

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mendoza, Ortiz, Martinez & G. Gonzalez Jr.

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Marquez, Farley and Zacarias

ABSENT: Ray

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lino Moran, 612 N. Palm, Woodlake – Mr. Moran gave lots of thanks to Kiwanis of Woodlake and The Homegrown Project for a fantastic Fireworks show on July 3rd. The event was one of the best he has seen in a long time.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items (IV. A-D)

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 22, 2015
 - B. Action: Approval of Warrants
 - C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of June 2015 Monthly Report of Investments
 - D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Enter Into a Reclaimed Water Purchase Agreement with Gerald Whittaker and Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company and Allow the City Administrator to Sign the Agreement
- ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR., IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Parkwood, Gentle Hills Estates, Olive Estates, Castle Rock Park, Olive Vista and Castle Rock Park Phase II District

PUBLIC HEARING

City Administrator Lara reported the following: at the June 22, 2015 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the City Engineer's report of costs needed to maintain the following assessment districts: Parkwood, Gentle Hills, Olive Estates, Castle Rock Park, Olive Vista and Castle Rock Park Phase II. As part of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, council set July 13, 2015 as the public hearing date for those wishing to comment on each individual assessment district. All assessment district property owners were notified of the public hearing date and location. The costs have not changed from the previous year. The costs allow for maintenance of grounds and lights plus incidental costs such as administration and engineering. Mayor Mendoza opened the meeting for public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 6:34 PM

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 6:35 PM

Councilmember Martinez asked if the rates had increased from last year. City Administrator Lara stated no.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS

VOTED TO APPROVE THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESMENTS 2015/2016. G. GONZALEZ JR. ABSTAIN. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project

City Administrator Lara reported the following: The Council declared a drought emergency on the 26th day of May 2015 by Resolution No. 15-45 and by Resolution No. 15-46 the Council approved an exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and State CEQA Guidelines relating to the environmental evaluation of the City of Woodlake Water Well Project. On June 22, 2015 by Resolution No. 15-59 Council approved emergency expenditures for the development and implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project. The City of Woodlake water system is made up of five wells that are used as the only source to provide potable water to its residents. The wells have seen a consistent drop in groundwater level due to the drought and diversion of water, which has increased ground water pumping in the area. These conditions have created a situation where City wells will need to be updated or replaced. Due to the low water table, the wells have also become very inefficient. All these factors have created a burden on the City's water system. With the continued drought and pumping of groundwater in the area, the City water system has begun to struggle to meet the demand of its customers. Water tables continue to fall and wells continue to become more inefficient. In an effort to protect the City's water resources, the City has taken the necessary steps towards drilling new City wells and is looking at options to make their current wells more efficient. Pervasive drought conditions have also significantly increased demand for well contractors, who now have very long waiting lists to drill wells and no incentive to engage a bidding process, thereby creating procurement challenges for local public agencies. The City has also implemented its Stage 4 water regulations and has made major cuts in the use of water at City facilities. At this time the City is prepared to drill a test well along the St. Johns River within the City Airport Property. This test well will help verify that a new well along the St. Johns River would be beneficial to the City. If the test well shows that the St. Johns River location is conducive to a new well, the City will move forward with drilling a new well at that site. City staff believes that if a new, deeper well is not added to the current water system immediately then the City may not have the ability to meet its customers' demands this summer. Staff is requesting that Council declare this situation an emergency and allow for the expenditure of public money to safeguard the health of City residents. Mayor Mendoza asked for staff to explain the bid process. City Administrator Lara stated staff did not perform a full RFP for this project. Staff did reach out to 18 construction firms by way of email, mail and phone call. City staff has narrowed it down to 2 firms and will be interviewing the firms this week. One big deciding factor is that one firm can start right away and the other is not available for 6-8 months. Councilmember Martinez asked if the wells all run at the same time. City Administrator Lara stated no. Well 10 is the best well, and staff depends on this well to keep the other tanks full. It is important to build the

additional two wells soon, in case Well 10 is in need of repairs.
ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY ORTIZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND REAFFIRM THE APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE CITY OF WOODLAKE WELL PROJECT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Right of Way Acquisition for APN: 061-160-022 (Moreno) as it Relates to the City of Woodlake Plaza Project
City Administrator Lara reported the following: on June 8, 2015 the City Council adopted a resolution of necessity for the acquisition of the property. The resolution was then provided to the property owner and at that time he was willing to engage the City in negotiations for the sale of the property. The property had appraised at \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) and that amount had been offered to the property owner. In the best interest of time during negotiations, City staff offered ten percent above the appraised value and both parties agreed for the transfer of the property for the amount of \$33,000 (Thirty Three Thousand Dollars). To date two properties have been demo. Mayor Mendoza asked if the demolitions are being down in house. City Administrator Lara stated yes.
ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND CONTINUE THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAKE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorization to Request AIP Funding from FFA
City Employee Waters reported the following: the Federal Aviation Administration has grant funding available for airport planning and maintenance projects. The City of Woodlake must apply for these funds each year in order to receive the funding. The City of Woodlake would like to request permission from Council to apply for grant funding from FAA in order to prepare an Airport Layout Plan and a Pavement Evaluation. Both of these documents are required before the City can begin to use additional grant funding for maintenance and construction projects. The City has an estimated \$450,000 in entitlements available in AIP funding.
ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE REQUEST FOR AIP FUNDING FROM FFA. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Exemption for the City of Woodlake Road Rehab Project
City Employee Waters reported the following: The City of Woodlake has Program Income funding available which may be spent on local projects. The City intends to spend these funds by year end on a road rehabilitation project that will part of the 2012 CDBG. City Engineer, Quad Knopf, has been tasked with performing the engineering requirements for the City's road rehabilitation project. After review of the project it has been determined by Quad Knopf and City staff that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act

(CEQA). The specific exemption language can be found in CEQA Guidelines 15301(c) (Class 1). City staff recommends that Council approve the exemption for the City of Woodlake Road Rehabilitation Project

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR. IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE EXEMPTION FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAKE ROAD REHAB PROJ. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorization to Put the City of Woodlake Road Rehabilitation Project Out to Bid
City Employee Waters reported the following: the City of Woodlake has Program Income funding available which may be spent on local projects. The City intends to spend these funds by year end on a road rehabilitation project that will part of the 2012 CDBG. The City of Woodlake has approximately \$175,000 in CDBG funding that will be spent on road rehabilitation and ADA ramps in low-income areas of the city. The engineering, design, and cost estimates have been completed and the City wishes to go out to bid to hire a construction firm to complete the road rehabilitation work and the addition of ADA ramps.

ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR., SECOND BY ORTIZ IT WAS VOTED AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO PUT THE CITY OF WOODLAKE ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT OUT TO BID. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- G. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorization to Put the City of Woodlake Castle Rock Safe Routes to School Project Construction Out to Bid

City Administrator Lara reported the following: the Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs published a notice of funding availability. The City working with Quad Knopf submitted an application for funding of a safe route to school project on Castle Rock St. through the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The City was awarded \$245,000 for the construction of the project. The environmental and design process have been completed for the project. At the June 25, 2015 California Transportation Commission meeting the City's project was approved for advanced funding and the City may now go out to bid for the construction of the project. The overall cost of the project is estimated to be \$289,000. The project will be funded with ATP, Measure R and local funds. Mayor Mendoza asked when the project will be completed. City Administrator Lara stated December 2015.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR. IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO PUT THE CITY OF WOODLAKE CASTLE ROCK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION OUT TO BID. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Administrator Lara – reported the Roundabout is moving along. Rite Aid has paid for their permits and has started construction.

Chief Marquez – reported the street lights that were mentioned in the last meeting have been repaired and were done within 24 hours of reporting. The July 3rd event was a great success and there were no issues. Mayor Mendoza asked if there were any citations issued for the use of illegal fireworks. Chief Marquez stated the Fire Department did confiscate some illegal fireworks and citations were issued. Councilmember G. Gonzalez stated there were plenty of visible officers patrolling on July 3rd and July 4th. He asked if maybe next year we can have some officers patrolling on the motorcycles. Councilmember Ortiz asked if any vehicle abatements had been done. Chief Marquez stated 6 vehicles were cited last month and the department continues to work on this issue. Councilmember Martinez thanked the Chief Marquez and his staff for a great job patrolling on July 3rd and July 4th.

City Clerk Zacarias – reported this is the last week for Summer Night Lights. The program has been a great success.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember Ortiz – reported the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Car Show on Saturday, July 18th.

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. – reported Youth soccer starts tomorrow. The games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm and Saturdays from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

Councilmember Martinez – reported he will be attending a Council of Cities meeting on Wednesday from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Mayor Mendoza – reported he attended a League of Cities conference in Monterey and was geared towards Mayors and Councilmembers. It was very interesting to learn the residents in the Bay Area do not seem to have the same concerns as we do. They are worried about how to keep their lawns alive and don't see the big picture. There were meetings on labor negotiations and technology, particularly tools for tracking data. He asked staff to review the curfew ordinance and would like to bring that back at the next meeting for discussion. City Administrator Lara stated that staff will be bringing the following ordinances to council to review and discuss: curfew, graffiti and food vendors within the city limits. Councilmember Martinez also asked that staff review the ordinance for signs in business windows. Windows must be clear and some businesses are not following this ordinance. Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. stated this should be enforced and staff should remind business owners that this is only for their protection.

MEETNG ADJOURNED 7:09 PM

C. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items

VII. CLOSED SESSION

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, CA 93286.

City Council:

Rudy Mendoza - Mayor

Frances Ortiz - Vice Mayor

Chuck Ray - Councilmember

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk