

CITY OF ELK GROVE

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**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 20, 2004
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Scherman called the October 20, 2004 special City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Scherman, Mayor Pro Tem Soares, Councilmembers Briggs

Absent: Councilmembers Cooper, Leary

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Administrative Services Director Les Tyler.

SPECIAL MEETING ACTION ITEM

Agenda Item 3.1: *Hybrid transit bus presentation*

Mayor Scherman invited citizens to join Councilmembers in touring the new Elk Grove **e-Tran** bus parked at the front of City Hall (6:02 p.m.)

The meeting returned to the Council Chambers at 6:14 p.m.

Michael Kashiwagi, City Public Works, and Macy Neshati, of Complete Coach Works made a presentation (filed) to the City Council on the hybrid transit bus fleet.

Mr. Kashiwagi reported that the City of Elk Grove will commence transit service on January 2, 2005. Initially, all routes currently served by Regional Transit will continue. The system will have complete transferability between the two providers. The buses have been branded to create a unique identify, distinguishing Elk Grove's buses from other systems in the region. Mr. Kashiwagi introduced Macy Neshati of Complete Coach Works, contracted to produce the City's buses.

Macy Neshati, explained the remanufacturing process. Mr. Neshati expressed his appreciation for working with City staff to produce the bus fleet. He explained that by remanufacturing buses, materials that ordinarily would have gone to scrap or landfills, are renewed to produce structurally sound, remanufactured vehicles, resulting in a savings of several hundred thousands of dollars for each bus.

Mr. Neshati addressed the benefits to the environment. While the traditional diesel fueled buses produce pollution, the gasoline-electric hybrid engine of the **e-tran** reduces emissions and particulate substantially. The particulate from the buses is so small that it cannot be measured by any equipment currently used.

Mr. Kashiwagi noted that the gasoline-hybrid gets about 50% more mileage per gallon of gasoline. In relation to the increased consciousness of impacts of emissions and particulate, Mr. Kashiwagi reported that the Sacramento region is ranked seventh worst in the nation for ozone pollution. Mr. Kashiwagi stated that at the direction of Council, the City has taken one of the most creative and innovative approaches in the country to provide responsible public transportation.

Mayor Scherman opened the public comment opportunity.

Dannetta Garcia expressed her regrets that the community was not involved in the selection of the color of, and technology included on, the bus, and depreciated the City's efforts to provide transit service to the community. She stressed citizen involvement in Council's decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business for the Council to consider, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

PEGGY JACKSON, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

**SOPHIA SCHERMAN, MAYOR
CITY OF ELK GROVE**