

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hume called the regular City Council meeting of April 8, 2009 to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Cooper (arrived at 6:24 p.m.)

Vice Mayor Scherman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hume asked that a moment of silence be observed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: M/S Davis/Scherman to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Cooper)

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1 Via telephone from Washington D.C., Peter Evich of Van Scoyoc Associates reported that the projects the City of Elk Grove prioritized for this year's Federal appropriations cycle were officially submitted to the California Congressional delegation in February. The City submitted a mix of transportation and public safety projects. Congressman Lungren submitted the City's request to establish an emergency operations center (EOC) to the House Appropriations Committee. The Federal funding request for the EOC was \$1 million. Senate offices will post their Fiscal Year 2010 project submissions in early May. The multi-year transportation reauthorization measure will be considered by congress this year; the current authorization is set to expire September 30. The House Transportation Committee is accepting project requests for this measure through May 8. Congressman Lungren has set an internal project submission deadline of April 24 for entities in the 3rd Congressional District. Mr. Evich noted that he would work with staff to ensure all necessary paperwork is submitted.

- 4.2 Council Member Detrick presented a proclamation recognizing April 20 to 24, 2009 as "Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week" to Gary Goodman, Sacramento Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District Assistant Manager
- 4.3 With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Jim Miller, Youth Services Coordinator, provided an update on the Youth Services Work Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 4

In reference to Item 4.3, Chuck Jones urged Council not to cut quality of life programs, particularly those aimed at youth and senior citizens.

Council Member Davis agreed with Mr. Jones and noted that early investment in youth pays dividends later.

NOTE: Council Member Cooper arrived at 6:24 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 5

Mike Barnbaum reported that Regional Transit had to move 10 bus routes to the Swanston Light Rail Station, due to a major construction project that will not be completed until April 19. He stated that Regional Transit is working on the operating plan for the south line phase two project that will extend the blue line to Cosumnes River College. Regional Transit will be conducting a meeting on April 16 regarding a transit action plan for the Sacramento region.

Charlotte Harvey representing the Jubilee Community Worship Center asked that its Conditional Use Permit fee of \$5,333 be waived, due to the financial hardship it creates on the small congregation. She noted that the Center entered into a three year lease prior to discovering that a permit would be required.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

In reference to Item 6.1, Council Member Detrick challenged every member of the City to stop unnecessary spending. He cited examples such as a courier service to deliver agenda binders to Council Members and meetings that include lunches.

Council Member Cooper noted that there are times when meetings are held through the lunch hour, which can lead to greater productivity. He supported any methods or tools that increased effectiveness.

Council Member Davis supported the suggestion to look at ways to save money; however, he believed that the City Manager was already adequately dealing with the situation.

Vice Mayor Scherman explained that she needed her agenda/packet binder delivered on set dates and times. She recommended that Council Members, who

are not utilizing their funding allocations for interns, should inform the City Manager so the money can be used for other purposes.

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 6.11. 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/Cooper*** to approve the Consent Calendar with abstention noted on Agenda Item 6.11 (Detrick); Item 6.10 was pulled from the agenda at staff's request. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0***

Agenda Item No. 6.1: Approved General Warrant No. 44282 through 44851 dated March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, and Electronic Fund Transfer 2009109 through 2009121, and Automatic Clearing House

Agenda Item No. 6.2: Approved City Council Meeting Minutes: a) February 25, 2009 Special Meeting; and b) February 25, 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 April 1, 2009

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

Agenda Item No. 6.5: **Ordinance No. 6-2009** adopted rezoning 2.3 acres located at the southeastern corner of Sheldon Road and East Stockton Boulevard from Agricultural Residential 5-acre minimum (AR-5) to General Commercial (GC) and Shopping Center (SC) for APN 116-0030-005 (**Second Reading**)

Agenda Item No. 6.6: **Ordinance No. 7-2009** adopted repealing, and adopting revised, Titles 1 through 22 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code to implement the recodification of the Elk Grove Municipal Code (**Second Reading**)

Agenda Item No. 6.7: **Resolution No. 2009-67** adopted authorizing the City Manager to amend the consultant contract with Richardson & Company for annual financial audit services to reflect a change in the scope of work to include a review and report of the appropriations limit and to increase the amount of the contract by \$20,000 (*for a total compensation amount of \$223,900*)

Agenda Item No. 6.8: Resolution No. 2009-68 adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a consultant contract amendment with Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. for the completion of the Citywide Roadway and Capital Facilities Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update and to increase the amount of the contract by \$25,000 *(for a total compensation amount of \$113,000)*

Agenda Item No. 6.9: Resolution No. 2009-69 adopted amending the Fiscal Years 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09 Appropriations Limits and electing the California Per Capita Income Growth Index Method as the Inflation Factor

Note: Item 6.10 was pulled from the agenda.

~~**Agenda Item No. 6.10:** Accepting the public improvements for Laguna Ridge Specific Plan—Whitelock Parkway—Segment 2~~

Agenda Item No. 6.11: Resolution No. 2009-70 adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute utility agreements between the City and the utility companies impacted by the Franklin Boulevard / Elk Grove Boulevard Intersection Widening and Bus Turnouts Project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. ***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. 6.12: Resolution No. 2009-71 adopted approving the Transit Services Charter Policy and establishing full cost recovery for Charter Services including an additional administrative fee of \$50

Agenda Item No. 6.13: Resolution No. 2009-72 adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fee Deferral Agreement with Byers Gymnastics

Agenda Item No. 6.14: Resolution No. 2009-73 adopted establishing a Census 2010 Complete Count Committee and soliciting applications for Chair

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item No. 7.1: A public hearing to consider a proposed Zoning Code amendment to restrict the hours of operation for all uses in the commercial and office zoning districts

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council deny the proposed Hours of Operation Ordinance.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing open.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner, reported that the proposed Zoning Code amendment would limit the hours of operation for all uses within the commercial and office zoning districts. Currently, if a use is permitted by right, the City does not restrict hours of operation and the use could potentially operate 24 hours a day. The only specific regulations on hours of operation in the Zoning Code are related to neighborhood markets, some convenience stores, business support services, and drive-through facilities that are located within 100 feet of a residential use. For conditionally permitted uses, the City evaluates hours of operation for individual projects as part of the Conditional Use Permit process. In the past, time restrictions had been focused on uses which were identified as those that may generate higher levels of crime or significantly impact residential uses. The proposed amendment to the Zoning Code would include adding a footnote to the commercial and office zoning district use tables to limit the hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Planning Commission considered the matter at a public hearing on March 19 and unanimously recommended that the proposed ordinance *not* be introduced by Council.

In answer to Council Member Davis, Ms. Kirchgessner explained that office was included because there are many commercial uses which are allowed by right and they tend to be located near residential uses.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janet Toppenberg, Chief Executive Officer of the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, believed the proposal would negatively impact businesses in their ability to attract jobs and put new businesses at a competitive disadvantage. She believed the proposal was a blanket approach in reaction to a single situation and urged Council to support the Planning Commission's recommendation. She distributed a written statement (filed).

Veronica Knudson, Chief Operating Officer of Methodist Hospital in Sacramento, agreed with Ms. Toppenberg's comments. She noted that hospital employees work 24 hours a day and have a need for services at all hours, as well as many others in the community. She urged Council not to amend the Zoning Code as proposed.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Detrick stated that there was not adequate direction given to staff by Council in advance of drafting the ordinance and noted that there was never an intent for it to include office uses. He believed that certain areas, such as freeway corridors, are appropriate for 24 hour operations.

Vice Mayor Scherman reported that she received a letter from Teri Lawrence who wished to go on record in opposition to this matter. Ms. Scherman also opposed the Zoning Code amendment proposal, noting that hours of operation should be based on what type of service is being provided.

Council Member Davis was adamantly opposed to the ordinance and stated that the City's policies ought to reflect its vision statement that Elk Grove encourages businesses to locate and thrive in the City.

Council Member Cooper also voiced opposition to the proposal. He felt that handling matters on a case by case basis would be more appropriate and if a certain business causes a problem, it should be held accountable.

Mayor Hume believed that the proposal would prevent Elk Grove from competitively attracting businesses and jobs. Further, he stated that there is a need for some businesses to operate 24 hours a day and the City has planning tools in place to address deficiencies.

NOTE: No action was taken on Item 7.1.

Agenda Item No. 7.2: A public hearing to consider the draft Fiscal Year 2009-10 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide preliminary approval to the allocation of FY 2009-10 CDBG funds and authorize the 2009-10 Action Plan to be released for public review.

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 explained that the Action Plan is the annual budget document which implements the five year consolidated plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is anticipated that the City of Elk Grove would be receiving its annual grant of \$492,958. Additionally, due to the economic stimulus, the City has received CDBG-Recovery funding in the amount of \$133,902. Ms. Bontrager reviewed the application process and reported that nine proposals were received for a total of nearly \$290,000. The City has \$454,000 for capital projects, nearly \$74,000 for public services, and \$99,000 for administration. Ms. Bontrager reviewed the 2009-10 Action Plan recommendations as detailed in the staff report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barbara Lehman, Executive Director of the Human Rights / Fair Housing Commission and Director of the Center for Human Rights, Law, and Advocacy, noted that they have asked for a funding increase primarily due to housing counseling related to foreclosures. Ms. Lehman reported that she was working with the City Manager regarding this matter.

Mary Ann Chapelle, Program Manager for Support Works for Women, explained that her organization assists nearly 400 women a year who are homeless, victims of

domestic violence, unemployed, etc. and through a job readiness training program, help them become self reliant.

Therese Schultz, Executive Director of the Senior Center, reported that the Center serves 135 seniors each day. Their funding request is for the congregate nutrition program and Meals-On-Wheels homebound food delivery.

Rebecca Brubaker stated that she represented people with developmental disabilities in Elk Grove and invited all to attend an April 24 fundraiser at the Wackford Center.

Debra Morrow representing Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance stated that they administer senior nutrition services for the Meals-On-Wheels program.

Deloris Nelson representing the Sacramento Self Help Housing Agency noted that its south Sacramento offices had to be closed, due to budget cuts.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Davis pointed out that the demand for services is increasing and many of the agencies are housed in a trailer behind the Cosumnes Community Services District facility. He asked that Council consider using unallocated funds for a one-stop service shop facility of 5,000 to 10,000 square feet in an industrial area on a bus route. He noted that there is a lot of space currently available and lease rates have been decreased.

Council Member Cooper asked that staff include in next year's report all the applications that were submitted, so that Council can see which ones were not recommended. He voiced support for the one-stop service shop concept.

Vice Mayor Scherman supported staff's recommendation. She commented that it would be difficult to find a suitable location for a one-stop facility.

Council Member Detrick agreed with Mr. Davis' suggestion and voiced support for staff's recommendation.

Mayor Hume also expressed support for Mr. Davis' suggestion.

In answer to inquiries, Council Member Davis suggested that a working group be organized with all affected parties (e.g. Food Bank, Clothes Closet, Helping Hands, Support Works for Women, Chicks in Crisis, Self Help Housing, etc.) so that they can articulate their needs. He asked that staff look into the feasibility of a one-stop service shop using non-allocated funds under Housing/Public Facility Project for

\$277,224 and Shovel-Ready Project Grant for \$133,902 and return at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 13, 2009 with an initial timeline.

Motion: **M/S Davis/Cooper** to: 1) provide preliminary approval to the allocation of FY 2009-10 CDBG funds as presented with the exception of considering the feasibility of using unallocated facilities funding toward creating a "One-Stop Service Shop" and directing staff to report back in May on the subject; and 2) authorizing the 2009-10 Action Plan to be released for public review. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0***

Agenda Item No. 7.3: A public hearing to consider *e-van* service revisions and Transit Trip Assignment Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution approving *e-van* service revisions and the Transit Trip Assignment Policy.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing open.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Tiffani Fink, Transit System Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and *e-van* service and trip assignment recommendations. She recalled that, on February 11, Council directed staff to return with this item, as well as to discontinue the general public and airport services. She reported that there were 22,000 *e-van* riders and 1.3 million fixed route riders. The cost to operate *e-van* is \$1.7 million and \$9 million for *e-tran*.

David Morgan, Chair of the Disability Advisory Committee, reported that committee members participated in the public meeting process and discussed the proposal with staff. The committee unanimously agreed with staff's recommendations.

Addressing Ms. Fink, Council Member Davis recalled that a situation occurred in which *e-van* took a wheelchair bound passenger to a location and canceled their return trip, leaving them stranded late at night. He emphasized the need to be organized enough so that this does not occur and travelers can be informed in advance of their transportation when changes take place.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Barnbaum recommended that Council adopt a regional policy providing service from Elk Grove to Folsom, three destinations in Sacramento (i.e. Cosumnes River College, Methodist Hospital, and Kaiser Hospital) and any location south of the city limits (in Sacramento County) where paratransit does not provide service. Additionally, he recommended that Council adopt a 5th priority of "general public" for trip assignments. He recommended that *e-van* service to the Meadowview Light Rail Station be discontinued once the south line phase 2 project is completed.

Gayonna Dayne pointed out that riders in wheelchairs waiting in poorly lit spaces are not seen by bus drivers and can be inadvertently left. She asked Council to consider those who work and cannot change their schedules to accommodate the City's proposed service changes.

Patsy Stahlman asked Council to consider the health and dignity of its elderly citizens.

Atull Shirvastav stated that he was reliant upon e-van and the service reductions would negatively impact his ability to travel. He asked that hours be coordinated with paratransit before any changes are made to the current schedule.

Mayor Hume declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Cooper felt that the City should be consistent with what other transit agencies in the region provide. He favored Yolo County's policy of providing outside service to "medical only" sites for Americans with Disabilities Act conditional and unconditional passengers.

Council Member Davis reiterated that any "bumping" should occur *before* anyone is taken to their destination. He asked staff to make significant efforts to communicate the proposed changes to riders and educate them on options available.

Vice Mayor Scherman agreed with Mr. Davis' comments and voiced support for staff's recommendations.

In response to Council Member Detrick, Ms. Fink reported that staffing of dispatch is required as long as vehicles are on the road; this occurs until 10:30 p.m. Ms. Fink stated that she would ensure the dispatch phone number is made available to the public.

Mayor Hume pointed out that 18% of the cost to run the transit system is being used to service 2% of the ridership. Mr. Hume expressed his opinion that serving those who cannot travel otherwise is the number one priority of public transit; however, there is a limit to how much can be afforded. He emphasized that no riders should ever be left stranded; therefore, bumping should not be occurring on the same day of transportation to a destination. He recommended that fixed route service be evaluated for routes that are not productive, which could be cut to reduce costs. He felt that reduction to hours on regional service should not be done unless there was a true cost savings demonstrated that would merit the inconvenience to riders.

Council Member Cooper recommended that a condition of "medical only" trips be applied; however, Ms. Fink noted that a large part of the regional trip ridership is for the purpose of commuting to jobs. Further, she noted that staff's recommendations include prioritizing local trips over regional trips and discontinuing general public.

Ms. Fink reported that regular updates will be provided to Council on performance measures and tracking service to budgetary constraints.

Motion: *M/S Davis/Detrick to adopt Resolution No. 2009-74 approving e-van service revisions and the Transit Trip Assignment Policy, and noting that there is to be no same day bumping. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0*

REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Agenda Item No. 8.1: Consider calling a public hearing to consider proposed increases to solid waste service rates and authorizing public notice thereof

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution calling a public hearing to be held on June 24, 2009, to consider approval of proposed increases to the City's solid waste collection and disposal service rates and authorizing staff to prepare and mail the necessary notices.

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Cedar Kehoe, Integrated Waste Manager, provided an overview of the staff report. She noted that, under the residential franchise agreement, Allied Waste is allowed an annual adjustment to their rate. On March 11, 2009 Council directed staff to proceed with a rate adjustment to fund a seven year extension of the current residential franchise agreement. Ms. Kehoe noted that 750 residents, of 44,000, responded to a survey requesting a second scheduled neighborhood cleanup service. She noted that Council will need to notify the public of the highest potential rate, which for the average customer results in an increase of \$1.25 per month or \$3.21 per month if the second neighborhood cleanup service is added. Ms. Kehoe reviewed comparison rates with other jurisdictions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion: *M/S Scherman/Detrick to adopt Resolution No. 2009-75 calling a public hearing to be held on June 24, 2009, to consider approval of proposed increases to the City's solid waste collection and disposal service rates, using Option A (*Proposed Solid Waste Rates without additional Neighborhood Cleanup Collection*), and authorizing staff to prepare and mail the necessary notices. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0***

Agenda Item No. 8.2: Consider Request for Waiver of Community Enhancement fee and interest assessed against property owner of 6321 Alpinespring Way (Case No. 07-4488; APN: 119-0970-067-0000)

RECOMMENDATION:

Reject the property owner's request and affirm the re-inspection fee and interest charged to partially recover Community Enhancement costs for inspection of 6321 Alpinespring Way (Case No. 07-4488)

With the aid of an overhead presentation (filed), Shane Diller, Community Enhancement Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation. In summary, Mr. Diller reported that the vehicle in question was found on the property in violation of the Elk Grove Municipal Code, three notices were sent and or posted over the course of 60 days, six visits were made to the property over a six month period, and one re-inspection fee was assessed. The current fees stand at \$530.40.

In answer to Council Member Detrick, Mr. Diller reported that, approximately seven hours of inspector time, 15 hours of his time, plus time spent by the City Attorney and Deputy City Attorney had been devoted to this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin May complained that, due to a lack of communication, Elk Grove residents remain process recipients without ever being able to have a conversation with City staff. There is no due process unless an individual is able to pay a \$1,000 hearing fee and deny the violation. He asked why the City did not tow the vehicle. He stated that repeated messages went ignored by staff without consequence. Mr. May stated that, on November 16, he suffered a life threatening illness, which prevented him from working for two months. On April 15, 2008 he donated the car to the American Heart Association. Mr. May pointed out that he only needed 45 days between the time he was fined and when the vehicle was removed. In answer to Council Member Cooper, Mr. May acknowledged that he placed a registration sticker on the vehicle from another car he kept in his garage, noting that at the time he felt he had no other options available.

In response to Council Member Davis, Mr. Diller stated that the vehicle was registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles in February 2007 as a permanently inoperable vehicle. The Elk Grove Municipal Code requires that inoperable vehicles be kept in the garage or out of public view, due to it creating both visual blight and a safety hazard.

Motion: M/S Cooper/Scherman to reject the property owner's request and affirm the re-inspection fee and interest charged to partially recover Community Enhancement costs for inspection of 6321 Alpinespring Way (Case No. 07-4488). The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4; Noes: 1 (Hume)

Motion: M/S Detrick/Scherman to waive rule of procedure not to consider new business after 10:00 p.m. and to proceed with the remainder of the agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0.

Agenda Item No. 8.3: City Council Objectives for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the City Council objectives for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11, and provide direction and feedback as appropriate.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Mayor Hume noted that the synopsis for the goal, "*Promote Elk Grove as a recreational and cultural center that attracts visitors*" appears to have changed from previous iterations. Ms. Gill acknowledged that it was in error and would be corrected.

Council concurred to receive and file the City Council objectives as provided by staff, with the above noted correction.

Agenda Item No. 8.4: Adopt resolution establishing an Audit Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution establishing an Audit Committee and select two members to serve on the Committee to provide independent review and oversight of the City's financial reporting processes, internal controls, and independent auditors.

Rebecca Craig, Finance Director, provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation. She estimated that three to four meetings per year would be required.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion: ***M/S Davis/Detrick*** to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-76** establishing an Audit Committee and appointing Council Member Detrick and Mayor Hume to serve on the Committee to provide independent review and oversight of the City's financial reporting processes, internal controls, and independent auditors. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0***

Agenda Item No. 8.5: Consider representation to the Central Valley Express Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide direction regarding representation to the Central Valley Express Advisory Committee.

Tiffani Fink, Transit System Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation.

Brian Schmidt representing the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission stated that meetings are held in Stockton at the Rail Commission headquarters, two or three times per year in the morning for approximately two hours. The Commission has both staff and elected official representatives from Merced to Sacramento.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion: M/S Cooper/Detrick appointing Council Member Davis to represent the City of Elk Grove during Central Valley Express Advisory Committee meetings and appointing Vice Mayor Scherman as an alternate representative. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0***

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

City Manager Laura Gill reviewed the April 8, 2009 Administrative Report (filed).

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 noted that, at the last meeting, there was discussion about funding the sustainability element and subsequently \$1 million was received. He suggested that the City partner with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to work on the Healthy Communities Policy. He offered to forward to staff a guidebook on federal grants that he received at a League of California Cities policy committee meeting last week in southern California. Discussion took place at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments meeting regarding the need to pursue legislation to provide cities in the region with flexibility in transit farebox recovery requirements. He asked whether space could be provided on e-tran buses to place fliers promoting community events.

Vice Mayor Scherman noted that on May 27 Council will be recognizing the 100th birthday of Elk Grove resident Lovelei Sterling and suggested that Wilton resident Joe Lopes, who is also celebrating his 100th birthday, be recognized as well, to which Council agreed.

Council Member Detrick asked that sixth grade student Vishaal Prasad be recognized at an upcoming Council meeting for having been named a National Patroller of Year, to which Council concurred. He thanked staff members for creating a link on the City's website to solicit volunteers.

Mayor Hume reported that, at the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors meeting, there was discussion regarding the following Elk Grove projects that were considered important to the Connector: 1) Grant Line Road widening and railroad track grade separation, 2) Waterman Road signal improvement, 3) Bradshaw Road signal improvement, and 4) Kammerer Road extension. On April 7 a dedication ceremony was held for naming the Police Communications Center in honor of former Police Chief Robert Simmons. He asked that all City facilities, including the library, have a flag pole and U.S. flag displayed.

In response to Mayor Hume, City Manager Gill reported that a meeting took place a month ago with library and school officials to discuss short- and long-term solutions to the parking space deficit at the library.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to conduct, the April 8, 2009 City Council meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON,
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:



PATRICK HUME, MAYOR