p.m. by Mr. Campbell, Mayor.

CLOSED SESSION

Present- - - - Council Members Golonski, Gordon, Ramos and Vander Borght.
Absent - - - - Council Member Campbell.
Also Present - Ms. Alvord, City Manager; Mr. Barlow, City Attorney; and, Mrs. Wilson, Deputy City Clerk.

Oral Communications There was no response to the Mayor's invitation for oral communications on Closed Session matters at this time.

5:09 P.M. Recess The Council recessed at this time to the City Hall Basement Lunch Room/Conference Room to hold a Closed Session on the following:

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (City as potential defendant):
Pursuant to Govt. Code §54956.9(b)(1)
Number of potential case(s): 1
- b. Conference with Real Property Negotiator:
Pursuant to Govt. Code §54956.8
Agency Negotiator: Community Development Director/ Susan Georgino
Property: 2721 West Burbank Boulevard
Parties with Whom City is Negotiating: Family Service Agency
Name of Contact Person: Ruth Davidson-Guerra
Terms Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment concerning the lease of City-owned real property located at 2721 West Burbank Boulevard.
- c. Conference with Labor Negotiator:
Pursuant to Govt. Code §54957.6
Name of the Agency Negotiator: Management Services Director/Judie Sarquiz.
Name of Organization Representing Employee: Burbank Firefighters Chief Officers Unit.
Summary of Labor Issues to be Negotiated: Contracts and Retirement Issues.

Regular Meeting The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Burbank was

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Reconvened in Council Chambers reconvened at 6:39 p.m. by Mr. Campbell, Mayor.

Invocation The invocation was given by Bob Kramer, Community Assistance Coordinator.

Flag Salute The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Laurent Jean.

ROLL CALL

Present- - - - Council Members Golonski, Gordon, Ramos, Vander Borcht and Campbell.

Absent - - - - Council Members None.

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

Charter Review Committee Public Hearing Announcement Mr. Campbell invited the public to attend a public hearing on the Charter Review Committee's proposal to amend the City Charter. He stated that the hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

301-1 Helen Putnam Award Mr. Campbell announced that the League of California Cities has selected Burbank, along with the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Glendale, Montebello and Pomona as the 2006 Helen Putnam Award winners in the category of Effective Advocacy, Intergovernmental Relations and Regional Cooperation. He noted that these cities were selected for this distinguished honor for their collaboration on the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS), which is a seamless communication within Los Angeles County which significantly improves public safety for these communities. He invited Jennifer Quan, of the League of California Cities, Don Write, ICIS Director; Greg Simay, ICIS Board Member and Burbank Water and Power Assistant General Manager; and, Mrs. Ramos Vice Mayor and the City's ICIS Liason, who presented Mr. Campbell with the City's award. Mayor Campbell recognized Dennis Gibbons, Communications Systems Manager and Lianne McGinley, Legislative Analyst, for their contribution to this project.

301-1 Burbank Men's Golf Club Mr. Campbell presented a Certificate of Recognition to Laurent Jean, representing the Burbank Men's Golf Club, in appreciation of their cooperative spirit in support of the High School Club Sponsorship, hosting charitable events and exceptional community representation.

301-1 Burbank Men's Golf Club Mr. Campbell presented Certificates of Recognition to the Burbank Men's Golf Club Team for their achievement as winners of the Public Links Gold Association Tournament for two years in a row.

301-1 National Immigrants Day Proclamation	Mayor Campbell also presented a proclamation in honor of National Immigrants Day to Sister Regina Palamara and Wilhemine Kanga.
Reporting on Council Liaison Committees	Dr. Gordon reported on the Environmental Oversight Committee meeting he attended with Mr. Campbell. He also reported on meeting with residents along the proposed Beachwood/Sparks Enhanced Bikeway and commented on the Joint Council/Board of Education meeting.
	Mr. Golonski reported on the Infrastructure Subcommittee and the DeBell Clubhouse Public Art Subcommittee meetings he attended with Mr. Vander Borcht. He also reported on a tour he made with Mrs. Ramos of the Mary Alice O'Connor Child Care Center and commented on the Joint Council/Board of Education meeting.
	Mr. Vander Borcht also commented on the Joint Council/Board of Education meeting.
	Mr. Campbell reported on the Environmental Oversight Committee meeting he attended with Dr. Gordon and commented on the Joint Council/Board of Education meeting.
406 Airport Authority Meeting Report	Commissioner Brown reported on the Airport Authority meeting of October 16, 2006 at which the Authority received information on the regional airport passenger statistics. He also provided the Council and public with an update on an incident that happened at Bob Hope Airport on Friday, October 13, 2006, during which a private jet over ran the normal runway and was arrested by the Engineered Material Arresting Systems.
Reporting on Closed Session	Mr. Barlow reported on the items considered by the City Council during the Closed Session meeting.
Initial Open Public Comment Period of Oral Communications Citizen Comment	Mr. Campbell called for speakers for the initial open public comment period of oral communications at this time.
	Appearing to comment were: Nicholas de Wolff, requesting the Council listen to the citizens' comments on the proposed Beachwood Bikeway Project; Mary Schindler, commending the Council for their support on the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer Project; Eden Rosen, commending staff for resolving her

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issues and providing her with the information she needed; Howard Rothenbach, inquiring as to the effect of the State Measures on the City; and, Esther Espinoza, on the Family Service Agency lease negotiations.

Staff
Response

Members of the Council and staff responded to questions raised.

Agenda Item
Oral
Communications

Mr. Campbell called for speakers for the Agenda Item oral communications at this time.

Citizen
Comment

Appearing to comment in opposition to the proposed Beachwood Bikeway Project were: Nicholas de Wolff; Jay Geisenheimer; Ray Ferrante; Deon Jozov; Tommy Grafman; Eric Wolf; Jim Franz; Patty Dilibert; Elizabeth Bax; BC Cameron; Suzanne Holiday; Brian Ralph; Mary Schindler; Carol Simone; Randy Schackmann; Eden Rosen; Linda Cozacos; Marshall Lambert; Mike Gay; Frank Schindler; and, Gia Trasatti.

Also appearing to comment were: Marta Weiskopf, on finding alternatives for bike paths; Kastle Lund and Frank Schindler, in support of bike paths; David Piroli, stating that more study is needed with regard to the proposed bike path and on oral communications at study sessions; and, Kreigh Hampel, in support of the proposed bikeway project.

Staff
Response

Members of the Council and staff responded to questions raised.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Ramos and seconded by Mr. Golonski that "the following items on the consent calendar be approved as recommended."

204-2
204-3
Candidate
Statements
For 2007
Mun. Elections
1007-1
Specification for
Classification of
Manager Energy
Control Center

RESOLUTION NO. 27,338:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2007 AND APRIL 10, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 27,339:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK ESTABLISHING THE TITLE AND SPECIFICATION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF MANAGER ENERGY CONTROL CENTER (CTC No. 0542) AND PRESCRIBING CLASSIFICATION CODE NUMBER, SALARY AND SPECIFICATION THEREOF.

907
1507
Purchase of A
Mobile Data
Terminal Comm.
Package

RESOLUTION NO. 27,340:
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE DATA TERMINAL COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE FOR THE BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT.

411
Natural Gas
Project
Development
Agreement with
SCCPA

RESOLUTION NO. 27,341:
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE CITY OF BURBANK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATURAL GAS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF BURBANK, VARIOUS OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES, AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY.

Adopted The consent calendar was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Golonski, Gordon, Ramos, Vander Borght and Campbell (Except Reso. No. 27,338 only)
Noes: Council Members None.
Absent: Council Members None.
Abstain: Council Member Campbell (Reso. No. 27,338 only)

1601-1
Beachwood
Bikeway Project

Mr. Kriske, Senior Planner, Community Development Department, requested direction from the Council regarding further implementation of the Beachwood/Sparks enhanced Class III Bikeway Project. He stated that on January 25, 2005, the Council directed staff to accept a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant to construct an Enhanced Class III Bikeway for the purpose of connecting the Chandler Bikeway with the Riverside Drive bike lanes. He noted that the project, identified in the Bicycle Master Plan adopted in 2003, would serve the dual purpose of providing a regional connection between two Class I bike path facilities as well as an additional neighborhood north-south street connection serving residents and providing linkages in an evolving City bicycle network.

Mr. Kriske stated that the proposed project would be implemented as a Class III facility, which includes installing bicycle route signs along the route and painted stencils in the street notifying motorists that the route is a bicycle-friendly corridor. In addition, the project proposes the installation of a new traffic signal at Beachwood Drive and Alameda Avenue, and the relocation of a traffic signal from Reese Place and Magnolia Boulevard to Sparks Street and

Magnolia Boulevard, one block to the east. Also, existing signals at Sparks Street and Olive Avenue/Verdugo Avenue, and Beachwood Drive and Riverside Drive would be modified to include bicycle detection.

Mr. Kriske informed the Council that in July 2006, staff received a petition from residents of the 600 and 700 block of Sparks Street objecting to the proposed project routing along their street. In response to this petition, staff held two community meetings in August 2006 for the purpose of providing information on the proposed project to residents along the route, and to solicit comments on the bikeway proposal. Residents cited concerns over increased bicycle and vehicular travel in their neighborhood as a result of the bikeway and the proposed signal improvements, as well as a fear that the introduction of non-residents to the street on bicycles would increase crime and loitering. He noted that additional comments included concern over parking impacts to neighboring residences, safety of pedestrians and children living on the route, desire to confine bicycle facilities to commercial streets, desire for bicycle facilities to serve Downtown Burbank, and concern over conflicts between bicycles and equestrian users in the Rancho neighborhood. The overall message from residents in attendance at the community meetings was a near unanimous show of opposition to the project.

Mr. Kriske reported that in addition to the community and neighborhood concerns regarding the Beachwood Bikeway project, staff has encountered a funding shortfall that may require changes to the project scope or a delay in implementation of some of the project components. With increased costs due to escalating traffic signal equipment costs, revised construction estimate costs project a budget shortfall of approximately \$220,000.

Mr. Kriske stated that overall, staff believes that the proposed project represents the best alternative for an on-street north-south facility that balances the need to provide a direct north-south linkage throughout the City and links two Class I regional facilities along low-volume local streets as an alternative to higher volume collector or arterial streets. He noted staff's belief that installation of new traffic signal equipment will not have a significant effect on increased through traffic, as routing of the bikeway with a jog at Oak Street and timing of the existing and new traffic signals will not provide an attractive cut-through alternative to motorists. He added that the traffic volumes on the selected streets provide a safer alternative to cyclists than alternatives of busier streets and that installation of an on-street bikeway will not increase crime or loitering on the residential streets. He noted that statistics on Chandler Boulevard indicate a significant decrease in crime. He also noted that the relatively low volume of bicycle traffic destined to use the facility does not pose a significant impact to equestrian

users along Beachwood Drive. He recommended the Council approve of proceeding with the project.

Following Council deliberation, staff was directed to abandon the proposed project route and continue to look for other alternatives. Staff was also directed to contact Caltrans to see if the grant funding can be reprogrammed for other bicycle improvements in locations already identified. Direction was also given that the local match be programmed for other bicycle enhancements, in particular bicycle signal detection that's part of the overall Bicycle Master Plan. The Council also requested that prior to any implementation of a bicycle route, input be received from the neighborhood.

204-2
204-3
Ordinance
ordering the 2007
Municipal
Elections

Mrs. Wilson, Deputy City Clerk, requested the Council introduce and adopt an ordinance ordering the 2007 Municipal Elections. She noted that as mandated by the Charter and Burbank Municipal Code, a Primary Nominating Election will be conducted on February 27, 2007, to nominate or elect candidates to two offices for Member of the City Council and three offices for Member of the Board of Education for four-year terms. She added that a General Municipal Election will be conducted on April 10, 2007 to elect the candidates nominated at the Primary Nominating Election. She stated that the Nomination Period for the elections opens on Monday, November 6, 2006.

Ordinance
Introduced

It was moved by Mr. Golonski and seconded by Mrs. Ramos that "the following ordinance be introduced and adopted."

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204-3
Ordinance
ordering the 2007
Municipal
Elections

ORDINANCE NO. 3709:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK ORDERING A PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2007 AND ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 10, 2007.

Ordinance
Adopted

The ordinance was introduced and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Golonski, Gordon, Ramos, Vander Borcht and Campbell.
Noes: Council Members None.
Absent: Council Members None.

201-1
Oral Comm.
at Study

Mr. Barlow, City Attorney, reported that at the Council meeting of September 19, 2006, Council Member Ramos requested Council

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Sessions consideration of an additional period of oral communications at the beginning of study sessions.

Mr. Golonski suggested that rather than take or give direction at study sessions, the study session also be placed on the agenda as an item for the Council to give direction or take action. He stated that this will provide the public an opportunity to give testimony at the oral communications periods after they have received the information discussed at the study session. The Council concurred.

Motion It was moved by Mr. Golonski, seconded by Mrs. Ramos and carried that, "whenever the Council has a study session, the item also be placed on the agenda for the Council to give direction or take action, such that the public can give testimony at the oral communications periods."

Final Open Public Comment Period of Oral Communications There was no response to the Mayor's invitation for speakers for the final open public comment period of oral communications at this time.

10:03 P.M. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Josephine Wilson
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED JANUARY 9, 2007

Mayor of the Council
of the City of Burbank