

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE
CITY COUNCIL February 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were Bianca Padilla, Colleen Ludwig, Richard Layton and David Bradshaw. Staff members present were Laura, Fischer, Rosa Ramirez, Gerry Peacher, Alex Silva, Rick Watson and Glyn Snyder. City Engineer Jack Holt, City Planner Justina Arce and City Treasurer Pete Mellinger were present. City Attorney Steve Walker was absent.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Padilla called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Padilla called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Layton led the pledge of allegiance.

Pastor Mike Johnson from Turning Point Ministries gave the invocation.

CITY CLERK RE: VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA:

The City Clerk verified that the agenda was duly posted on February 5, 2009.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: *(Government Code Section 54957.6)*

Title: City Manager

No reportable action was taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: *(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))*

Willowbend LLC vs. City of Holtville

Claim of Willowbend LLC

No reportable action was taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: *(Government Code Section 54956.9(b))*

Milan vs. City of Holtville

No reportable action was taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: *(Government Code Section 54957.6)*

Agency Negotiator: City Manager/City Attorney

Holtville Police Officer Association

No reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Doug Byram, 578 Figueroa, representing the Chamber of Commerce reported the Carrot Festival was very successful and thanked the City for its contribution in making it a big success.

Bart Browning from Allied Waste presented a plaque commending the City for their ongoing clean up and recycling efforts and participation in Allied Waste's Community Cleanup Program. They also informed Council the next community clean up dates for 2009 are April 18th and November 7th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval Of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of January 26, 2009
2. Current Demands #24853 To #24915

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Bradshaw to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNIQUES:

City Manager

The City Manager provided and reviewed a written report. She also thanked all of the City staff for carrying out business as usual in her absence.

City Planner

A written planning report and a grant summary report was provided and reviewed by the City Planner.

Council Member Bradshaw, Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce thanked the City for their participation in the Carrot Festival.

Council Member Ludwig attended Ethics Training and the Carrot Festival Banquet. She complimented everyone involved in this event and congratulated the Citizen of the Year along with the queen and her court.

Mayor Padilla and Council Member Layton also thanked everyone that was involved in making the Carrot Festival a successful event.

The Fire Chief, Interim Police Chief and Public Works Supervisor reported that all departments performed to their highest standards and no major incidents were reported. The event was deemed a success.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 09-05 Approving The HOME Long Term Monitoring Policies And Procedures – Justina Arce, City Planner

A motion was made by Council Member Ludwig and seconded by Council Member Layton to adopt Resolution 09-05 approving the HOME Long Term Monitoring Policies and Procedures. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

Council Member Ludwig requested Senior Housing be on the next agenda.

CONTACTS BY DEVELOPERS/BUSINESS LOANS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion/Related Action To Adopt RESOLUTION 09-06 To Approve The Advertisement For Bidding Of The City Of Holtville Water Systems Improvement Projects – Jack Holt, City Engineer

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Bradshaw to adopt Resolution 09-06 to approve the advertisement for bidding of the City of Holtville Water Systems Improvement Projects. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Related Action To Accept Resignation Of Council Member – Laura Fischer, City Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw and seconded by Council Member Layton to accept resignation of Council Member Julieta Durazo. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Related Action For Direction To Staff Regarding Council Member Vacancy – Laura Fischer, City Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw and seconded by Council Member Layton to appoint for the vacant position on City Council. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Direction was given to staff to start the application process. Applications will be accepted from February 10th – February 20th. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24th to interview candidates and appointment to the position will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Information Only Regarding Law Enforcement Services – Laura Fischer, City Manager

A written report was provided and reviewed by the City Manager. Information only; no action taken.

Doris Crawford, 950 Holt Ave asked for an explanation of the difference between the City's Police Department budget and the Sheriff's proposed costs for contracted services. The City Manager explained the difference.

Sergeant Diaz stated that the Police deficiency study compared a fully staffed Police Department rather than the actual expenditures of the Police Department. The ICSO estimate for policing services is being compared to a budgeted number, not actual Police Department expenditures.

Information Only Regarding Economic Stimulus Packet Allocation Of Funds To City Of Holtville For Street Project – Justina Arce, City Planner

Information only; no action taken.

Information Only Regarding A Possible Ordinance That Will Allow Golf Carts And Low Speed Vehicles To Operate On City Streets – Steve Walker, City Attorney

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Information Only Regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant – Frank Cornejo, Water Works Supervisor

Jack Holt, City Engineer reported on the meeting between the City and California Regional Water Quality Control Board. A written report was provided. Information only; no action taken.

Information Only Regarding Public Safety Building – Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager

Information only; no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before council, Mayor Padilla adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Bianca Padilla, Mayor

Glyn Snyder, City Clerk

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
February 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Holtville Redevelopment Agency was on Monday, February 9, 2009 in the Civic Center. Board Members present were Bianca Padilla, Colleen Ludwig, Richard Layton and David Bradshaw. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Rosa Ramirez, Gerry Peacher, Alex Silva, Rick Watson and Glyn Snyder. City Engineer Jack Holt, City Planner Justina Arce and City Treasurer Pete Mellinger were present. City Attorney Steve Walker was absent.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Bianca Padilla called the Redevelopment meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval Of Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of January 26, 2009
2. Current Demands #1463 To #1466

A motion was made by Board Member Ludwig and seconded by Board Member Bradshaw to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, &
COMMUNIQUES:**

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

**Discussion/Related Action To Approve RDA Audit – Rosa Ramirez, Finance
Manager**

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Bradshaw to approve the RDA Audit. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ONLY:

**Information Only Regarding Update On Little League And Mack Park – Gerry
Peacher, Public Works Manager**

Information only; no action taken.

Information Only Regarding Presented Recommendations And Alternative With Regard To The Public Works Yard Demolition Project Proposals – Jack Holt, City Engineer

Information only; no action taken.

Information Only Regarding Skate Park – Daniel Ibarra, Recreation Supervisor

Information only; no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Padilla adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Bianca Padilla, Chairman

Glyn Snyder, Secretary