

**City of Carpinteria
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Monday, September 24, 2012**

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clark at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Councilmember Carty
Councilmember Reddington
Councilmember Armendariz
Vice Mayor Stein (absent)
Mayor Clark

Staff members present:

Dave Durlinger, City Manager
Peter Brown, City Attorney
Fidela Garcia, City Clerk
Matt Roberts, Parks and Recreation Director
Jackie Campbell, Community Development Director
Erin Maker, Environmental Coordinator
John Thornberry, Administrative Services Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present were led in the salute to the flag by Mayor Clark.

INTRODUCTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer passed through town the past weekend.
- Fifteenth Annual Triathlon scheduled for September 30 and the Avocado Festival scheduled the following weekend. Community Development Director Matt Roberts noted that the Fifteenth Annual Triathlon would begin at 7:30 a.m. He shared a copy of this year's poster and noted that registration would begin at 1:00 p.m. He stated that volunteers may show up at Linden Field at 1:00 p.m.
- Reminder that single use bag regulations go into effect for large stores on October 22.

Community Development Director Jackie Campbell spoke regarding City's Affordable Housing Program and noted that the application period would be open for the Lagunitas Homes Development at 6380 Via Real between September 20 and November 19, 2012. She stated that applications would be accepted for individuals interested in participating in the lottery for the first four affordable units to be constructed at Lagunitas, and Phase 2 of the lottery program would run as additional units are constructed. She noted that this development would have a total of 11 affordable housing units.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENT

George Lehtinen stated that he visited Centralia, Washington and noted that all of the City's meetings and staff reports are archived on-line. He stated the advantage is that older meetings are available to be viewed on-line and people who do not have cable television can view meetings on-line. Additionally, there is no need to be home to watch the replay. He recommended that the City explore the possibility of having this service. City Manager Dave Durflinger noted that the City Council has been interested in streaming City Council meetings and made it a part of the 2012 Work Program. He stated that staff had taken several steps in implementing this project and had entered into a contract with Granicus to provide streaming services for public meetings. He also stated that he expected to have it running before the end of the year.

Gregory Gandrud announced his candidacy for the City Council. He stated that he enjoyed serving from 2002 to 2006 and that he loves the community very deeply. He also stated that he looks forward to a spirited but civil campaign.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Armendariz, seconded by Councilmember Reddington, to adopt the Consent Calendar and resolutions as read by title only.

Upon voice vote, motion carried. Vice Mayor Stein was absent.

1. Proclamation Designating September 24, 2012 as Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held September 10, 2012
3. Expenditures for the Period Ending September 19, 2012
4. Adopt Resolution No. 5410, as Read by Title Only, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carpinteria Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Obsolete Records in the City Clerk Department as Specified in Exhibit A

5. Adopt Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 806 and direct the City Clerk to Update the Document as Necessary and Post as Mandated by the FPPC Regulation
6. Adopt Resolution No. 5409, as Read by Title Only, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carpinteria Approving an Amendment to the City's Conflict of Interest Code
7. Adopt Resolution No. 5411 and 5412, as Read by Title Only, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carpinteria Acknowledging the Review, Receipt and Filing of the Annual Statement of Investment Policy and Authorizing Certain Individuals to Make Investments in the Treasury Direct Program on Behalf of the City

Councilmember Reddington read the proclamation designating September 24, 2012 as Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS:

8. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Municipal Code Amendment to Reflect Current National Flood Insurance Program Processes

Recommendation: Introduce Ordinance No. 658, as read by title only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Carpinteria modifying Chapters 14.40.040 and 15.50 of the Carpinteria Municipal Code Pertaining to Flood Damage Protection.

Erin Maker, Environmental Coordinator, presented the staff report.

Councilmember Reddington inquired whether there would be any changes to the flood plain maps with the adoption of this ordinance. Ms. Maker responded that the ordinance would not make any changes to the flood plain maps.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Reddington, seconded by Councilmember Carty, to introduce Ordinance No. 658, as read by title only, to amend Carpinteria Municipal Code Chapters 14.40 and 15.50.

Councilmember Carty inquired whether there would be changes to the flood plain map following completion of the freeway interchange project. City Manager Dave Durlinger

responded that it is expected that the flood plain map will need to be revised in response to the freeway project which will raise the freeway crossing at Carpinteria Creek.

Upon voice vote, motion carried. Vice Mayor Stein was absent.

9. 2012 Work Program Status Report

Recommendation: Receive the report and direct the City Manager as determined appropriate concerning Work Program items and priorities.

Dave Durflinger, City Manager, presented the staff report and provided an overview of General Government and Administrative Services. Councilmember Reddington inquired regarding the financing of the visitor packets. Mr. Durflinger responded that the visitor packets would include existing materials and budget.

Lt. Kelly Moore provided an overview of the Law Enforcement Program. Councilmember Carty inquired regarding the status of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Lt. Moore responded that this program is driven by the community and is very cyclical when issues arise. He noted that at this time there had not been significant issues where people feel they need Neighborhood Watch. Councilmember Reddington inquired whether the Citizens Academy was designated geographically by designating the number of members from each city. Lt. Moore responded that the Citizens Academy was a program where citizens may come and learn about the Sheriffs' Department and what services they provide. He explained that the Citizens Academy is an eight-week process similar to the CERT program, the Sheriffs' Department does not select who attends the Citizens Academy, and the program is held at the various Sheriffs' Substations.

John Thornberry, Administrative Services Director, provided an overview of the Financial Management Services, Information Services, and Payroll Audit.

Jackie Campbell, Community Development Director, provided an overview of Community Development. Councilmember Armendariz inquired what due diligence the City was conducting when putting together programs and looking at climate change and sea level rises with respect to science and how much taxpayer resources at the City level was the City investing. He also inquired whether there had been any discussion on what types of policies the City could be promoting to continue the shale gas revolution. Ms. Campbell responded that research was being done in the arena of climate change and there appeared to be evidence that the climate is changing. She noted that this was at a research phase and the City was not at a point of developing policy documents or climate adaptation strategy. Councilmember Reddington inquired regarding the status of the environmental impact report (EIR) for the Carone Platform Hogan Project. Ms. Campbell responded that the EIR is expected to be completed after

January 2013. Councilmember Reddington inquired regarding the Paradon/Venoco applications and whether the City was doing anything to include it in the Work Plan such as writing a letter to State Lands Commission asking that the application cease. Ms. Campbell responded that she contacted Steve Griggs from Venoco regarding the status of Paradon and he indicated that Venoco was continuing to work with the State Lands Commission who should have a decision made in October on how they intend to proceed. She noted that Mr. Durflinger contacted the State Lands Commission and they confirmed that they were expecting to have some resolution regarding Paradon in October. She stated that the application with Paradon was still pending with the City at Venoco's request.

Mr. Durflinger provided an overview of Public Works. Councilmember Reddington inquired regarding the status of the sidewalk project by El Carro Park. Mr. Durflinger responded that this sidewalk section should be completed by the end of the year. Councilmember Reddington inquired regarding the status of an assessment for utility companies cutting into the streets. Mr. Durflinger responded that this was included in the Work Plan as a trench cut ordinance and staff was still in the process of developing an ordinance.

Matt Roberts, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation. Mayor Clark inquired regarding the purchase of hybrid vehicles. Mr. Roberts responded that two hybrid vehicles, made in America, were ordered at a cost of \$23,000 and \$24,500 before sales tax. Councilmember Reddington inquired regarding the status of owl boxes and predator poles. She also inquired regarding the pool covers. Mr. Roberts responded that a local Eagle Scout produced and installed three owl boxes for the City. He noted that the pool covers were found to have deteriorating thread and fabric and staff is seeking options on bidding for replacement. He noted that The Gas Company might have an incentive program to help the City to replace the pool covers.

George Lehtinen spoke regarding the possibility of solar heating for the pool. He distributed an excerpt from the City's budget and Sea Coast Village budget showing the cost estimate for gas. He recommended that the City heat the pool by solar heating and partner with a local civic organization to help complete this project.

Roberta Lehtinen addressed Lt. Moore's presentation and inquired regarding Deputy Banks being a liaison with the students for bicycle safety. She expressed her concern with bicyclists in the City and stated that she did not know what it would take to have somebody cited for bicycling on the wrong side of the lane.

Councilmember Reddington noted that foliage needed to be trimmed along all of the bicycle paths. She suggested that solar heating the pool might be a good idea to explore to determine whether it could be cost effective.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Armendariz spoke regarding his past 20 years living in Carpinteria and his past eight years serving on the City Council. He announced that he would be stepping down from the City Council effective October 1 because of an opportunity to move to the northern part of the County. He noted that he would be closer to his children and grandchild, and he would be able to pursue political and professional endeavors of which he is excited. He thanked the City Council for working with him. He bid farewell to the citizens of the community and to his constituents who supported him.

Mayor Clark thanked Councilmember Armendariz for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors. Councilmember Reddington thanked and commended Councilmember Armendariz and wished him well. Councilmember Carty wished Councilmember Armendariz the best.

City Manager Dave Durflinger stated that staff would prepare a memorandum to the City Council regarding the choices available by law for the vacant Council seat, keeping in mind that an election was coming on November 6 for Councilmember Armendariz's seat.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. by Mayor Clark in honor of Councilmember Armendariz.

Al Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fidela Garcia, CMC
City Clerk