



**MONTE SERENO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
6:15 P.M.
JUNE 10, 2014**

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 6:15 p.m., Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Allan, Anstandig, Huff, Rogers and Mayor Craig

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Loventhal, City Attorney Powell and Legal Counsel

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

Mayor Craig announced the subject of the Closed Session and adjourned the meeting to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION - 1 case
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) the Council Will Meet In Closed Session to Discuss Existing Litigation – Hacienda Realty, LLC; et al. v. City of Monte Sereno et al. – Case No 113CV255588

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:58 p.m. Mayor Rogers reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

There was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 p.m., Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting to a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2014 to be held in the City Council Chambers located at 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno, California.

Walter Huff, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk



**MONTE SERENO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 10, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Allan, Anstandig, Huff, Rogers and Mayor Craig

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Loventhal, City Attorney Powell, Finance Officer L'Heureux and City Clerk Chelemengos

ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no changes to the orders of the day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Consider Written Communication From Evolve Regarding Proposition 13 Reform

Mayor Craig introduced the matter. Discussion commenced.

Council Member Allan expressed concern with financial implications that a reform movement might trigger and stated that he would not support the request for reform support.

Council Member Rogers thinks that Proposition Reform may be detrimental to local businesses and result in an exodus of businesses from California.

Council Member Huff stated that he could not support the request.

Council Member Anstandig agreed with the comments of the other Council Members.

Mayor Craig spoke with regard to businesses leaving the State and he expressed concern with the proposed reform. He stated that he could not support the request at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve Minutes of May 20, 2014 City Council Meeting
3. Approve Warrant List in the amount of \$261,742.74
4. Adopt A Resolution Adopting An Investment Policy Statement Governing The Investment Of Funds Of The City Of Monte Sereno, California
5. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement With The County Of Santa Clara, "Joint Exercise Of Powers Agreement And Cooperation Agreement To Undertake Or To Assist In The Undertaking Of Essential Activities Pursuant To Title I Of The Housing And Community Development Act Of 1974, As Amended, For The Period Of October 1, 2014 To September 30, 2017" For Administration Of The Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
6. Award Bid and Authorize City Manager to Execute Professional Services Agreement with Steinberg To Perform a Peer Review of the Civic Facilities Master Plan Study
7. Adopt Resolution Opposing Wide Spread Industrial Clear-Cut Logging In The State Of California

Council Member Anstandig moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers and the motion passed (5-0) with the following vote.

Ayes: Council Members Allan, Anstandig, Huff, Rogers and Mayor Craig
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

City Manager Loventhal provided a staff report and answered questions from the Council report.

Finance Officer L'Heureux answered questions from the Council.

Discussion commenced regarding various budget line items.

Following discussion, Council Member Anstandig moved that the Council direct the City Manager to award salary increases based on merit and performance and not automatically distribute the budgeted 2.7% salary increase, as a cost of living increase, distributed among the staff. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers and the motion passed with the following 5-0 roll call vote:

Ayes:	Council Members Allan, Anstandig, Huff, Rogers and Mayor Craig
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Council Member Anstandig inquired about the projected amount to be transferred from the reserves to the operating budget.

Staff explained that the need for the transfer stemmed from several special projects identified by the Council.

Council Member Anstandig stated that he would like to explore ways in which the budget could be trimmed to minimize the need for a transfer from the reserves/

Additional discussion ensued regarding reserves, budgeted litigation costs, election costs, City subsidy of the Monte Sereno Post office, and civic center renovations/construction costs.

Following discussion, Council Member Anstandig withdrew his request to consider trimming the budget. Instead, Council Member Anstandig urged the City Manager to limit discretionary spending so as to put money back into the City's reserve.

Council Member Anstandig moved to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers and the motion passed with the following (5-0) roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Allan, Anstandig, Huff, Rogers and Mayor Craig
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Bryan Mekechuk inquired about salary increases.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

The Council Members reported on the activities of their assigned Commissions/Committees.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Loventhal reported on various administrative matters.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2014 to be held in the City Council Chambers located at 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno, California.

Walter Huff, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk