

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hume called the regular City Council meeting of March 25, 2009 to order at 6:16 p.m.

Present: Mayor Hume, Vice Mayor Scherman, Council Members Cooper, Davis, and Detrick

Absent: None.

Council Member Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hume asked that a moment of silence be observed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: M/S Scherman/Cooper to move Item 8.7 to the beginning of the Regular Calendar and to approve the remainder of the agenda as presented. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0***

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Conley urged the City Council to address the article written by Ken Mandler about former Elk Grove City Manager John Danielson's compensation. She alleged that three members of the City Council had given Mr. Danielson free reign to manage the City, and operations went unchecked during his tenure. She recalled that citizens had protested salary increases for Mr. Danielson and former City Attorney Anthony Manzanetti and had repeatedly asked questions about contract authority and other financial matters, though the questions went unanswered. In reference to the March 18 summit meeting regarding the Sphere of Influence, on behalf of Elk Grove Community Connection, Ms. Conley thanked Mayor Hume and all members of the public who attended.

Steve Lee expressed dismay regarding the comments he heard made by Vice Mayor Scherman on Channel 13 News regarding the report about John Danielson and suggested that she apologize. Mr. Lee countered that the information reported by Ken Mandler had been substantiated and the City Council knowingly voted to approve his salary and benefit contracts. He felt that the City's benefit packages were lavish and recommended that all executive contracts be audited. He urged more transparency in government.

Suzanne Pecci announced that Elk Grove Citizen newspaper reporter Bobby Wilson was terminated following the publication of the article regarding John Danielson. Ms. Pecci reported that she had phoned the newspaper today about the matter and spoke with Editor Jeff Forward who became angry and hung up on her. She asked when transparency in government will become a reality.

Mayor Hume noted that the City Council did its due diligence in ensuring the contract for the current City Manager was sustainable and reasonable in its benefits package. He agreed that the City's Retiree Healthcare Benefits should be evaluated, because it was not intended for those who were continuing their careers following departure from the City of Elk Grove.

Council Member Detrick stated that he had reviewed the contracts of current appointees. Additionally, he noted that he would be meeting with an independent auditor next month.

Council Member Davis suggested that, if an independent auditor is retained, the "paper trail" from the previous City Manager ought to be reviewed to ensure its legality and pursued aggressively if violations are found. He suggested that the Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Retirement Health Benefits be reinstated.

Council Member Cooper believed that the City now has an excellent executive management team.

Vice Mayor Scherman stated that the televised interview segment was taken out of context. She explained that votes she made previously were based on information she was given and thought was correct. She expressed disappointment that John Danielson was "working the system" in order to benefit himself and former Assistant City Manager Terry Fitzwater.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Prior to action on the consent calendar items approval, Council Member Detrick read the following statement of recusal into the record:

I am employed by Pacific Gas & Electric. Therefore, I will not be participating in Consent Item 6.10. The record should reflect my recusal on the item and my abstention from participation in this matter. In addition to my recusal here today, I have not made, participated in making, or otherwise influenced or attempted to influence this decision.

Motion: M/S Davis/Scherman to approve the Consent Calendar with abstention noted on Agenda Item 6.10 (Detrick). *The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0*****

Agenda Item No. 6.1: Received January 2009 Treasurer's Report

Agenda Item No. 6.2: Approved City Council Meeting Minutes: a) February 11, 2009 Special Meeting (3:00 p.m.); b) February 11, 2009 Special Meeting (5:00 p.m.); and c) February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item No. 6.3: Received report on City Manager approved purchases and contracts authorized by Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 3.42 Contracts and Purchasing, filed through March 18, 2009

Agenda Item No. 6.4: Received report on Requests for Proposals, Qualifications, and Bids

Agenda Item No. 6.5: **Resolution No. 2009-55** adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute an on-call consultant contract with NDS/All Traffic Data for traffic count data collection services in an amount not to exceed \$246,500

Agenda Item No. 6.6: **Resolution No. 2009-56** adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Flatiron West Incorporated for the West Stockton Boulevard Bridge Replacement over Laguna Creek Project in the amount of \$1,400,239.86 and authorizing the City Engineer to approve change orders not to exceed \$210,035

Agenda Item No. 6.7: **Resolution No. 2009-57** adopted accepting public improvements for Laguna Ridge Specific Plan – Laguna Springs Drive (EG-00-062 and EG-04-764)

Agenda Item No. 6.8: **Resolution No. 2009-58** adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$187,000 per year, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the provision of dedicated Corps staff support for processing federal permits under Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act

Agenda Item No. 6.9: Resolution No. 2009-59 adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a third contract amendment with Blais and Associates for grant writing services increasing the amount by \$10,000 (*for a total compensation amount of \$96,000*)

Agenda Item No. 6.10: Resolution No. 2009-60 adopted authorizing and ratifying the expenditure of funds to Pacific Gas and Electric for Compressed Natural Gas for Transit Buses in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 and revising Resolution No. 2008-146. ***Approved by Consent vote with Council Member Detrick abstaining. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Abstain: 1 (Detrick)***

Agenda Item No. 6.11: Resolution No. 2009-61 adopted amending the Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget to reflect an additional \$100,000 in Measure A Maintenance revenue and expenditures

Agenda Item No. 6.12: Received report from the Council Ad Hoc Committee that represents the City in Economic Development and State Legislative discussions regarding the location of State facilities

Agenda Item No. 6.13: Resolution No. 2009-62 adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with AppleOne for temporary staffing services increasing the amount by \$100,001 (*for a total compensation amount of \$150,000*)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item No. 7.1: A public hearing to consider an amendment to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Plan and the NSP funded Down Payment Assistance Program Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt resolution approving an amendment to the 2008-09 NSP Substantial Amendment; and
2. Adopt resolution approving the NSP funded Down Payment Assistance Program Guidelines.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing open.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Sarah Bontrager, Grants Specialist, provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation. She noted that the staff reported indicated that the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant agreement had not yet been received; however, it was received last week and has been executed and returned. The City's funding is secured at the U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development. The down payment assistance program will be operational if guidelines are approved tonight. A marketing plan is in place for the very-low income housing acquisition program and a Request for Proposals is planned to be released in April. Staff recommends moving approximately \$1 million from down payment assistance to acquisition/rehabilitation activity. Since November, staff has come to realize that many of the foreclosed homes are selling quickly at affordable prices. The acquisition/rehabilitation activity that staff is proposing will provide a means to deal with bank owned properties that are not selling because of the need for rehabilitation or homes that were abandoned before construction was completed. Foreclosed properties will be acquired, rehabilitated, and resold as affordable housing or rented to low-income households. Proceeds from sales will be returned to the City, and for the next five years, the City will be able to relend the funds to complete work on other property. Ms. Bontrager noted that the City would likely seek a nonprofit developer to lead the effort, as the profit is restricted by the federal government to 10%.

Ms. Bontrager reported that the down payment assistance program guidelines would offer a silent second mortgage between \$30,000 and \$60,000. The money can only be used to purchase foreclosed homes, which must be purchased at a 15% discount from the appraised value. The loans would be deferred for 30 years, as long as the borrower continues to occupy the home. People eligible for the program include low- and moderate-income households and first time homebuyers. Borrowers must contribute a half percent, up to 1%, of the home value based on their income.

In response to Council Member Davis, Ms. Bontrager confirmed that federal requirements of the NSP program include that funds must be used for homes that have already been foreclosed.

Council Member Davis suggested that the City's federal lobbyist be engaged to look into the possibility of using the funding to assist those who are struggling to keep their homes from going into foreclosure.

In reply to Mayor Hume, Ms. Bontrager explained that during years 1 to 10, the interest is accrued at 3%. In years 11 to 20, one-tenth of the interest that was accrued during years 1 to 10 is forgiven, so that at the end of year 20, all the interest will be forgiven and for years 20 to 30 no more interest accrues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Suzanne Pecci asked whether the silent second mortgage would be recorded and what triggers the loan.

Ms. Bontrager replied that the City will be recording the second mortgage at the same time as the first. The trigger for calling the loan is when the homeowner sells

the property or no longer lives in the property. A detailed subordination policy is included in the guidelines.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing closed.

Motion: *M/S Cooper/Detrick* to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-63** approving an amendment to the 2008-09 NSP Substantial Amendment and to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-64** approving the NSP funded Down Payment Assistance Program Guidelines. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0***

Agenda Item No. 7.2: *(Continued from 02-25-09)* A public hearing to consider rezoning one parcel included in the Sheldon Road / State Route 99 General Plan Amendment, Calvine/99 Special Planning Area Amendment, and Rezone Project from Agricultural Residential 5 acre minimum (AR-5) to General Commercial (GC) and Shopping Center (SC)

RECOMMENDATION:

Introduce and waive the full reading, by substitution of title only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Elk Grove rezoning 2.3 acres located at the southeastern corner of Sheldon Road and East Stockton Boulevard (APN: 116-0030-005) from AR-5 to GC and SC.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing open.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Jessica Shalamunec, Planning Manager, explained that this rezone is a follow up to the Sheldon Road / State Route 99 project that Council considered on February 25. It will rezone the parcel at the southeast corner of Stockton Boulevard and Sheldon Road from AR-5 to GC and SC, which is consistent with the property owner's request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing closed.

Motion: *M/S Scherman/Detrick* to introduce and waive the full reading, by substitution of title only, **Ordinance No. 6-2009** rezoning 2.3 acres located at the southeastern corner of Sheldon Road and East Stockton Boulevard (APN: 116-0030-005) from AR-5 to GC and SC. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0.***

REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

NOTE: Item 8.7 was heard out of order as indicated below.

Agenda Item No. 8.7: Recodification of the Elk Grove Municipal Code

RECOMMENDATION:

Introduce and waive the full reading, by substitution of title only, an Ordinance repealing, and adopting revised, Titles 1 through 22 to implement the recodification of the Elk Grove Municipal Code.

Susan Cochran, City Attorney, provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation. She noted that a “green sheet” was distributed which lists revisions that will be implemented in addition to those noted in the staff report (filed).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion: M/S Cooper/Davis to introduce and waive the full reading, by substitution of title only, **Ordinance No. 7-2009** repealing, and adopting revised, Titles 1 through 22 to implement the recodification of the Elk Grove Municipal Code. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0.***

Agenda Item No. 8.1: Old Town Special Planning Area Triennial Review; Consider feasibility of creating a community development agency and the eligibility of Old Town as an area for redevelopment

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Review the public outreach program and scope of work for the update of the Old Town SPA based on the required triennial review and direct staff to begin work accordingly; and
2. Provide staff direction on further exploring the feasibility of creating a community development agency and the eligibility of Old Town as an area for redevelopment.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Taro Echiburú, Environmental Planning Manager, reported that the Special Planning Area (SPA) in Old Town was adopted in 2005 and included a provision that it be reviewed every three years. City staff and the Old Town Elk Grove Foundation began the review process in July 2008. Recommendations for amendments to the SPA are listed in attachment one to the staff report (filed). He noted that a visioning statement and possible expansion of the SPA boundary is needed. Additionally, it is recommended that establishment of a community development program be considered with the Old Town area included in a redevelopment area.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Tom Hart, Deputy Director of the California Redevelopment Association, reported that redevelopment is a process

created to assist cities and counties in eliminating blight in a designated area. There are 395 active redevelopment agencies in California and 759 project areas. Common redevelopment tools include removing substandard buildings, preserving historical buildings, developing underutilized or vacant properties, cleaning up polluted areas, improving roads, and providing affordable housing. Tax increment (i.e. redistribution of property tax) is the primary funding source by redevelopment agencies to finance projects. Tax increment can be used to finance projects directly or by issuing tax allocation bonds, which are paid off by tax increment proceeds.

In answer to Mayor Hume, Mr. Hart explained that, once a project area is formed, the tax base is frozen. That tax base continues to go to property tax entities, and anything over and above that, goes to the redevelopment agency. The affordable housing fund receives 20%, with the remaining amount to the redevelopment agency, and 25% to the taxing entities that were receiving funding prior to the establishment of the redevelopment agency.

In response to Council Member Davis, Mr. Hart stated that the Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is comprised of members of the Sacramento City Council, Board of Supervisors, and citizens. He reported that redevelopment agencies have up to 20 years to establish debt, 30 years to complete a project, and it terminates at year 40. He acknowledged that some redevelopment agencies have shut down.

In reply to Vice Mayor Scherman, City Manager Gill reported that the Sacramento County Executive has offered to look into the possibility of Elk Grove joining with the SHRA, as an alternative to consider.

Council Member Cooper expressed support for the concept of redevelopment and indicated willingness to consider joining with the SHRA.

Mr. Echiburú stated that Seifel Consulting Inc. was retained to conduct a redevelopment feasibility analysis in order to determine whether portions of the City would qualify for redevelopment, the results of which were included as attachment two to the staff report (filed).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Howard Sihner, representing the Old Town Elk Grove Foundation, introduced new president John Lambdin and thanked Council and staff for its support of the SPA review process.

Shahram Shariati stated that he was a graduate student at California Polytechnic State University majoring in civil engineering. He believed that redevelopment was very beneficial to San Luis Obispo. He recommended that residential be included and hoped that light rail would stop in Elk Grove and more events be scheduled to bring tourism to the Old Town area.

Fire Chief Steve Foster read the following statement into the record on behalf of Gill Albiani, President of the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors:

The Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments as you consider whether to proceed with actions leading to the establishment of a redevelopment project area in the City of Elk Grove. As a major partner with the City and other public agencies in the provision of services to the citizens of Elk Grove, the CSD has a substantial vested interest in this issue, both because it has the potential to significantly affect revenue to the CSD and because the CSD is proud of the work it has already accomplished by providing top-rate fire protection, as well as excellent parks and recreational opportunities. The services have bolstered the safety, charm and beauty of this City, a leading factor in creating a positive environment for the residents and businesses of this community.

Last week, staff of the City and the CSD met to discuss, among other things, the staff report concerning the redevelopment proposal, a draft of which was made available to us by the City Manager. The staff report describes an area that the City's consultants believe may be eligible for redevelopment, but is dependent upon further study. While we understand that your action tonight is limited to providing direction to proceed, we want to provide the following initial comments:

- The Process for adoption of a redevelopment plan and redevelopment project area is time consuming and expensive depending on numerous factors, the costs to the City, including those incurred to date, could reach \$500,000. We would encourage a judicious approach that allows project area feasibility to be determined at the earliest possible time and least possible cost.*
- We feel it is unlikely that a community such as Elk Grove contains an area that could be appropriately determined to be a "blighted area" as required by the laws governing redevelopment. From our perspective, Elk Grove simply lacks the kind of deterioration, dilapidation, contamination and crime that truly blighted areas exhibit. We understand that the City is suffering from an economic downturn, but it is the same economic downturn faced by every community in the State and country.*

The CSD certainly wants to lend its support to improving Elk Grove. Should the Council decide to move forward, we will work cooperatively with the City in evaluating what area might appropriately qualify as a blighted area for purposes of redevelopment and in identifying other resources or collaborative efforts that will serve the community.

In reply to Council Member Detrick, Mr. Hart clarified that, from year 1 to 10, 25% goes to the taxing entities and at year 10 the redevelopment agency would get an additional 21%. At year 31 there would be another increase of 14%. He explained that, at year 31, approximately half is going to the taxing entities and half to the redevelopment agency; however, 20% is taken off the top for the affordable housing program.

Council Member Davis believed the goal was to create a vision for Old Town and revitalize it. Options include redevelopment or a business improvement district. If redevelopment is chosen, he felt that all taxing entities should be included in the process. Additionally, he suggested that the citizen ranking of amenities for the civic center be considered in the visioning for Old Town because not all of the amenities will ultimately be included in the civic center.

In reference to existing businesses in Old Town, Mayor Hume expressed his opinion that they should remain. He agreed with Council Member Davis that the vision for Old Town should be the driving factor in deciding what option to pursue.

Vice Mayor Scherman emphasized the need to get businesses in Old Town involved.

Council Member Detrick agreed that all taxing entities should be included in the process.

The consensus of Council was to direct staff to conduct the triennial review of the Old Town SPA, create a visioning statement, and further explore the feasibility of creating a Redevelopment Agency.

Agenda Item No. 8.2: Community Engagement Opportunities

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Community Engagement options and direct staff as deemed appropriate.

Don Hazen, Planning Director, provided an overview of the staff report. Mr. Hazen stated that, in his experience, when applicants facilitate their own community engagement meetings there is a public perception that it is not a fair and unbiased presentation. He favored the approach of staff initiating the meetings, as they are unbiased, have no financial gain from the projects, and do need public input in order to formulate a recommendation. Additionally, staff knows when the right time is to conduct the meetings and how many are needed. If directed by Council, staff will return with a Citizen Participation Plan ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Council Member Davis recalled having brought this idea forward a couple of years ago. He expressed support for a staff initiated citizen participation plan.

Mayor Hume cautioned that he did not want the plan to cause delays or become costly.

Council directed staff to return with a Citizen Participation Plan ordinance providing flexibility for the Planning Director to determine the level of participation that is required for each project.

Agenda Item No. 8.3: Receive report on the 2008 Neighborhood Leaders Solutions Summits

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the follow-up report from the 2008 Neighborhood Leaders Solutions Summits and provide direction to staff as deemed appropriate.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Angela Frost, Management Analyst, provided an overview of the staff report. Following the September 2008 Neighborhood Leaders Solutions Summit, staff was directed to look into rental property and abandoned housing registry ordinances. Staff is preparing drafts for discussion with community stakeholders and the public, following which the ordinances will be brought to Council for consideration. Following the December 2008 Summit meeting, staff created a webpage with resources for homeowners and neighborhood associations.

Steve Gay, Geographic Information Systems Manager, provided a demonstration of the website property information program.

Ms. Frost mentioned that neighborhood leaders had requested that staff look into subsidized insurance for community meetings at City owned facilities; however, it was found that the City's current insurance coverage limits liability coverage only to City related business events and does not extend to any other groups, organizations, or businesses. If directed by Council, staff would return at a future meeting with a facilities use policy for all conference rooms located in City owned buildings at 8380, 8400, and 8401 Laguna Palms Way. Ms. Frost reviewed options for future Neighborhood Summit meetings:

Option A: Direct staff to host additional summits this year. Topics and dates of future summits will be determined at a later time, but the Council may wish to give direction about future topics.

Option B: Direct staff to reserve the Council Chamber for three staggered dates throughout the remainder of the calendar year for summits. Neighborhood leaders would lead, organize and plan each summit

themselves. A designated contact from the City will work with the neighborhood leaders to secure staff representation about the selected topics/areas of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Conley spoke in support of Neighborhood Summits and the facilities use policy suggestion. She mentioned that Charter Commission Chair Jake Allen did a commendable job at the March 24 public outreach meeting.

Council Member Davis favored Option B, though he felt that the City should help lead and organize the first few meetings until the neighborhood leaders are comfortable in doing so. He supported the preparation of a facilities use policy. Additionally, he suggested that all information derived from the Neighborhood Leaders Summits be used toward an *Elk Grove Strong Neighborhood* initiative.

Council Member Cooper favored Option B.

Council Member Detrick suggested that it begin with Option A and move to Option B. He expressed support for preparation of a facilities use policy. He asked staff to look into whether a minimal fee could be charged for a rider on the City's insurance policy.

Mayor Hume agreed to begin with Option A and transition to Option B. He favored a facilities use policy.

Agenda Item No. 8.4: Update on April 23, 2008 Climate Report

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Review Staff's update on climate change science, legislation, and case law in California;
2. Provide direction to staff on climate change memberships; and
3. Provide direction to staff regarding options for locally addressing climate change including the development of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target, General Plan Sustainability Element, Climate Action Plan, implement reductions within City operations, and/or public outreach efforts.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Jessica Shalamunec, Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report, possible next steps, and various approaches that could be undertaken.

Planning Director Hazen suggested that Council approach the options with caution, due to the current budget situation.

Council Member Detrick noted that the staff report includes estimated number of hours that each approach represents and he asked what the corresponding dollar

amount would be, to which Ms. Shalamunec stated that a \$100 per hour estimate was used.

Council Member Davis asked if the City would be eligible for funding under the SB 732 program to include a sustainability element in the General Plan.

Michael McCormick, Climate Change Services Coordinator, replied that there was a potential of \$84 million in funding through SB 732 and the City is eligible for a portion of it. He recommended that the City participate in discussions next week at the Strategic Growth Council meeting.

Council Member Davis suggested that the funding be aggressively pursued and that the sustainability element be a priority. He asked if a sustainability element were added now, whether it would have to be amended with the General Plan, to which Assistant City Attorney Alves replied that it would not be required.

Assistant City Manager Blacklock suggested the low-level approach and then to seek non General Fund funding sources to complete a sustainability element.

Mayor Hume and Council Members Davis, Detrick, and Cooper voiced agreement with Mr. Blacklock.

Mayor Hume suggested that City facilities integrate sustainability measures such as light-emitting diodes, recycling, increased tree canopy, and encouraging better practices in new development. He expressed support for joining Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI).

Vice Mayor Scherman felt that the City should be cautious about spending money at this time.

Mayor Hume directed staff to return with a more detailed outline of what would be involved in creating a sustainability element and what features it would include, to which Council Member Cooper noted that staff should also include specific cost estimates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Agenda Item No. 8.5: City Council Goals for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution approving the City Council goals for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11.

City Manager Gill provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Note: Mayor Hume left the meeting temporarily at 9:02 p.m.

Motion: M/S Davis/Cooper to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-65** approving the City Council goals for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Hume)***

Note: Mayor Hume returned at 9:04 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 8.6: Appoint a public member representative to the Sacramento Regional Human Rights / Fair Housing Commission Advisory Board

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution appointing a member to fill one vacancy on the Sacramento Regional Human Rights / Fair Housing Commission Advisory Board

City Clerk Blackston provided an overview of the staff report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Vice Mayor Scherman favored the appointment of Elizabeth Ann Kelly.

Mayor Hume expressed support for appointing Davies Ononiwu.

Motion: M/S Cooper/Davis to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-66** appointing Roderick Brewer to the Sacramento Regional Human Rights / Fair Housing Commission Advisory Board for a three year term. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3; Noes: 2 (Hume, Scherman).***

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

City Manager Laura Gill reviewed the March 25, 2009 Administrative Report (filed).

NOTE: Council Member Cooper left the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

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 Davis suggested that Mayor Hume send a letter to the U.S. Census Bureau recommending that they hire locally (noting that the Bureau chose Elk Grove to house one of its offices), to which Mayor Hume expressed agreement.

Council Member Detrick asked whether there was interest by Council to explore options for a mixed land use element for residential and commercial blend in the same facility.

Mayor Hume and Council Member Davis expressed support of the concept.

In reference to comments regarding public employee compensation, Council Member Detrick suggested that Elk Grove work toward being a model to other cities by being a leader of fiscal responsibility. He recommended that compensation and benefit packages be reviewed and compared with similar positions in other organizations.

Mayor Hume expressed support for reviewing compensation and benefit packages.

Council Member Davis stated that he would be willing to review the vacation buy-back benefit and review the retiree healthcare program, to which Vice Mayor Scherman agreed.

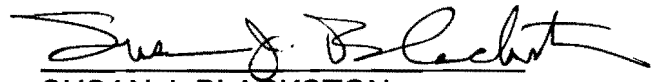
City Manager Gill noted that the results of the total compensation study would be available in the near future.

Vice Mayor Scherman reported that the Regional County Sanitation District Board of Directors met this morning and discussed the issue of employees taking home county vehicles, the matter will be brought back for discussion at a future meeting.

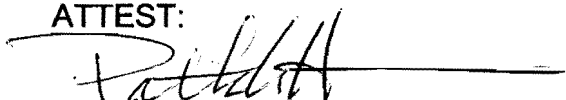
Mayor Hume reported that the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors approved letters of support for grant applications for three projects. On March 27 the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors will consider the Elk Grove segment. The March 26 Mayor's State of the City Address will be broadcast live and archived on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to conduct, the March 25, 2009 City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. in memory of City of Oakland Police Officers Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romas, Daniel Sakai, and John Hege who were killed in the line of duty.


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON,
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:



PATRICK HUME, MAYOR