

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**Vice Mayor Hume** called the regular City Council meeting of April 9, 2008 to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Vice Mayor Hume, Council Members Cooper and Scherman

Absent: Mayor Davis and Council Member Leary

Assistant Police Chief Ed Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Hume asked that a moment of silence be observed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***Motion: M/S Cooper/Scherman to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Davis, Leary).***

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Agenda Item 4.1:** Gaylene Hall, volunteer event Chair for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Elk Grove fundraiser, reported that the event will be held at Cosumnes River College May 17 and 18. Proceeds will go toward cancer research, advocacy, education, and free patient services. Ms. Hall mentioned that \$243,000 was raised at last year's event.

**Agenda Item 4.2:** Cedar Kehoe, Integrated Waste Program Manager, described the Earth Week Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Collection program at which containers will be placed at various locations to collect used athletic shoes during April 14 to 25. The City has contracted with Allied Waste to transport all collected shoes to the Nike facility in Oregon. The shoes will be recycled and used for sport surfaces, playgrounds, and running tracks. On April 19, during Creek Week, volunteer beautification efforts will occur at eight locations in Elk Grove.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Russ Croco**, Executive Director of the Elk Grove Teen Center, thanked the City Council and community members for their support. He announced that the Teen Center's annual fundraising dinner will be held on June 18 at the First Baptist Church.

**Linda Ford**, speaking on behalf of Elk Grove Community Connection, commended Police Chief Simmons' culture of "community policing" in Elk Grove. She submitted an informational packet, entitled "Selecting a Police Chief", which she noted would be distributed at the April 10 community workshop (filed).

**Steve Detrick** thanked the City Council, Planning Commission, and staff for their efforts in supporting the City and its citizens. Mr. Detrick stated that he had been involved in the Elk Grove community for the past 19 years. He announced his candidacy for District 3 City Council Member in the November 4, 2008 General Municipal Election and mentioned that he would pass the title of spokesperson for the "Elk Grove Coalition Advocating Property Planning" to one of its existing board members.

**Frank Verni**, President of the Rotary Club in Laguna, invited the City Council and citizens to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Elk Grove fundraiser on April 12 at the Sacramento Asian Sports Complex. Proceeds go toward local Elk Grove charity organizations and to support Rotary efforts.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

In reference to Item 6.9, **Council Member Scherman** noted that Howard S. Wright Constructors' bid came under the architect's estimate for the library project by \$950,000. She mentioned that the library is expected to open in the fall of 2008.

***Motion: M/S Cooper/Scherman to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Davis, Leary).***

**Agenda Item No. 6.1:** Approved City Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2008 Special Meeting and March 26, 2008 Regular Meeting

**Agenda Item No. 6.2:** Received report on City Manager approved purchases and contracts authorized by City Purchasing Ordinance, filed through April 1, 2008

**Agenda Item No. 6.3:** Received report on Requests for Proposals, Qualifications, and Bids

**Agenda Item No. 6.4:** Ordinance No. 8-2008 adopted levying and apportioning the special tax in territory annexed to Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) Annexation No. 8 (**Second Reading**)

**Agenda Item No. 6.5:** Ordinance No. 9-2008 adopted repealing Ordinance No. 6-2007 and adopting Chapter 3.42 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code, entitled "Contracts and Purchasing" (**Second Reading**)

**Agenda Item No. 6.6:** Ordinance No. 10-2008 adopted repealing and reenacting Chapter 17.04 of Title 17 of the City of Elk Grove Municipal Code relating to Fire Prevention and adopting by reference the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, as published by the International Code Council and the 2007 California Fire Code, based on the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code (**Second Reading**)

**Agenda Item No. 6.7:** Resolution No. 2008-75 adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with George Reed, Inc. in the amount of \$852,926.68 for the Stockton Boulevard Rehabilitation Project, authorizing the City Engineer to approve change orders not to exceed \$127,940, and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget by \$44,000 to increase the project budget from \$1,198,163 to \$1,242,163

**Agenda Item No. 6.8:** Resolution No. 2008-76 adopted accepting the Subdivision Improvements as complete for Elk Meadows (EG-03-457-00)

**\*Agenda Item No. 6.9:** Resolution No. 2008-77 adopted finding the Elk Grove (Old Town) Library Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and directing the filing of a Notice of Exemption, authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract for an amount not to exceed \$2,245,000 with Howard S. Wright Constructors, authorizing the City Engineer to approve change orders not-to-exceed \$245,000, and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget and the 2007-12 Capital Improvement Program which increases the project budget from \$6,950,000 to \$8,190,200

*\*Note: See comments above regarding Item 6.9.*

**Agenda Item No. 6.10:** Resolution No. 2008-78 adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a consultant services contract in the amount of \$175,000 with EDAW, Inc. for Environmental Services associated with the Transfer Station Long Range Planning Project (SW0001)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Agenda Item No. 8.1:** Consider adoption of resolution calling a public hearing to consider proposed increases to the solid waste service rates and authorize public notice thereof

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt resolution calling a public hearing to be held on June 25, 2008, to consider approval of proposed increases to the City's solid waste service rates and authorize staff to prepare and mail the necessary notices.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), **Cedar Kehoe**, Integrated Waste Program Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation. The proposed rate adjustments are for the contractual obligations the City has with Allied Waste Services. She explained that under the residential franchise agreement, Allied Waste is allowed an annual adjustment to its rates. This adjustment will increase the average rate by 56 cents per month for a 64 gallon trash cart. Large trash cart rates will increase by 73 cents per month, and small cart rates will increase by 48 cents per month. Ms. Kehoe mentioned that discussion still needs to take place regarding long range planning issues for the transfer station, as well as commercial rates, collection, and disposal. She announced that four public meetings have been scheduled to accept public comment related to the environmental review aspect of the transfer station project.

In reply to **Council Member Scherman**, Ms. Kehoe confirmed that the City does not have a senior or low income rate discount.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

***Motion: M/S Cooper/Scherman to adopt Resolution No. 2008-79*** calling a public hearing to be held on June 25, 2008, to consider approval of proposed increases to the City's solid waste service rates and authorize staff to prepare and mail the necessary notices. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Davis, Leary).***

**Agenda Item No. 8.2:** Quarterly Financial Review

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report; no City Council action is required.

**Rebecca Craig**, Finance Director, reported that revenues are continuing at the pace estimated during the mid-year review and expenditures are coming in within budget. Staff anticipates a "breakeven standpoint" with this fiscal year's activity

based on the reductions that were reflected at mid-year in revenues and expenditures. She pointed out that an error existed in the budget status report for the Police Department and stated that the total amount should be corrected to read \$30 million; however, the line items were accurately reflected. Ms. Craig stated that, during the third quarter, a new special revenue fund for Development Services was established. She explained that all of Development Services activity has been withdrawn from the General Fund and placed into a segregated fund so that staff can match revenues and expenditures and ensure they are being used for correct purposes. Ms. Craig reported that the State has frozen gas tax revenues for a period of five months. It is anticipated that gas tax revenue will be received in September 2008.

**Council Member Scherman** noted that many departments have a large percentage remaining in their budgets and inquired if steps were in place to prevent unnecessary expenditures through the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Craig replied that a control procedure has been instituted for requisitions. All requisitions must now be submitted in advance of purchase and go through an approval process. Mechanisms are in place for review to determine if requisitions are reasonable and necessary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

*Note: No City Council action was taken or requested.*

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Cody Tubbs**, Interim City Manager, announced that a public workshop would be held on April 10 for community members to provide input on the selection of a new Chief of Police.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

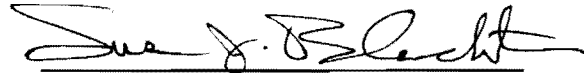
Reports on Regional Boards, Commissions, Committees; Travel/Training Expenditures Disclosure (*in accordance with Resolution 2006-295 and Government Code § 53232.3(d)*):

**Council Member Cooper** reported that he attended the Sacramento Metro Chamber "Cap to Cap" event in Washington, D.C. and felt that it was very worthwhile. He met with representatives from the Sutter medical facility regarding its expansion at Big Horn and Laguna Boulevards. He will attend the Sacramento Area Council of Governments meeting next week.

**Vice Mayor Hume** stated that the Elk Grove – Rancho Cordova – El Dorado Connector Joint Powers Authority has laid out a new process for its Environmental Impact Report schedule. A workshop will be held in Elk Grove to address the Sheldon component of the Connector. He attended a meeting with the Old Town Foundation regarding its upcoming Springfest event to be held on May 31. He met with members of the Sheldon Community Association to discuss projects in the Elk Grove area. He will attend the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors meeting on April 14.

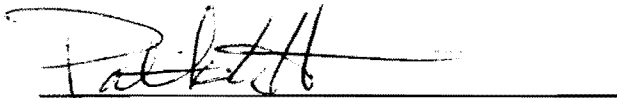
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business to conduct, the April 9, 2008 City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON,  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

ATTEST:



PATRICK HUME, VICE MAYOR