

CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA
June 9, 2005

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Westminster, California convened on June 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the East/West Rooms of the Community Services Building, 8200 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, California.

7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mayor/Chair Rice called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

PRESENT: RICE, FRY, MARSH (Left meeting at 8:40 p.m.), QUACH
ABSENT: PARIS (excused)

SALUTE TO FLAG: Council Member Quach

1. Discussion of Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA's) proposed expansion to the I-405.

Mayor Rice introduced City Council Members Fry, Marsh and Quach, City Manager Vangie Schock, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Marwan Youssef, Supervisor Lou Correa and former Mayor and Supervisor Chuck Smith, City Attorney Dick Jones, and Best, Best & Krieger Attorney Ken McVey.

Mayor Rice stated that she would like to form a Mayor's Ad Hoc Steering Committee. She indicated that she would serve on the steering committee that would make recommendations to the Council. It was suggested that she would serve on the Committee, with Councilman Fry as the alternate member, since Councilmembers Marsh and Quach represent the City at the OCTA level.

A motion was made by Councilman Quach, seconded by Councilman Marsh, and carried by a 4-0 vote to approve the formation of a steering committee. Mayor Rice asked Diana Carey to serve as Chair and to assist her in forming the twelve (12) member steering committee. Mayor Rice stated that the membership of the committee would be announced at the next meeting.

Councilman Marsh reported on a meeting he attended in the morning with representatives from Orange County Transportation Authority and other officials. He said that there are five principal considerations (out of the original eleven) that the Director of Public Works/City Engineer will provide more detail on. He thanked Supervisors Lou Correa and Jim Silva, strong advocates on the City's behalf. He said that Alternative 4 is currently the minimal option that is being provided that would add two additional lanes on each side, a general use lane and an auxiliary lane. This alternative would only involve the loss of five homes in Westminster and six homes in Huntington Beach. He said that only the minimal widening alternative will be supported. Council Member Marsh said he

assured OCTA that if homes in Westminster were taken, there would be great deal of money funding the opposition to Measure M renewal.

Council Member Marsh distributed copies of a draft resolution that he prepared for the Mayor and Council's consideration. He noted that at last night's Council/Agency meeting, Councilman Quach had agendized consideration of adoption of a proposed resolution. It was determined at the June 8, 2005 meeting that the resolution is of an "urgent" nature and that it would be considered for approval at this meeting.

Supervisor Lou Correa spoke regarding the importance of quality of life to Orange County residents.

Councilman Mark Rosen of the City of Garden Grove, spoke regarding his representation of the Drivers for Highway Safety relative to the 1990 expansion of the San Diego Freeway, and OCTA's project two years ago to widen the 22 Freeway wherein the City of Garden Grove filed a federal court lawsuit. Councilman Rosen said that he would like for Westminster to come up with a solution to get more cars on the freeway without taking any homes, noting that the cities of Fountain Valley, Irvine and Seal Beach want the freeway widened.

Ronnie Guyer, Field Representative for Assemblyman Van Tran commented that Van Tran is concerned and is not in favor of the government take-away of property.

Former Mayor and Supervisor Chuck Smith spoke regarding his experience serving on the OCTA Board for 12 years. He helped work on Measure M passage, it took 3 times to get it passed. Former Supervisor Smith noted that the I-405 is going to be widened as a result of monies left over from Measure M funds. He said if a transportation system were developed to take care of the transportation needs in this county, the freeway would not need to be widened. He urged residents to help OCTA put together a plan acceptable to Westminster and the rest of the county, in order for them to push for Measure M extension on the ballot in 2006 or 2008. He suggested getting congressional representatives involved with what Westminster wants.

Marwan Youssef, Director of Public Works/City Engineer gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on OCTA's proposed alternatives.

Consideration of Resolution No. 3923 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westminster relating to the possible taking of property by eminent domain by the Orange County Transportation Authority in connection with proposed improvements to the Interstate 405 Freeway. (Council Member Quach)

The following persons spoke in regards to proposed Resolution No. 3923:

- Bill Dowicki
- Wes Shepherd
- Crystal Wadsworth
- Cathy Smith
- Don Belk
- Joe Fessenden
- Darrell Nolta

Councilman Marsh read the proposed amendments to Resolution No. 3923 into the record.

Motion was made by Councilman Quach, seconded by Councilman Fry, and Resolution No. 3923 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RICE, FRY, MARSH, QUACH
 NOES: NONE
 ABSENT: PARIS

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The following persons spoke regarding issues and concerns relating to OCTA's proposed expansion of the I-405.

- Diana Carey
- Deborah Bird
- Alice Hill
- Dennis Corey
- Darrell Nolta

2. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT: At 9:06 p.m. Mayor Rice adjourned the meeting.



 Marian Contreras, City Clerk/Agency Secretary