

**ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL
ONTARIO HOUSING AUTHORITY
ONTARIO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

JOINT MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Ontario City Council, Ontario Housing Authority and Ontario Redevelopment Agency were held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at the Ontario City Hall, 303 East B St.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the City Council/ Housing Authority/ Redevelopment Agency meetings to order at 6:32 p.m., and requested the City Clerk to call the roll.

PRESENT:	Mayor/ Chairman	Paul S. Leon
	Mayor pro Tem/ Vice Chairman	Debra Dorst-Porada
	Council/ Authority/ Agency Members:	Sheila Mautz and
		Jim W. Bowman
ABSENT:	Council Member	Alan D. Wapner (excused)

Also present were City Manager/Executive Director Chris Hughes, City Attorney John Brown and City Clerk/ Secretary Mary E. Wirtes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mautz.

The Invocation was offered by *Pastor Mike Urciuoli*, Calvary Chapel, Ontario.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daryl Vollrath addressed Council to publicly thank Fire Chief Carrier and to commend him for his service to the community.

Marty Binney, President of the Library Board of Trustees, reminded those present and the viewing audience that best-selling author *Dave Pelzer* will be speaking at 6:30 p.m. on January 25th at Gardiner Spring Auditorium. Mr. Binney indicated that Dave Pelzer wrote "A Child Called It," which was a New York Times bestseller for 6 years and numerous other very successful books. Mayor Leon echoed Mr. Binney's endorsement having met Mr. Pelzer years ago and hearing his positive message.

Madison Jones alleged the Ontario Police Department recently harassed members of an open carry group who wear firearms in public. At a local restaurant, the group met for dinner and the police were called. Ms. Jones stated that the group was required to store their firearms in their vehicles or leave the restaurant. The group chose to leave. Ms. Jones further said they have attempted and not been successful in scheduling a meeting with police personnel regarding their right to bear arms for protection. She

noted they have had similar problems in counties all over the state. Council Member Bowman asked whether the firearms were loaded to which she replied they were not. Mayor Leon assured Ms. Jones that the matter will be handled appropriately adding that the Ontario Police Department handles matters like this with professionalism.

AGENCY REVIEW/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Hughes advised Council Members there were no announcements.

JOINT AGENCIES CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Moved by Council Member Bowman, seconded by Council Member Mautz, the Joint Agencies approved the following Consent Calendar items as recommended.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council approved the Minutes for the regular meetings of the City Council, Redevelopment Agency and Housing Authority of November 15, 2011, and December 6, 2011, as on file in the Records Management Department.

2. BILLS/PAYROLL

City Council approved **Bills** for October 9, 2011 through November 19, 2011, in the amount of \$24,421,704.91 and **Payroll** for October 9, 2011 through November 19, 2011, in the amount of \$7,991,771.68 when audited by the Finance Committee.

3. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRASH ENCLOSURE ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 117 WEST TRANSIT STREET/THEE AGUILA, INC.

City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute a License Agreement with Thee Aguila Inc. of Downey, CA, permitting the construction and maintenance of a trash enclosure on City-owned property located at 117 West Transit Street.

4. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CUCAMONGA AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT/ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT, INC.

City Council approved the plans and specifications, and awarded Construction Contract PF0010 to All American Asphalt, Inc. of Corona, California, for the Cucamonga Avenue Widening Project in the bid amount of \$259,000 plus a fifteen (15%) percent contingency of \$38,850 for a total authorized expenditure of \$297,850; and authorized the City Manager to execute said contract and related documents, and to file a Notice of Completion at the conclusion of all construction activities related to the project.

5. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF ONTARIO'S 2011 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

City Council adopted a Resolution approving the City of Ontario's 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-077 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2011 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CAL EMA) AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) REQUIREMENTS.

6. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION TO ALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCE APPROVALS

City Council adopted an Ordinance granting a one-year time extension to all Development Plan, Conditional Use Permit and Variance approvals which are due to expire on or before March 1, 2013.

ORDINANCE NO. 2947 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION TO ALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCE APPROVALS WHICH ARE ACTIVE AND DUE TO EXPIRE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2013, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. The Mayor/ Chairman declared Resolution No. 2011-077, and Ordinance No.2947 duly passed and adopted with Council Member Wapner absent.

END OF JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCIL/ STAFF COMMENT

Council Member Mautz wished everyone a Merry Christmas cautioning them to be safe, and said she looks forward to the New Year.

Council Member Bowman wished residents a safe holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada announced 500 blankets were collected at the Ontario Convention Center and distributed to Mercy House, Inland HOPE Partners and Lifeline and thanked those who contributed. She recognized the Parks Department for their work at the Christmas on Euclid festivities, and related how much she enjoyed their holiday party. She highlighted some of the events Parks' employees have participated in during the year including raising a flag for the USO on their personal time and their returning of wallets to their owners when found. Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada thanked

them for everything they do. She then announced that a Chamber group will serve coffee and hot chocolate from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23rd, at the bandstand on Euclid Avenue; and donations will be welcomed to assist the group with refurbishment of the nativity scenes.

Mayor Leon indicated author Dave Pelzer's visit to Ontario in January is a huge tribute to the community and briefly reviewed the history and background of this book. He encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Leon also announced that David Masterson and Chaffey High School's Performing Arts Department presented a very successful production of "Phantom of the Opera" that will be repeated in May 2012 for those who missed it.

Mayor Leon was pleased to announce that Ontario received a \$1,000,000 Healthy City Grant after a group was formed to petition the federal government for funds basing their efforts on a book written by Dr. Dora Borella. The grant was received in cooperation with Kaiser Permanente. The Mayor pointed out that the basis of the grant focuses on education regarding food choices, healthy activities and weight management in the pursuit of stronger, healthier populations. Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada added that *Randall Lewis* of Lewis Enterprises has provided funding to assist in preparing the grant application. Ms. Dorst-Porada also commended City Manager Hughes for his active involvement, Planning Director Jerry Blum and the Parks Department for their assistance which permitted the grant to move forward. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

CITY HALL CLOSED City Manager Hughes announced that City Hall will be closed from December 26, 2011 to January 2, 2012.

STAFF RETIREMENTS City Manager Hughes then said it is his privilege to present Utilities General Manager Mohamed El-Amamy and Fire Chief Dave Carrier to Council Members commending them for high records of service to the community having always given Ontario's people their first priority. He announced that Chief Carrier has served Ontario for 31 years and General Manager El-Amamy has served Ontario for 21 years. Both are retiring, this being their last Council meeting as staff.

Council Member Mautz wished Mr. El-Amamy a bright and happy future and commended him for his work. She thanked Chief Carrier for his faithful service which has been deeply appreciated and wished him the best.

Council Member Bowman noted that Mr. El-Amamy has advised him on many water issues and his knowledge is beyond expectation. Mr. Bowman indicated, having worked with him, there are also many good things to say about Chief Carrier and he wished the Chief good luck in his retirement.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada thanked Mr. El-Amamy for everything he has done for the Utilities Agency and indicated appreciation for the high quality of his service. She thanked Chief Carrier for everything he has done for his field including Emergency Management and said she hopes he will enjoy his retirement and coaching athletics.

Mayor Leon said he has worked for many years with General Manager El-Amamy who is a consummate professional and who followed Ken Jeske as Utilities Director. Mayor Leon introduced Scott Burton who will follow in Mr. El-Amamy's footsteps and wished El-Amamy the best of luck. The Mayor said he worked with Chief Carrier while President of the Firefighters' Association and found him to be professional in his service, a class act with never a discouraging word. The Mayor noted Ontario's long line of great men in the Chief's position and wished Chief Carrier the best of luck.

Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor, commended the City as recipients of the \$1,000,000 grant and added how much he enjoys attending events where people are celebrated. He said that former City Manager Greg Devereaux also wanted to be here; but due to a scheduling conflict, he will personally commend both gentlemen at a later date. Supervisor Ovitt indicated he has lived in Ontario for many years and is very proud of the tremendous accomplishments by Ontario staff. He stated Ontario is a great community in which to live and thanked the two men to whom he is especially honored to present Certificates of Acknowledgement who have been the life blood in the community. Supervisor Ovitt indicated his brother had been in the Fire Department for many years and he can attest that the Ontario Fire Department makes a difference; and Chief Carrier is a tremendous person who has done a great job. Supervisor Ovitt said he is honored and proud to congratulate Dave Carrier and Mohamed El-Amamy and wished them a happy retirement. Certificates were also presented from Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod and Congressman Joe Baca.

ADJOURNMENT

The meetings thereupon adjourned at 7:15 p.m., and Mayor Leon announced the next regular meeting on January 3, 2012, is cancelled noting the following meeting on January 17, 2012, will be held as scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Wirtes
for MARY E. WIRTES, MMC, CITY CLERK/ SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Paul S. Leon
PAUL S. LEON, MAYOR/ CHAIRMAN