

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

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Marquez, Diaz & Zacarias

ABSENT:

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dee Rochin, Woodlake – Ms. Rochin reported on behalf of Woodlake Foundation. There will be a huge event to celebrate the City of Woodlake as a city for 75 years and the Woodlake High School on 100 years of graduating students. The event (We R Woodlake) is scheduled for September 23, 24, and 25. The Woodlake Foundation and city staff are working together to organize various activities for the event. A schedule will be provided to council when all activities have been confirmed.

Sally Pace, Woodlake – Ms. Pace reported on behalf of Woodlake Foundation. She stated a Facebook account has been established for the We R Woodlake event and asked everyone to like the page and share photos from their high school years.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 13, 2016
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval to Accept Rule 14.5, Claim Handling Policy and Add to the City of Woodlake’s Personnel Handbook
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project

ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR., SECOND BY LOPEZ, IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDER. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Presentation of Plaque to Santos Vigil
Mayor Mendoza thanked Mr. Vigil for 21 years of service to the City of Woodlake and its residents.
- B. Action: Proclamation from the City of Woodlake, Proclaiming A Community for Child Well Being
Ramona Chiapa, Executive Director reported the following: every child is entitled to live in a peaceful community, to feel secure and to be free from violence, from abuse and neglect, and from lack of concern for their well-being. All children are entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Ms. Chiapa stated she is happy to recognize the City of Woodlake as a city who aims to be a community that provides the best quality of life for all its citizens, and supports positive efforts to support this goal. Woodlake acknowledges that the sacrifices and service of its veterans was to insure peace and well-being of all the

residents of Woodlake and this nation, particularly the children. Our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of their responsibility to all children and support parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY ORTIZ IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION AND PROCLAIM THE CITY OF WOODLAKE AS A COMMUNITY FOR CHILD WELL BEING. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Adopt a Resolution of Necessity for the Acquisition of the Property Located at 493 N. Valencia Blvd., with APN No. 060-250-035 and for the Property Located at 384 S. Valencia Blvd., with APN. 061-181-103 for the Public Project Referred to as the City of Woodlake South Valencia ADA Project

PUBLIC HEARING

City Administrator Lara reported the following: it was determined that as part of the construction of the South Valencia ADA project the City would need to acquire forty four (44) separate parcel slivers. The right-of-way acquisition will allow for the construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and storm drain improvements on South Valencia Blvd. from Bravo Avenue south to the Wutchumna Ditch. The City contracted with Hamner, Jewell & Associates to assist with the acquisition of the properties. The City has successfully acquired forty two (42) of the forty four (44) parcel slivers. The City has provided the owners of the properties that have not been acquired with a formal offer and an appraisal. The owners at 493 N. Valencia Blvd., with APN No. 060-250-035 have two willing sellers but the third owner of the property has been unresponsive. For the property located at 384 S. Valencia Blvd., with APN. 061-181-103 the City has received no response.

Mayor reported he would open meeting for Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Opened 6:51 PM

Public Hearing Closed 6:52 PM

ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR., SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENTS. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Items from Staff

City Employee Waters – Reported notices were mailed to residents who have been flagged by the water meter system as having a leak. Staff wanted to allow residents to fix any leaks before the new billing starts on July 1st.

City Administrator Lara – Reported the roundabout has been open and operational for about 2 ½ weeks and there have been no issues. Businesses are also doing well and there have been no issues for them. Councilmember Ortiz asked if West Naranjo Street would be repaired. City Administrator Lara stated Caltrans has a schedule of street repairs and he was not sure when Naranjo would be repaired. Councilmember Martinez asked what would be placed in the middle of the roundabout. City Administrator Lara stated there would be landscaping but nothing that would interfere with driver's vision. Also, Councilmember Martinez asked if the sidewalk at Valencia and Bravo would be finished. City Administrator Lara stated yes. The workers ran out of material so more needed to be ordered. Councilmember Ortiz asked if the bollard lights could be dimmed. City Administrator Lara stated no. City staff reached out to the various services clubs and

asked for a donation to help purchase flags to decorate the new light poles downtown for various patriotic holidays. The Woodlake Lions and Homegrown Project both made a donation for the purchase of the new decorative flags.

Chief Marquez – Reported a home robbery occurred on Friday, June 10th. Suspects were arrested and stolen items were returned to rightful owner. Firework sales will begin July 1st and end July 4th. Residents may light fireworks during that time. Also, Chief stated that at the council meeting on May 23rd, Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. had reported to council that the sober grad committee was seeking donations for the sober grad event for the graduating seniors. Chief Marquez stated he would make a personal donation and also ask Woodlake Lions Cub and City Administrator Lara stated that he would ask the Homegrown Project if they would also donate. Chief Marquez and City Administrator Lara asked for a letter from the committee for the donation but one was never given to either Marquez or Lara. On June 10th, a member from the sober grad committee was trying to collect donations but since no letter was received, Woodlake Lions could not give their donation.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. – Reported sign-ups for youth soccer is underway and sign-ups are held Tuesday and Thursday at Lidia’s Ice Cream Parlor from 6 pm to 8 pm. Our student representative, Karissa Castillo will attend her last meeting on July 11th. He will meet with school staff regarding the recruitment of a new student representative.

Councilmember Martinez – Reported there have been many complaints about ants in the playground at the parks and asked if city staff can spray playground.

C. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items

VII. CLOSED SESSION

1. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:

Conference with legal counsel – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d) (1)).

- Parties, case/claim no. Sunset Waste
- Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

2. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:

Conference with legal counsel – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d) (1)).

- Parties, case/claim no. Garibay vs. City of Woodlake
- Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:10 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:30 PM

Mayor Mendoza stated no action was taken and there is nothing to report.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Governing Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Council will meet on in closed session are identified below or are those matters appropriately identified in open session as requiring immediate attention and arising after the posting of the agenda. Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1

“Documents: If distributed to the Council less than 72 hours before a regular meeting, any public records which are subject to public inspection and pertain to an open-session item on the regular meeting agenda shall be available at the following address at the time they are distributed to a majority of the Council: 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, California 93286. Public records distributed to the Council at a public meeting will be available to the public at such meeting if they were prepared by the City. Exemptions and details in Government Code§ 54957.5 (a) shall apply.”

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 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

Louie Lopez - Councilmember

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias
City Clerk