

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 8, 2020
Virtually from the City Hall Council Chambers
6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA**

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Slowey.

1. The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Slowey.
2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller, Slowey
Council Members absent: None
Staff present: Boyd, Cotter, Jones, Russo, Van and department directors.
3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council approved the agenda.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller, Slowey
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS

4. Introduction of City Engineer

City Manager Boyd recognized Leslie Blomquist on her promotion from Principal Engineer to City Engineer. She was also recently recognized by the Sacramento Business Journal as one of its 40 under 40s for 2020.

Council Member comments followed.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Council Member Middleton provided an update from the League of California Cities Annual Conference she attended.

Council Member Daniels requested staff look into possibly having Influenza Vaccine clinics in Citrus Heights, there are several throughout the County but none in Citrus Heights.

Vice Mayor Miller provided a report from the Sacramento Transportation Authority and Regional Transit. He attended the 9-11 ceremony at the Sylvan Cemetery.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Van read the following written public comments:

Jacob Woodard wrote, “My name is Jacob Woodard. I’m writing this to express my strong opposition to Prop 16. Proposition 16 uses race to judge the qualifications of applicants to universities, to jobs, etc.. This is totally unconstitutional and against the American value of equal rights. This is a textbook definition of racism, pure and simple. Let’s all not be misled by the ballot label. We should all say no to discrimination and most of all discrimination from the state level. Please vote NO on Prop 16 in Nov!”

Flora Wong wrote, “My name is Flora Wong. I’m writing this to express my strong opposition to State Measure 16. State Measure 16 is racist. It uses race to judge the qualifications of applicants to colleges and to jobs, etc. What’s next? Set racial quota for elected positions? Set racial quota for NBA and NFL? Set racial quota for TV anchors? Set racial quota for movie stars, singers? State Measure 16 is divisive. Allowing state government to decide which race gets preferential treatment and which race receives punishment is insulting and unfair. Our state is a great land of freedom and opportunity for everyone, for you and me. It is not a cage of racial tribes shackled to a “cast system”. Right? Let’s stand as one unified, freedom loving people and say “NO” to State Measure 16. Let’s stand as one unified, freedom loving people and stop this racist proposition from becoming our constitution.”

David Warren wrote the following regarding Item 11, “John Stuart Mill’s 1859 book On Liberty described the “tyranny of the majority,” equating the oppression of the minority comparable to that of a tyrant or despot. The proposed handbook amendment requiring three councilmembers to set an item on the agenda prevents a minority of councilmembers from placing a matter on a City Council agenda. City residents must have guaranteed access to request agenda items for consideration, even if the issues are unreasonable or contrary to popular norms. That can only be accomplished when the minority of councilmembers have sufficient strength to break through popular consensus. The proposed handbook amendment setting agenda matters ensures only the prevailing majority of councilmembers will have matters considered for public discussion. The amendment prevents novel or controversial issues being fully vetted in public hearings and discussion, instead of being decided secretly among the majority councilmembers, an end run around the Brown Act’s guarantee of public discourse. The proposed amendment requires that a councilmember who wants a matter set on the agenda must lobby at least two other councilmembers before a meeting to obtain concurrence, effectively a tacit vote in support of an agenda item even before a public hearing, comment and vote on a proposed matter. The perception, regardless of the reality, of seeking a quid-pro-quo among a majority of councilmembers to place a matter on the agenda is repugnant and should be rejected. The City Council must ensure that the ridiculed idea of today should be considered for tomorrow’s public policy.”

Tim Schaefer wrote the following regarding Item 11, “It is very unfortunate that the City Council has submitted changes to a 34-page document but to which public comment is limited to 250 words to object to some of the purported changes and prevents thorough comment upon matters which should be amended. This matter should be removed from the agenda and sent to a committee for public hearing to allow all members of the community to submit recommendations for and/or object to the City’s proposed amendments. Because of the presentation word limitation, I must address my objection to a single item, the change in the number of councilmembers who must agree to set a

matter on the agenda. The amendment gives the appearance of attempting to prevent a minority of councilmembers from setting a matter on the agenda for consideration by requiring at least three votes. The effect of this change of policy is to transfer setting the agenda from members of the City Council to the City staff, presumably the City Manager, with the consequence that an individual not elected will henceforth be the gatekeeper for determining which matters are and which matters are not set for consideration at City Council meetings. Such a transfer of authority is a clear violation of the Brown Act which directs that elected rather than unelected municipal officials set municipal policy. For these, and other reasons for which there is insufficient time allowed for presentation of arguments, the proposed amendments should be tabled and referred to a committee for public hearing.”

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. **SUBJECT**: Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 27, 2020 and September 10, 2020
6. **SUBJECT**: Second Reading – Amendment to the City’s Cardroom Ordinance Sunset Provision
STAFF REPORT: A. Van
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-009, an Ordinance of the City of Citrus Heights Amending Chapter 10 of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code Relating to Cardrooms
7. **SUBJECT**: Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Update
STAFF REPORT: A. Van
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-106, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting a Revised Conflict of Interest Code and a List of Designated Positions
8. **SUBJECT**: Local Roadway Safety Plan LRSP-5475(045) Award of Professional Services Contract – PN 10-20-002
STAFF REPORT: L. Blomquist / M. Poole
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-107, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Kimley-Horn to Provide Professional Services for the Local Roadway Safety Plan
9. **SUBJECT**: Citywide Landscape, Irrigation and Vegetation Maintenance 2020-2025 Award of Contract Project Number 28-20-001
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / A. Velasquez
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-116, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with California Landscape Associates, Inc. for Landscape, Irrigation and Vegetation Services 2020-2025 and Further Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute Any Extensions and/or Amendments to this Contract Consistent with the City Manager’s General Authority

10. **SUBJECT:** Great Plates Delivered Restaurant Contract Amendments
STAFF REPORT: C. Myers
RECOMMENDATION: The Following is Recommended:
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-108, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Beach Hut Deli for the Great Plates Delivered Program
 - b. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-109, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Boston's Pizza for the Great Plates Delivered Program
 - c. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-110, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Ciro's Pizza for the Great Plates Delivered Program
 - d. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-111, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Dos Coyotes Border Café for the Great Plates Delivered Program
 - e. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-112, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Nor Cal Subs for the Great Plates Delivered Program
 - f. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-113, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with R Vida Cantina for the Great Plates Delivered Program
11. Pulled for discussion.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10:

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller, Slowey
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

11. **SUBJECT:** Amendment to the City Council Handbook
STAFF REPORT: K. Cooley / A. Van
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-114, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving Amendments to the City of Citrus Heights City Council Handbook

Council Member Daniels pulled Item 11 to receive a report on the item.

City Manager Boyd stated from time to time staff reviews the Council Handbook and looks for areas of improvement. The amendments are an item that is more of a general best practice with agencies, for the majority to place an item on the agenda.

Council Member Daniels requested to continue the item until after the election.

Vice Mayor Miller suggested language regarding a single councilmember can put an item on the Strategic Planning agenda for discussion, or a single councilmember, with City Manager approval, can put an item on the agenda.

Council Member comments and questions followed.

ACTION: On a motion by Mayor Slowey, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-114, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Approving Amendments to the City of Citrus Heights City Council Handbook.

AYES: Bruins, Middleton, Slowey
 NOES: Daniels, Miller
 ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING

12. **SUBJECT:** Review of Draft Allocation of Federal 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and Action Plan
STAFF REPORT: C. McDuffee / S. Cotter / N. Piva
RECOMMENDATION: The Following is Recommended:

- a. Hear Public Testimony on the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Fund Allocation and Action Plan
- b. Continue Final Action until the October 22, 2020 City Council Meeting

Housing and Human Services Program Coordinator Cotter stated they estimate the City will receive \$600,000 in 2021. Fifteen percent of the funds can be used for public services, 20% can be used for planning and administration, and the remaining funds can be used for capital projects. She presented an overview of the funding requests received and the Quality of Life Committee's funding recommendation as follows:

Proposed Public Services Activity	2021 CDBG Request	Quality of Life Committee Recommendation
Single Mom Strong – Tutoring & Distance Learning Support	8,698	8,698
Rebuilding Together – Home Safety Modifications for Seniors	23,000	0
Campus Life Connection – Sayonara Center	15,000	14,000
Meals on Wheels – Senior Meals	16,000	16,000
Sacramento Self-Help Housing – Homeless Navigator	16,000	16,000

Sacramento Self-Help Housing – Renters Helpline	22,871	22,871
Sunrise Christian Food Ministry – Emergency Food Bank	22,000	7,215
WEAVE – Violence Reduction Team	10,000	7,216
TOTALS	\$133,696	\$90,000

Mayor Slowey opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Public Comment

City Clerk Van read the following written comments:

Julie Habeeb with Campus Life Sayonara Center wrote, “The Sayonara Center offers an after-school program for underserved children and youth in 1st grade through 12th grade. We provide a healthy meal, homework help, mentoring, and athletic and enrichment opportunities. Since March, we have had to make extreme changes to our schedule. With interactions being limited, the Center staff has made creative adjustments to keep the relationships and resources going for the students and their families. During the week, an early dinner is available for pick-up to the community. In September, we began an outdoor computer lab with free wifi for students to come connect and receive homework assistance. Additionally, weekly recreational days are held at a local park. We look forward to when we will be able to open back up as normal, but, until then, we are committed to pursuing and providing opportunities to this community. We are grateful for the City of Citrus Heights’ continued support of the Sayonara Center and of our efforts to benefit the underserved children—and their families—in the community. We have felt extremely supported by the City’s staff and clubs this past year. We are so proud to be a part of Citrus Heights. Thank you!”

Kevin McAllister with Meals on Wheels by ACC wrote, “On behalf of all of us, we at Meals on Wheels by ACC value our long-standing partnership with the City of Citrus Heights, and we appreciate all of the support that we have received from the city during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at the highest risk. With the Community Development Block Grant funds received from the City of Citrus Heights, we were able to deliver meals to our Congregate Nutrition participants’ homes so that they could safely shelter in place. The funds also ensured that Home-Delivered Meal participants continued to receive nutritious meals and wellness checks. Year to date, January 1, 2020, to August 31, 2020, Meals on Wheels by ACC’s team delivered 4,922 meals to 105 Congregate Nutrition participants (a 12% increase over last years’ meals) and 18,544 meals to 186 Home-Delivered Meal participants (a 30% increase over previous years’ meals). Thank you for supporting Meals on Wheels by ACC efforts to ensure that the seniors of Citrus Heights receive meals, wellness checks, and supportive services during these unprecedented times. It is our hope that we can continue to partner together, for many years to come.”

Tara Taylor, with Single Mom Strong provided an overview of their organization and the services they provide. She thanked the City Council for considering their application.

Mayor Slowey closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Item 12 was continued to the October 22, 2020 City Council meeting.

13. **SUBJECT:** 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
STAFF REPORT: R. Lawrence / J. Russo
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-115, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds in Accordance with State Requirements

Commander Russo provided an overview of the recommended expenditures for the JAG funds. The funds will be used to purchase replacement Tasers, load bearing vests and suspenders for officers, and training for NIBRS.

Mayor Slowey opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.; hearing no speakers he closed the public hearing.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-115, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds in Accordance with State Requirements.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller, Slowey
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY ITEM

14. **SUBJECT:** Transfer of 6550 Ming Way (Sayonara Neighborhood Park) to the Sunrise Recreation and Park District
STAFF REPORT: C. McDuffee / S. Cotter
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-001S, a Resolution of the Successor Housing Agency of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing and Approving the Transfer of a Park Located at 6550 Ming Way (APN 243-0283-002) to the Sunrise Recreation and Park District and Finding Such Transfer Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

Housing and Human Services Program Coordinator Cotter stated in 2008 the City's former Redevelopment Agency purchased 6550 Ming Way as part of the Sayonara Redevelopment Project. In 2010, the City relocated tenants and demolished dilapidated housing units. In 2011, the state dissolved redevelopment agencies. In 2012, the City completed construction on the Sayonara Neighborhood Park and Sayonara Center. In 2012, the Housing assets were transferred from the former Redevelopment Agency to the City's Successor Housing Agency. Due to dissolution of redevelopment agencies there have been operational challenges to maintaining the park. The Sunrise Recreation and Park District has agreed to take ownership of Sayonara Park and continue to operate it for the benefit of the public.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Bruins, seconded by Council Member Daniels, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-001S, a Resolution of the Successor Housing Agency of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing and Approving the Transfer of a Park Located at 6550 Ming Way

(APN 243-0283-002) to the Sunrise Recreation and Park District and Finding Such Transfer Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

AYES: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller, Slowey
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

15. **SUBJECT:** Vote Center and November Elections Update
DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

City Clerk Van stated voters can drop off their ballot at any of the 58 secured Ballot Drop Box locations in Sacramento County. There are three locations in Citrus Heights – Citrus Heights City Hall, Sylvan Oaks Library and Raley's. Beginning October 24, 11 days prior to and including Election Day, some vote centers will open, including Citrus Heights City Hall. All remaining vote centers will open October 31, 4 days prior to and including Election Day. Additional locations opening on October 31 in Citrus Heights are the Sylvan Oaks Library and Citrus Heights Fellowship. Voters can view a complete list of Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Box locations on the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office website.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

None

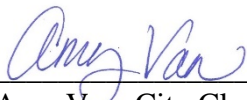
ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Slowey adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Van, City Clerk