



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California
Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the mayor. Council Members present: Payne, Clare, Haines, Meredith, Shelton.

Staff members present: City Manager Anderson, Assistant City Manager Behrmann, City Clerk Aguire, Public Works Director Halladay, City Attorney Rudolph, Chief of Police Cattolico, Finance Director Kiriu, Human Resources Administrator Islas, and Parks and Recreation Director Jeffries.

Absent: Community Development Director Campion.

OPENING CEREMONIES - Silent prayer was observed, the flag salute was recited by Girl Scout Troop 322 and the video statement was read by the city clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The clerk announced that members of the audience could address the council on any matter which is not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction. She advised the location of the speaker sheets, asked that speaker sheets be presented to the clerk prior to addressing council and advised that each person would have a five minute time limit to speak.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Consisting of Items 1 through 4.

1. **SUBJECT**: Minutes of regular meeting of February 3, 2009.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council accept the minutes as submitted.
2. **SUBJECT**: City of Galt Warrants.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council approve the warrants as submitted.
3. **SUBJECT**: Proposed amendments to the Galt Zoning (Galt Municipal Code section 18.20.060, Table 18.20-2), addressing setbacks and maximum heights for detached accessory buildings, structures, and equipment (120 s.f. or less in cumulative area) in residential zoning districts.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council adopt Resolution No. 2009-15 approving the CEQA exemption for the Galt zoning ordinance amendments to table 18.20-2 of section 18.20.060 related to allowed setbacks and maximum height requirements for residential accessory buildings, structures, and equipment.
4. **SUBJECT**: Ordinance No. 2009-03.
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council adopt Ordinance No. 2009-03 amending table 18.20-2 of section 18.20.060 related to allowed setbacks and maximum height requirements for residential accessory buildings, structures, and equipment.

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ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Meredith, the consent calendar was approved by a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS

Margaret Roberts, President, City Clerk's Association of California, presented the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk plaque to City Clerk Elizabeth Aguire.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

SCHEDULED MATTERS - PUBLIC HEARING

1. **SUBJECT:** Revised utility services rates.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the city council: 1) conduct a public hearing; 2) tabulate any written protests; 3) in absence of a majority protest, adopt a resolution approving the revised rate schedules for water, wastewater, storm water (Tier 2) and solid waste services to be effective March 1, 2009; and 4) approve combining Funds 007 and 015.

Halladay gave an overview of the rate increases. The mayor opened the public hearing.

Rick Walters was opposed to the rate increase.

John Slaughterback was opposed to the rate increase.

Dan Jiminez was opposed to the rate increase. He gave other examples of increases in sales tax, vehicle registration fee, income tax, etc.

Gloria Rodriguez was opposed to the rate increase.

Deborah Denny was opposed to the rate increases

Lellani Snyder was opposed to the rate increase.

Margaret Munson was opposed to the rate increase.

Hearing no additional comments, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Payne asked about the monthly reports concerning the water and sewer funds. Kiriu explained the revenues and expenditures in the two funds. Payne asked if the utility increase was denied where the money would come from to pay for services and Anderson replied it was unknown. She asked about a senior discount on utility rates and Anderson said General Fund money could be used to subsidize the senior citizens. Clare agreed with what had already been said. Haines said he understood the emotions from the audience. He understood the California Waste Recovery Systems situation and understood their increase. He said the City needed to help the citizens and the city needed to look for alternatives. Meredith commended Halladay for his service to the City and thanked him for his work.

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Meredith said he had a problem with following the CPI for rate increases and did not understand where the numbers came from. He said the costs needed to be captured through the water meter implementation plan and said he would not support the increases. Shelton said he concurred with Haines and Meredith. He said the proposal should be reevaluated and brought back.

Behrmann said the city was contractually bound to California Waste Recovery.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Clare, adopting Resolution No. 2009-16 increasing solid waste rates from California Waste Recovery System was approved by a unanimous vote.

Rudolph said it would take a majority vote to re-open the public hearing.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Haines, seconded by Meredith, re-opening the public hearing was approved by a unanimous vote.

Rick Walters asked questions about interest income. Anderson said it was included in the budget. Rudolph said since the consideration of an increase was continued, leave the public hearing open and continue to a date certain.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Haines, continuing the public hearing until March 17th was approved by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES

1. **SUBJECT:** Alarm permit fee.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the city council introduce Ordinance No. 2009-04, waive the first reading and read by title only an ordinance repealing Chapter 5.08 of the Galt Municipal Code canceling the fee currently collected for alarm permits.

Cattoloico gave a staff report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Meredith, Ordinance No. 2009-04 was introduced by a unanimous vote.

REGULAR CALENDAR

1. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt report to the city council and single audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the city council accept the city of Galt report to the city council and single audit report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Kiriu gave a staff report.

Greg Lucido, Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP, answered Payne's questions concerning the process used to conduct the audit.

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ACTION: Upon a motion by Payne, seconded by Clare, the report to the city council and the single audit report was approved by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN AND RECONVENE TO THE GALT CITY COUNCIL.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

1. **SUBJECT:** Safety Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the city council approve the formation of the Public Safety Committee, approve the bylaws and direct the city clerk to advertise for letters of interest.

Aguire gave a staff report.

Rudolph said item 3c should read a quorum was four voting members.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Meredith, seconded by Clare, the bylaws of the Public Safety Committee were approved as amended by a unanimous vote.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Clare, seconded by Payne, appointing Shelton and Haines to the Public Safety Committee and directing the city clerk to advertise for letters of interest was approved by a unanimous vote.

COMMENTS BY STAFF: Anderson thanked Halladay for his hard work.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

VICE MAYOR PAYNE:

1. **SUBJECT:** Youth in the Public Process meeting – hosted by the Local Government Commission. Payne gave an overview of the meeting. She had lunch with Guy Rutter from the Cosumnes Services District Board along with Shelton and Behrmann.

COUNCIL MEMBER CLARE: Clare said he attended a couple of SACOG committee meetings and said they had their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday. He and city staff met with Congressman Dan Lungren's office and reviewed the needs of the city.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAINES:

2. **SUBJECT:** Police Report – Grid 24 – Haines highlighted Grid 24.
3. **SUBJECT:** Rent Stabilization.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and take action as deemed appropriate.

Haines asked for permission to have the city attorney sit in the next meeting regarding rent stabilization. He talked about the foreclosure meeting and said he was waiting for the stimulus package details before holding the town hall meeting. He said he would come back with a date, bring in realtors and address questions from people in the community.

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Rudolph said it would take a vote of council either now or in the future in order to have him participate in the rent stabilization meetings. Clare asked about the cost to the city for the attorney time. Rudolph said they could allow him to attend the preliminary meetings with a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Haines, seconded by Payne, authorizing the city attorney to attend the preliminary meetings on rent stabilization for an amount not to exceed \$1,500 was approved by a unanimous vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEREDITH: Meredith said he was intending to put the National League of Cities prescription drug discount program on the agenda but the materials did not arrive in time. He would bring the materials to the team building session on Tuesday.

MAYOR SHELTON: Shelton said he met with CSD Board Member Rutter for lunch with Payne and Behrmann. He said they agreed to continue the lines of communication and would meet quarterly. He said he discussed the special events and wanted to ensure the CSD was receiving the special event notices. He thanked Haines for wanting to do his town hall meetings. He said he would be having meetings as well with a mayor's invitation. He said he would be conducting them on a quarterly basis. Haines asked if the 2x2 meetings with the CSD were continuing. Council asked Aguire to research.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Aguire
City Clerk