

**PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL
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PLACENTIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PLACENTIA INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – EXECUTIVE SESSION
March 27, 2012
5:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers
401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor/Board Chair Yamaguchi called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council/Agency Members Aguirre, Nelson, Underhill, Wanke, Yamaguchi
ABSENT: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITY COUNCIL:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) for Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation – One (1) Item
 - a. Placentia Police Officers Association v. City of Placentia, Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2011-00485327
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) for Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation – Two (2) Items
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Conference with City Labor Negotiator concerning Labor Negotiations with the following groups:
 - a. Placentia Police Officers Association (PPOA)
City Representatives: Troy L. Butzlaff, City Administrator
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:
 - a. Property: 2301 North Kraemer Blvd., APN: 336-30-101, 336-30-105, 336-54-111
City Negotiator: Troy Butzlaff, City Administrator/Executive Director
Negotiating Party: Mark Denny, Director Orange County Parks Department
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment

SUCCESSOR AGENCY: None

ICDA: None

RECESS: The City Council/Successor Agency/ICDA recessed to the Regular Meeting at 6:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT: Council/Agency Members Yamaguchi, Wanke, Aguirre, Nelson, Underhill
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator/Executive Director, Troy L. Butzlaff; City Attorney/ Authority Counsel, Andrew V. Arczynski; Assistant City Administrator, Ken Domer; Director of Administrative and Community Services, Steve Pischel; Police Chief, Rick Hicks; City Clerk, Patrick Melia; Deputy City Clerk, Tania Moreno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Yamaguchi

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT: City Attorney/Agency Counsel Arczynski reported the Council/Agency met in Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda. He noted that there was no reportable action from Executive Session this evening.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Paul Perry, Hamer Island resident, inquired about the cost involved in providing law enforcement services to Hamer Island residents, the process of adopting a Utility Users Tax, and RV parking restrictions.

CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mayor Yamaguchi congratulated OCFA Fire Captain Lou Blankenship on his retirement. He thanked Staff on their work on the Kraemer Park Grand Reopening Ceremony.

SS 1. Discussion Regarding Unincorporated County Islands

City Administrator Butzlaff provided an introduction of the item. He noted that the County has undertaken a Community Task Force to examine the issue of unincorporated areas.

a. Presentation by Local Agency Formation Commission Orange (LAFCO)

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery noted that LAFCO is responsible for addressing the issue of unincorporated county islands. She noted that LAFCO established a Community Task Force (CTF) to develop island annexation and alternative service guiding principles and best practices. She noted that the unincorporated area in the City of Placentia is known as Hamer Island. She noted that other cities are examining contractual agreements and other alternatives.

Mayor Yamaguchi inquired about cost saving associated with an annexation.

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery responded that the goal is to be revenue neutral and not to create a financial burden on cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Wanke inquired if there is a specific body that represents residents of the County island.

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery responded that initial CTF meetings were public.

Councilmember Aguirre inquired about the annexation of the Sunset Beach Island in the City of Huntington Beach.

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery responded that Sunset Beach is now part of the City of Huntington Beach, but that it was under appeal.

b. Council Policy Options

City Administrator Butzlaff noted that the City visited the concept of annexation in 2004-2006, but it did not move forward. He noted that a vote of the people is not required to move forward with an annexation.

Assistant City Administrator Domer noted that the County does not provide the same level of municipal services as the City. He presented three Council policy options as follows; status quo, pursue municipal services agreements with the County, or move forward with municipal services agreements with an option of annexation.

City Administrator Butzlaff noted that Supervisor Shawn Nelson has expressed support to the idea of municipal services agreements. He noted that according to Proposition 218, a vote of the people is required to impose a Utility User Tax on the residents. He noted that municipal codes would apply across the board.

Assistant City Administrator Domer noted that the County currently maintains street trees and street lights. He noted that currently the Placentia Police Department responds to emergency calls before the Sheriff's Department.

City Administrator Butzlaff noted that the City sent notification letters to all County Island residents about the Study Session.

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery noted that residents are welcome to come forward and raise concerns, but the law does not provide residents an opportunity to protest an annexation.

Mayor Pro Tem Wanke inquired about the Hamer Island crime rate.

Police Chief Hicks responded that he is not aware of their crime rate.

Councilmember Nelson inquired about the option of annexation and fire services. He spoke in support of examining the revenue and costs associated with municipal services agreement and/or annexation. He requested that Staff research the possible revenue and cost implications.

Councilmember Aguirre requested that Staff provide a cost report of municipal services agreement. He noted that in 2004 the residents voted against annexation.

Mayor Yamaguchi inquired about policy option three.

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery responded that the common practice has been to establish a flat amount.

Councilmember Nelson inquired about a possible street infrastructure assessment.

Assistant City Administrator Domer noted that the County has a pavement report.

Greg Smith, Hamer Island resident, spoke in support of the current services he receives. He inquired about possible additional costs to the residents and property taxes should annexation occur.

City Administrator Butzlaff noted that Hamer residents have access to the City's recreation programs at non-resident rates.

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery noted that with annexation, property taxes would not increase and City assessments are separate.

Ken Cross, Hamer Island resident, expressed his satisfaction with street sweeping services and the Sheriff Department. He expressed his concerns regarding the residents not being able to vote on the possible annexation.

Paul Perry, Hamer Island resident, thanked Council and Staff for the information. He spoke in support of a possible long-term municipal services agreement. He spoke in support of daytime policing services provided by the Sheriff's Department.

Linda Lucio, Placentia resident, inquired about the current resident taxes used to provide services to the unincorporated area.

Mayor Yamaguchi thanked Staff for the presentation and facts. He requested that Staff bring back more numbers and municipal services cost differences.

City Administrator Butzlaff noted that Staff needs affirmative direction from Council before the City communicates with the County.

Assistant City Administrator Domer also noted that affirmative Council direction is needed before Staff can contact the County for detailed information and data.

Council spoke in support of receiving financial data and answers before moving forward.

LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Carolyn Emery noted that cities are allowed to participate in LAFCO's pilot program. She recommended the City give the County an informal letter expressing interest in the pilot program.

Mayor Yamaguchi noted that Council will be giving County an informal letter expressing the City's interest in having an open dialogue to discuss the matter.

CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBERS REQUESTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council/Successor Agency/ICDA Agency Board of Directors adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the next regular City Council meeting.

JEREMY B. YAMAGUCHI
MAYOR/AGENCY CHAIR

ATTEST:

PATRICK J. MELIA, CITY CLERK/AGENCY
SECRETARY