

CITY OF WILDOMAR – COUNCIL
Agenda Item # 1 B.
CONSENT ITEM
Meeting Date: February 25, 2009

CITY OF WILDOMAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2009
ADJOURNED FROM JANUARY 28, 2009

The regular adjourned meeting of February 11, 2009 of the Wildomar City Council was called to order by Mayor Scott Farnam at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of a workshop on wildland fire insurance.

Roll Call showed the following Council Members in attendance: Mayor Scott Farnam, Mayor Pro Tem Bridgette Moore, Council Member Marsha Swanson. Council Member Ade entered the workshop about 5:05 P.M.

Staff in attendance for the workshop: City Manager John Danielson, City Attorney Julie Hayward Biggs and City Clerk Sheryll Schroeder.

Fire Chief Steve Beach and Division Chief Bob Toups presented the workshop to discuss the potential wildland vegetation fire agreement.

Chief Beach noted the wildland fire area to be addressed was between I-15 and the 215, through the Bundy Canyon Corridor.

Chief Beach distributed the hard copy of the power point presentation and a handout of the Riverside County Fire Department / Cal Fire Standard Response Plan. He indicated two maps on the wall, one depicting fire hazard severity zones which outlined the wildland threat and a historical outline of the fire history since 1974 of the wildland fires in the area. Both maps and documents are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Chief Toups explained that when Wildomar incorporated, it became a local responsibility area that received different types of response, which were limited. Under Cal Fire, more resources were available. The Federal responsibility areas, Wildomar had federal lands within its jurisdiction, which presented a different response plan, he explained. He explained the three areas of responsibilities; LRA (Local Responsibility Area), SRA (Cal Fire State Responsibility Area; and FRA (Federal Responsibility Area).

The Council reviewed the map depicting the fire hazard severity zone, where the dark red indicated a high fire danger and reviewed the fire history map.

Chief Beach explained Cal Fire's response goal was to suppress 95% of all wild land fire starts at 10 acres or less. He noted that they were 100% successful. He added that air craft is positioned throughout the state so that they could put fixed wing aircraft on any fire within 20 minutes or less.

He said anywhere where the City abuts National Forest Land, was Cal Fire's responsibility, where he could expend state money.

Regarding Master Mutual Aid Agreement, Chief Beach explained how the agreement worked; like resources for like resources, someone could not ask for something that they could not provide in like. He referred to a recent state case regarding this agreement and referred to the seven points of light, which was handout #3. He explained that the City had to pay for the support of Cal Fire efforts. He added that was an option, not to participate in a wildland fire agreement, but use the seven points of light.

Chief Toups explained the fiscal ramifications and liabilities. Using 5 fires, he gave a per acre estimate of \$244.94 per acre.

Chief Beach explained the possibility of receiving a FMAG (Federal Management Assistance Grant) grant.

Options available to the City, Chief Beach noted the City had a contract with the County of Riverside, but with a wildland fire agreement, the City would hold a contract with Cal Fire. He noted Mutual Aid and seven points of light were also an option. He explained that if the City entered into a wildland fire agreement with Cal Fire, they would bypass the County altogether. It would be a three year agreement.

Per acre suppression cost was \$20.11 per acre for 2008-09, reported Chief Toups.

Council Member Ade asked if the Council could consult with CalFire if questions arose while they were discussing the matter.

Chief Beach responded affirmatively and noted that Council should discuss it among themselves and work through the City Manager.

City Manager Danielson mentioned that staff was beginning to work on the budget and he asked if Council wished to consider their options at that time. He added that at least the Council would have an idea of the cost by the time budget approval was ready.

Mayor Farnam asked about the possibility of a vacant land assessment or a fee.

City Attorney Biggs responded that it would be necessary to put it before the voters.

Chief Beach and City Attorney Biggs discussed the possibility of a fee.

Mayor Farnam said he believed that there was a consensus of Council to have the City Manager move forward with discussions.

City Manager Danielson said he would work with the fire staff and consider the possibility of doing it incrementally.

The workshop was complete at 6:35 P.M., Mayor Farnam recessed the February 11, 2009 meeting to 7:00 P.M. of that date.

Mayor Farnam reconvened the Wildomar City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call showed the following Council Members in attendance: Mayor Scott Farnam, Mayor Pro Tem Bridgette Moore, Council Members Sheryl Ade, Bob Cashman and Marsha Swanson.

Staff in attendance: City Manager John Danielson, City Attorney Julie Hayward Biggs, Development Services Director Michael Kashiwagi, Planning Director Gary Wayne, Finance Director Misty Cheng and City Clerk Sheryll Schroeder.

FLAG SALUTE: Flag salute was led by Council Member Swanson.

Mayor Farnam congratulated Council Member Ade, February 10th being her birthday.

He announced appointments of Paula Willette and Gil Rasmussen to the Cemetery District.

PRESENTATIONS: Monthly update from Fire Services was presented by Chief Beach, report available in the City Clerk's Office.

Quarterly update from Police Chief Cleary regarding Police Services was presented and available in the City Clerk's Office.

Monthly Code Enforcement updated was given by Senior Code Enforcement Officer James Palmer. He reported for the month of January, there were 207 open cases, 68 were closed, 37 new opened, officers issued 13 notice of violations, 4 administrative citations and 7 parking citations and they currently had 4 large mess property cases.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Richard Shepler announced a Charter School proposal, hoping to establish the school in the City. It would be called the Sycamore Academy of Science and Cultural Arts.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the Consent Calendar with a correction of the date of January in the Treasurers Report (Item 1 D.), Items 1 A. through 1 F., seconded by Council Member Swanson. Roll Call vote: - Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

- 1 A. Approved the reading by title only of all ordinances.
- 1 B. Approved Adjourned Regular City Council Minutes dated January 28, 2009.
- 1 C. Approved Warrant Registers dated January 28, 2009 in the amount of \$12,910.50 and February 11, 2009 in the amount of \$36,164.56.
- 1 D. Approved the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2008.
- 1 E. ORDINANCE NO. 23 (2nd reading and adoption) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDOMAR, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF WILDOMAR ZONING MAP FROM R-R (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL) FOR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 380-100-008-4, 380-100-009-5, 380-100-010-5, 380-100-011-5 & 380-100-012-7.
- 1 F. Considered participation with Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. for the calendar year ending December 31, 2009 with a donation of \$1,000.00.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 3 A. Provide direction to staff regarding detachment proceedings for County Service Area 103 (LAFCO 2007-39-1).

There were no speakers on this item.

Public Works Director Kashiwagi presented the staff report.

Council Member Swanson moved to direct staff to begin detachment proceedings for County Service Area 103 (LAFCO 2007-39-1), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Danielson requested Council provide him with dates to return to the norming procedures. Council Member Ade asked everyone to respond by the end of the week.

Mr. Danielson asked the City Engineer, Michael Kashiwagi, to update Council on a couple of items.

City Engineer Kashiwagi reported that the City Attorney's office was working on establishing a direct contact with the various franchise agreement holders. Prior to incorporation, he informed, the franchises were granted by the County and on July 1, 2008, the date of incorporation, the County's interest in the franchises automatically transferred to the City of Wildomar, the revenue generated from the franchises was due to the City. He informed that they should come forward to Council in March.

Mr. Kashiwagi spoke about a resident who attended the last Council meeting and spoke about the speed limit signs on Palomar between Mission Trail and Corydon and he reported that staff looked at the situation and there were no speed limit signs. He said staff was currently evaluating what the appropriate speed limit for that segment should be. He said in the meantime, staff posted a 25 MPH speed limit sign, "Where Children Are At Play" sign. Regarding a citizens concern about safety on Bundy Canyon, staff did some trimming to improve visibility at their driveway. Subsequent to that, staff created a work order for the County who did a number of trimmings to improve visibility in the area from I-15 to the City limits. In addition to that the City Manager had met with staff and Police Department

to improve visibility along Bundy Canyon Road.

He reported the flag pole at City Hall should be started the next day.

Mr. Danielson asked Event Coordinator, Paula Willette, to report on the CERT Training.

Ms. Willette reported the CERT training would start on February 27, 2009 and provide 20 hours of emergency training. She added that February 26, 2009 would be a presentation by the SAFE Task Force (Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement) and finalized by announcing April 4, 2009 would be the 6th annual Easter egg hunt.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney Biggs had no report, stating she was working on the franchise agreements.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore mentioned she had asked the City Attorney's Office to review an ordinance for tougher sexual offender penalties.

City Attorney Biggs answered that they did look at that and she would provide it for a future Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Moore reported on a Parks Sub Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. She asked to present the Parks Sub Committee report on parks and recreation activities for the remainder of the 2009 and 2010 for Council's consensus at the next Council meeting.

She reported the subcommittee for the website design would also meet next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore mentioned that she was on the Jean Hayman Advisory Committee that was looking into re-opening the Jean Hayman School in August of 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore added that she had gone on a ride along with the SAFE Task Force and would attend the CERT Training.

Council Member Cashman stated that he and Council Member Ade reviewed the proposals for the districting issue and he hoped it would return to the next Council meeting. He added that they recommended the proposal from National Demographics Corporation and recommended the City accept the accelerated schedule provided. Regarding Bundy Canyon, he asked if it was a TUMF nexus. He asked if they could do the front portion first, since that was the portion that had the accidents.

Mayor Farnam responded that even though it was identified in the TUMF nexus, it was developer driven. When the developers develop the area, they would either contribute to TUMP and when it gets built out or they have enough funds to start construction, they will

start it. If a developer comes in and they don't have enough funds, they'll condition the developer rather than contribute to TUMF fees and get TUMF credits. He reported that TUMF approved projects that are in queue, he believed it would be in 2009, but would probably get pushed back. He said the fees had been decreased to help with the cost of construction and to motivate construction.

Council Member Ade added that when the community went to Supervisor Buster, he asked the City to support it because Bundy was not included in the top 10. His reason for including it was due to the amount of traffic and the danger. She asked Mayor Farnam to bring up the safety issue when he discussed it. She said staff was getting updates from the County as far as when local projects would be started.

Mayor Farnam recited from the five year transportation improvement program, funded project tracking, the Bundy Canyon Road, Scott Road, I-15 to 215, 6.5 miles, 2 to 4 lanes, they were still in the planning and environmental stages, but were moving forward. They had \$1,115,532 dedicated to that. He said the last he heard they would start construction in 2010, but with the budget crisis, that could change.

Council Member Ade asked staff to stay aware of Bundy Canyon and Clinton Keith and the proposed dates so they were not both blocked off at the same time.

Council Member Cashman finalized by reporting that he and Council Member Ade met with Dave Stahovich on the cemetery district and continue to get informed on the cemetery issue.

Council Member Ade noted she attended the Southern California Association of Government meeting last week, adding that she was on the Energy and Environmental Committee, attending that and their larger regional meeting. She said the Energy and Environmental Committee discussed the Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor, the final 16 miles in Orange County. She said they were ready to move ahead, getting input from everyone, and suddenly the Coastal Commission issued a denial. She said all committees would be kept informed because it would affect Riverside County. She added that the Supervisors were going to Sacramento to protest the State taking funds from the counties. SCAG gave a letter of support requesting no deferral of payments to the County.

Mayor Farnam reported he attended a workshop with Riverside County Transportation, that the State wanted to borrow some of the TUMP funds and the County did not want to lend them out, they had projects that were shovel ready for the forthcoming stimulus package. Regarding the Route 91 project from Corona to Orange County, they were preceding adding toll lanes and adding lanes to the I-15, that environmental needed to be re-done.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Swanson requested the logo submittals be brought back to Council for selection.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore announced that the Future Farmers of America Lake Elsinore High School would like to present their program at the next meeting.

Council Member Cashman asked that the strategic visioning report be on the next agenda in the form of a presentation if possible.

Council Member Ade asked the estimated date for budget discussions. City Manager Danielson said staff was looking at it now; the problem was that the City was multiple quarters behind with the County. He said they would continue to look at projections and expenses and advised that the City may have to adopt a 2009-10 budget with incomplete data and rather than a mid-year budget, staff would come back with an updated projection.

Mayor Farnam announced that April was Autism Awareness Month and the New Vision Children's Services would like to do a presentation in late March.

The Mayor noted that at the next meeting, February 25, 2009, the Green Valley Initiative would be on the agenda.

Mayor Farnam said he thought the Animal Friends of the Valley JPA should be invited to a future meeting. He reported they broke ground and the City would need to decide if they were going to participate in the JPA.

ADIJOURNMENT:

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Farnam adjourned the meeting in honor of February as National Black History Month at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheryll Schroeder, MMC
City Clerk