



**MONTE SERENO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
MINUTES**

September 16, 2014

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Anstandig, Huff, and Mayor Craig

Absent: Council Members Allan and Rogers

Staff Present: City Manager Loventhal, City Attorney Powell, and City Clerk Chelemengos

ORDERS OF THE DAY

City Manager Loventhal announced that the Fire Department had requested that the scheduled report be continued to a future meeting due to staff deployment to assist with out of the area fires.

Council Member Anstandig moved that the matter be continued to a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huff and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

* Quarterly Update From the Santa Clara County Fire Department

This matter was previously continued under Orders of The Day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter From West Valley Mayors and Manager's Association Regarding Application and Appointment Process For West Valley Cities Representative and Alternate To Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors

The Council noted receipt of the letter.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve Minutes Of September 2, 2014 City Council Meeting
3. Approve Warrant List in the amount of \$39, 623.27
4. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report for Month of August, 2014
5. Approve Monthly Financial Report For Month of August, 2014
6. Adopt Resolution Accepting The Improvements Completed Under The 2013 Street Rehabilitation Project Contract And Accepting The City's Maintenance Of Those Improvements
7. Authorize City Manager To Execute First Amendment To The County Of Santa Clara Information Services Department Data Sharing And Web Hosting Agreement
8. Hold Second Reading and Adoption Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Monte Sereno Adding Section 10.06.150 To Chapter 10.06 Of Title 10 Extending The Secondary Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program

Council Member Huff moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anstandig and the motion passed with the following 3-0 vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. Update On Tax Equity Allocation Efforts.

City Manager Loventhal provided an update and answered questions from the Council.

Council Member Huff stated that he would like the matter pursued more aggressively. He suggested that leaders of the affected cities ban together to develop a more aggressive strategy.

Mayor Craig pointed out that in the past the cities had contract services from a lobbyist, but that the use of the lobbyist turned out to be ineffective. He suggested that the matter be publicized so that the public would be made aware of the ongoing situation and possibly an outcry from the public would force changes in the system.

Discussion commenced. City Manager Loventhal answered questions from the Council. There was Council consensus that the City Manager should consult with other affected jurisdictions to determine if there is interested in forming a group to more aggressively pursue the matter and to work together to develop a strategic plan to re-gain the lost money from the State.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Discuss Recruitment For Site and Architectural Commissioners Three (3) Seats

City Manager Loventhal provided information to the Council regarding the upcoming vacancies and the recruitment process.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

The Council Members reported on their various Commissions and Committees as assigned.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Loventhal reported on various administrative matters.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:23 p.m., Mayor Craig announced the subject of the Closed Session and adjourned the meeting to 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; Russel Stanley v. City of Monte Sereno – Case No 112CV223767

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:53 p.m. the meeting was reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Craig reported that there was no action taken and nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m., Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2014 to be held in the City Council Chambers located at 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno, and California.

Burton Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk